

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

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**Manhattan
Community District
2**



Letter from DCP Director Daniel Garodnick

To my fellow New Yorkers:

Every year, each of New York City's 59 community boards advocate for the needs of its residents and stakeholders by preparing a Statement of Community District (CD) Needs and Community Board Budget Requests. Through this process, community boards share the top issues impacting their neighborhoods and propose capital and expense requests to address those identified needs. I'd like to thank the volunteer members of our community boards and the District Managers who work so hard in leading this essential process and in preparing these reports.

The annual CD Needs process is the product of months of collaboration and public input and is a valuable tool for New Yorkers to participate in neighborhood planning. At the broadest levels, CD Needs offers a critical window into the challenges faced by New Yorkers, and how those challenges may differ across neighborhoods. At a granular level, it provides a forum through which community leaders specify those needs and make recommendations for spending -- which in turn are used by City agencies, elected officials, advocacy groups, and non-profit service providers, among others, to better understand and meet the individual needs of each community board.

Through this year's submissions, we heard the stories of our communities' biggest challenges, such as the human impacts of our housing crisis. In that vein, community boards again selected affordable housing as the most pressing issue citywide, followed by crime and public safety, and parks and open space. Through our online form, community boards generated more than 3,700 budget requests, and for each, one of 28 City agencies responded to indicate whether the request could be accommodated within the upcoming annual budget. This year, in line with our commitment to increasing transparency across the CD Needs process, we are publishing agency responses to these requests in the final section of these reports.

DCP deeply values our partnership with community boards. We remain committed to supporting them by increasing participation in, and improving the transparency of, the CD Needs process. We have received valuable feedback from our community board partners, and we are excited to work with them to continue improving our online submission form, to connect boards with agencies to advance budget request proposals, and to open the form earlier in the calendar year to allow more time for public input and preparation. We look forward to advancing this work with both community boards and City agencies to ensure this is a valuable and productive way to improve our City's neighborhoods and to respond to local community needs.

Sincerely,



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) 2024. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from July to November, 2022.

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	Percentage 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	Percentage 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 2

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	90,016	100.00	92,445	100.00	2,429	2.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	7,936	8.8	8,587	9.3	651	8.2	0.5
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	90,016	100.0	92,445	100.0	2,429	2.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	5,593	6.2	7,303	7.9	1,710	30.6	1.7
White non-Hispanic	67,769	75.3	65,968	71.4	-1,801	-2.7	-3.9
Black non-Hispanic	1,650	1.8	2,271	2.5	621	37.6	0.7
Asian non-Hispanic	12,493	13.9	11,922	12.9	-571	-4.6	-1.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	401	0.4	828	0.9	427	106.5	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,110	2.3	4,153	4.5	2,043	96.8	2.2
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	56,211	100.0	58,418	100.0	2,207	3.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	50,759	90.3	50,806	87.0	47	0.1	-3.3
Vacant housing units	5,452	9.7	7,612	13.0	2,160	39.6	3.3

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

Community Board 2 Manhattan ("CB2") has been dramatically impacted by the onset of COVID -19 in early 2020 and since the shutdown that began in March 2020, has been struggling across many fronts. Amid protests, economic instability, and a permanently changed physical landscape (permanent roadbed outdoor dining), the District is bracing for more changes ahead. In addition to our standing Committees, two working groups were created by CB2 in 2020. In May, the Reopening Working Group was created to respond quickly to the fast moving events of reopening non-essential businesses, the advent of new outdoor dining programs that crossed multiple licensing agencies, and to address issues as they relate to impacts caused by COVID-19 and reopening of our community from the almost total shutdown implemented in March. In June, the Equity Working Group was created to foster conversation and cultivate solutions to social justice issues in our neighborhoods in light of the movement that swept our City and nation following the murder of George Floyd, with the commitment to making racial equity a primary focus and to encourage an organizational culture that is viable and sustainable within a world of changing demographics and unremitting racial disparities. In 2021, due to the importance of its work, the Equity Working Group was upgraded to full committee status and is now called the Equity, Race and Justice Committee. Throughout this Statement and in our work over this year, CB2 highlights and reflects on some of the changes necessary to bridge the gap in the process of stabilizing our community in an equitable manner. COVID-19 has brought forth a confluence of issues surrounding racial inequities, public health, housing insecurity, job insecurity, and income inequality. As these challenges are also ongoing and evolving rapidly, sometimes monthly and even weekly, we also point those interested to CB2's monthly resolutions on these topics which can be found on our website. The impacts of COVID-19 have not yet been fully realized and we are still in the midst of profound impact on our education system, local economy, businesses, housing, social services, residents, workplaces, arts and cultural institutions, and transportation. We are experiencing an upheaval in our community with no predictable end, yet our community heavily relies on an opening and functioning local economy that depends heavily on office workers, visitors and tourists both local, regional, national and international. Under such unprecedented circumstances, our budget priorities signal the areas of highest concern amid an anticipated deficit that could lead to a decline in services for our residents and businesses.

I. DISTRICT OVERVIEW

A. Geography Community Board 2 is a diverse district, bounded on the north by 14th Street, the south by Canal Street, the east by the Bowery/Fourth Avenue, and the west by the Hudson River. It is a unique and rapidly expanding community that includes the vibrant neighborhoods of Little Italy, part of Chinatown, SoHo, NoHo, Greenwich Village, the West Village, Gansevoort Market, the South Village and Hudson Square.

B. Population The population of Community Board 2 has been steadily rising since 2010, with an estimated population of 92,445, according to the 2020 Census, which is an increase of 2.7% since 2010. While there was some concern that the COVID-19 pandemic would result in a decrease in population, the 2020 Census indicates those concerns may have been unfounded. However, as the pandemic continues into 2021, future Census data could still show a decline in population, at least in the short term. It should also be noted that the five major universities in the district - New York University, the New School, the Cooper Union, Hebrew Union College, and Cardozo Law School typically add a substantial non-permanent population to our neighborhoods, but were mostly empty during the majority of 2020 while students were studying virtually from home. However, as NYU and The New School continue to expand, we expect the student populations to grow further in the years ahead. While the students that join us every year are welcome, it is clear that the city needs to consider their numbers when looking to allocate services to Community District 2.

C. Income structure Much of the architecture and history of our district has been maintained by residents who are determined to preserve the middle class, live-work, merchant and artisan atmosphere of our neighborhoods, past and future, but socioeconomic patterns are changing drastically. According to the 2015 – 2019 American Community Survey (ACS), the median income for District 2 for was \$127,116, while the poverty rate was 8.0% and the unemployment rate was 2.8%. It is yet to be determined how dramatically the COVID-19 pandemic will affect these numbers, but it seems clear that these numbers will be worse once we have more data over the next few years.

D. Housing In recent years, the median monthly rent in District 2 increased to the highest in the City at \$2,311, according to the 2015 – 2019 ACS with 39% of renters in Community District 2 considered rent burdened (spent at least 30% of household income on rent) and 18.5% of renters in Community District 2 considered severely rent burdened (spent more than 50% of household income on rent). We anticipate these numbers to increase when we have data for 2020 and 2021 at the Community District level as result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

E. Tourism/Visitors The covid-19 pandemic has had a brutal impact on the district's tourism industry, but as more and more people get vaccinated, museums and theaters re-opening, and travel to and from the United States resuming in recent months, we are already seeing tourists returning to the district. While the current numbers are deflated, we are hopeful that we can

return to pre-pandemic numbers as things continue to improve. This applies to the local workforce, too, as businesses have begun to reopen. However, not all employees have returned in person as many businesses are allowing their employees to continue to work remotely, which will surely impact our local economy. The question remains as to how severe the impact will be as the pandemic is still ongoing, even though things have improved overall.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Manhattan Community Board 2

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Land use trends (zoning, development, neighborhood preservation, etc.)

#3 Use of Public Land and the Public Realm. CB2 needs to ensure that the city builds more affordable housing, preserves the existing stock of rent protected housing and equitably allocates assets in the public realm. This includes including allocating capital funds to fund affordable housing at 2 Howard St. once the site is transferred to the City. Currently, the site that can accommodate significant development currently serves as a federal parking garage. CB2 also asks the city to allocate funds to identify all government-owned properties where affordable housing might be constructed, including sites such as police and fire stations. CB2 currently has more open restaurants than any other community board in the city and the city's lack of enforcement in making outdoor dining a success brings concern as the program transitions into a permanent one. There is potential to severely impact the quality of life for residents in the community and privilege the public realm for restaurant use vs. other alternatives.

Parks and open space

#2 Preserve Elizabeth Street Garden and Build More Affordable Senior Housing at Alternative Site. Since 2013, CB2 has held seven public hearings and passed five resolutions in support of the permanent preservation of Elizabeth Street Garden in its entirety as public open, green space and urges the City to transfer jurisdiction over this lot to the Parks Department. CB2 also supports the development of affordable housing at an alternative city-owned site at Hudson and Clarkson Streets where up to five times as much senior housing can be built, but only if Elizabeth Street Garden is preserved in its entirety. Neighborhood Underserved by Open Space. The neighborhood around Elizabeth Street Garden lacks open space. Little Italy and SoHo account for 23% of CB2's population but have only 3% of its open space, virtually 100% paved, for an open space ratio of only 0.07 acres per 1,000 residents, as compared with the City Planning goal of 2.5 acres per 1,000 residents. Furthermore, the majority of CB2's open space is in Washington Square and Hudson River Parks, nearly a mile and 1.2 miles from the Garden, respectively. Residents in Little Italy and SoHo are less likely to use these spaces with frequency. Furthermore, Elizabeth Street Garden is located in the only downtown Manhattan neighborhood that the NYC Parks Department defines as "underserved" by open space. About the Garden. Elizabeth Street Garden is a unique community park and green space with open lawn, majestic trees, flowering garden beds, and sculptural artworks located in the Little Italy neighborhood of Manhattan, between Prince and Spring Streets. City-owned and privately leased, the Garden attracts more than 100,000 visitors each year, including local elementary students, families and seniors, as well as residents from around the city and tourists from around the world, who learn about the Garden from several travel websites and guidebooks. The Garden is open to the public, weather permitting and volunteers provide free public and educational programming. The Garden's design, size and configuration make it ideally suited for movies, music, yoga, community festivals, arts performances, educational programs, gardening and quiet meditation that are not offered in any other nearby public community space.

Schools

#1 As part of its 2012 upzoning, New York University's (NYU) key giveback was the option for NYC to build a 100,000 sq. ft. public school on NYU-owned land, "the Bleecker School." The School Construction Authority (SCA) has until December 31, 2023 to exercise this option. Otherwise, the development rights revert to NYU for university use and \$65+ million in value transfers from NYC taxpayers to NYU, based on the average price per buildable square foot in Manhattan and arguably higher, due to the lack of vacant land in Greenwich Village. (Please note, if the option expires, NYU would allocate no less than 25,000 square feet of above grade space for a community facility, when and if it decides to build the Bleecker Building. However, if for any one-year period NYU is unable to rent this space, 100% of the site reverts to NYU permanently.) The Bleecker School can serve public school students from pre-kindergarten to 8th grade, i.e. PK-5, 6-8 or PK-8. A high school would require NYU consent. The Bleecker School can serve general education students, Students with Disabilities, such as students with dyslexia, or other learning disabilities and/or District 75 students. CB 2's Position. CB 2's March 2022 Resolution in Support of Ensuring the Bleecker School is Built: An Option Worth \$65 Million to NYC Taxpayers urges the city to 1) Confirm its intention to

construct a school on Bleecker Street before it loses the option and the site return entirely to NYU's control; 2) Immediately advocate to meet the extended deadline NYU has offered, and meet with CB2 to discuss ways the our board can support the DOE's commitment to siting the school at 130 Bleecker Street; and 3) Continue to support that when the Bleecker School is funded and built, it serves the educational needs of our community, with particular focus on the possibility of developing a school to serve students with dyslexia and other language-based learning disabilities. For updates, please visit [bit.ly/Bleecker FAQ](http://bit.ly/BleeckerFAQ). Additional education needs are: 2) Building the new school at 2 Hudson Square, including the public gym space. For additional details, visit bit.ly/2HudsonSq; 3) Funding ongoing technology needs for smart boards, laptops, tablets and high speed broadband and other capital improvements to century old public school buildings, specifically: - Broome Street Academy. Cafeteria upgrade and library, which also would be available to The Door members; - Chelsea CTE & NYC iSchool: Upgrade the gymnasium by leveling the flooring and replacing seats with bleachers; - City-As-School. Gender-neutral bathrooms and converting a janitor's closet to another bathroom to service 500 students; - Harvest Collegiate. Access to more outdoor space; green roof for education and outdoor play; - PS 130. Upgrade windows on the building and light fixtures; and, - 75 Morton. Playground upgrade to include permanent basketball hoops. 4) Expanding programs that increase diversity and support our most vulnerable students, including: a) NYC Men Teach to recruit, train and retain talented non-traditional public school educators to close the representation gap between our students and those that teach them, b) teacher training and reading and writing curricula in structured literacy and c) arts education to maintain most recent baseline funding.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Manhattan Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Programs, services or facilities for seniors (incl. remote programming, cooling centers)

CB2 requests funding for better data on our senior residents, whether it is allocated to the CB2 staff or to our primary senior service provider, Greenwich House. While our district ranks high in nearly every indicator, including income, measures of the median likely fail to tell an accurate narrative, especially where seniors are concerned. Our senior residents arrived long before Greenwich Village became an affluent neighborhood of high housing and living costs. The lack of more complete data on seniors limits the ability of Dept. of the Aging (DFTA) to match city resources to meet residents' needs. DFTA recently revised the design of its Request for Proposals for adult centers to allow more program innovation. We are pleased that DFTA's new contract with Greenwich House regards its centers as differentiated parts of a single network, allowing it to add a new facility at Westbeth Artists Housing, and to focus its Barrow Street location on skills and learning. We look forward to seeing this model meet the interests of our district's curious, artistic, intellectually vibrant – and needy – seniors. Visiting Neighbors, a volunteer-based organization that operates what appears to be a cost-effective program aimed at improving quality of life, enhancing health indicators, and reducing hospital stays for older residents provides complimentary services. Visiting Neighbors has received discretionary City Council funds since DFTA cancelled its contract, forcing it to significantly reduce its scope. We urge DFTA to reevaluate Visiting Neighbors' services and to consider a new contract with it.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

No comments

Needs for Older NYs

Many elders in our district have decided to "age in place", but services for our older residents have been cut drastically. The meal program at one of our centers (First Presbyterian) was eliminated a few years ago, and our other centers are overcrowded, with multiple seatings. An important part of the meal program, social contact, seems to be ignored completely. We would like to understand the goals of the Department for the Aging because they do not seem to be in accord with our understanding of the needs. We note that several cost-effective programs for seniors – Visiting Neighbors is the most obvious – have lost funding. Again, we are joining our elected officials to work to solve this problem, but we need the City to support Visiting Neighbors, as well as adult day care facilities, in order to allow seniors to live independently in their own homes. Our elderly are vulnerable to the rampant building boom in our community, when landlords seek to push seniors out. New building permits must accommodate the elderly. Many of our seniors continue to live in rent-regulated walk-up apartments. Renovation, not removal, is needed.

Needs for Homeless

No comments

Needs for Low Income NYs

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/46	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Allocate funds to Greenwich House to operate and subcontract with other community-based organizations to operate and test a model of intervention in Washington Square Park and surrounding streets and subway stations. An effort among social service organizations to provide all-day outreach in the Park showed promise in addressing issues of homelessness, crime, and drug use when it was tried in 2021, but it never received enough funding to provide program evaluation to determine efficacy.</i>	
11/46	HHC	Other expense budget request for HHC	<i>Allocate funds to the Health & Hospitals Corporation for a follow-up Community Health Assessment to examine the success of the Lenox Hill Greenwich Village stand-alone emergency department model. This is a follow-up to a study conducted in 2011, when the closing of the full-service St. Vincent's Hospital showed reduced access to healthcare.</i>	
21/46	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Allocate funds to determine variances between CD2's senior population and the District's overall medians for health, income, and housing. The district has become increasingly affluent over several decades and we fear that the community profile fails to accurately represent conditions among seniors who arrived here earlier.</i>	
41/46	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Allocate funds to add benches AND address issues of homelessness misuse of the space within Golden Swan Park. This request may require a partnership between DHS and the DPR. DPR has struggled to deter individuals from defecating in some of the hidden areas in this little gem of a park.</i>	6th Avenue & West 4th Street

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DFTA

Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place

These programs result in happier and healthier seniors, as well as save hospital and nursing home costs. Current cuts have short-changed the needs of our elderly. Reorganization and strategic prioritizing of city/state/federal agencies may be needed.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Manhattan Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

Bleecker School: NYC's \$65 million Option to Build New Public School As part of its 2012 upzoning, New York University's (NYU) key giveback was the option for NYC to build a 100,000 sq. ft. public school on NYU-owned land, "the Bleecker School." The School Construction Authority (SCA) has until December 31, 2023 to exercise this option. Otherwise, the development rights revert to NYU for university use and \$65+ million in value transfers from NYC taxpayers to NYU, based on the average price per buildable square foot in Manhattan and arguably higher, due to the lack of vacant land in Greenwich Village. (Please note, if the option expires, NYU would allocate no less than 25,000 square feet of above grade space for a community facility, when and if it decides to build the Bleecker Building. However, if for any one-year period NYU is unable to rent this space, 100% of the site reverts to NYU permanently.) The Bleecker School can serve public school students from pre-kindergarten to 8th grade, i.e. PK-5, 6-8 or PK-8. A high school would require NYU consent. The Bleecker School can serve general education students, Students with Disabilities, such as students with dyslexia, or other learning disabilities and/or District 75 students. CB 2's Position. CB 2's March 2022 Resolution in Support of Ensuring the Bleecker School is Built: An Option Worth \$65 Million to NYC Taxpayers urges the city to 1) Confirm its intention to construct a school on Bleecker Street before it loses the option and the site return entirely to NYU's control; 2) Immediately advocate to meet the extended deadline NYU has offered, and meet with CB2 to discuss ways the our board can support the DOE's commitment to siting the school at 130 Bleecker Street; and 3) Continue to support that when the Bleecker School is funded and built, it serves the educational needs of our community, with particular focus on the possibility of developing a school to serve students with dyslexia and other language-based learning disabilities. For updates, please visit [bit.ly/Bleecker FAQ](https://bit.ly/Bleecker_FAQ). Additional education needs are: 2) Building the new school at 2 Hudson Square, including the public gym space. For additional details, visit bit.ly/2HudsonSq; 3) Funding ongoing technology needs for smart boards, laptops, tablets and high speed broadband and other capital improvements to century old public school buildings; and, 4) Expanding programs that increase diversity and support our most vulnerable students, including: a) NYC Men Teach to recruit, train and retain talented non-traditional public school educators to close the representation gap between our students and those that teach them, b) teacher training and reading and writing curricula in structured literacy and c) arts education to maintain most recent baseline funding.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

Bleecker School: Under a July 24, 2012 Restrictive Declaration by New York University (NYU) and amended by a letter from NYU to Councilmember Chin on October 21, 2014, the NYC Department of Education has an option to build a 100,000 square foot public school at 509 LaGuardia Place in Greenwich Village on New York University-owned land. To exercise this option, the DOE must fund the school by December 31, 2018 and start construction by July 31, 2020. The DOE may build a school to serve students through 8th grade (not high school students.) If the DOE does not exercise this option, the buildable rights revert to NYU and NYU would allocate no less than 25,000 square feet of above grade space for a community facility. In addition, under the Restrictive Declaration, NYU has the right to build up to 70,000 square feet of below grade space. Currently, the Bleecker School is not funded in the DOE Capital Plan for 2015-2019, updated in February 2017. Need for School Seats: CB 2 recognizes the need for 600 public school seats at the Bleecker School, based on our June 2017 analysis that shows: 1. 148 to 337 seat shortfall from overcrowding at all three CB 2 elementary schools for 2015-2016, based on outdated Blue Book figures that underestimate overcrowding, at 112% at PS 3, 109% at PS 41 and 109% at PS 130 as well as 114% at PS 11, 2. 88 seat shortfall at the Duarte Square School, based on a CEQR multiplier of 0.16, 3. 169 to 225 seat shortfall resulting from the 550 Washington rezoning – approved with out any school seats – based on a CEQR multipliers of 0.12 and 0.16 respectively, 4. 100+ seats to reduce kindergarten class size to comply with Contract for Excellence class size reductions (and 650+ seats for grades K-5), 5. 69 seats to expand pre-kindergarten seats to 50% of the kindergarten

cohort, 6. 131 seats to expand 3K programs to 25% of the kindergarten cohort, 7. 44 seats for District 75 students at Duarte Square, 8. 60 seats for District 75 students at Bleecker, and, 9. Additional square footage and seats to comply with physical education requirements, Next Steps: Community Board 2 is committed to ensuring that the NYC School Construction Authority exercises its option to build a school on the Bleecker Street site. To ensure that this happens, NYU needs to reinstate the School Election Notice to 2025, which was NYU's original proposal. CB 2 also urges the SCA and the DOE to take into account the demographic analysis and projections developed by CB 2 and fund the Bleecker School in the SCA's next five year Capital Plan. Existing Elementary Schools All three of our current primary schools (P.S. 3, 41, and 130) are overcrowded and in need of regular capital investment to maintain the adequacy of the physical plant. For us, excellent public schools are a priority. In FY 2017, the near term capital needs are for improved technology and new water fountains. Funding, Siting and Building New Public Schools The City Environment Quality Review (CEQR) process is flawed for analyzing how new development impacts public schools and overcrowding. Most development projects do not trigger an analysis of their impact on school seats and even when a new development triggers an Environmental Impact Analysis, the CEQR Technical Manual and EIS guidelines do not accurately estimate the need for new public schools seats. CB 2 recommends that: 1. The Department of City Planning develop new and better formulas, based upon current demographics, that more accurately represent the percentage of families with school age children that comprise our local population, and considers the number of families who can be expected to move into new residential development; 2. The Department of City Planning to institute a policy that would require a school impact study, using local data as required under the 2014 law, on all new residential construction and conversion, regardless of size; and, 3. The City develop a mechanism that would require developers of all new residential buildings to contribute to a capital fund for public schools, and/or include new school seats within their projects.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/15	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Allocate funds for the 100,000 sq. ft. Bleecker Street School. As part of the New York University 2012 up-zoning, NYU's main community giveback was the option to build the Bleecker School, If not built, 100,000 sq. ft. of school space reverts to NYU for university use. If the Bleecker School option expires on Dec. 31, 2023, \$65+ million in value transfers from NYC taxpayers to NYU, based on the average price per buildable sq. ft in Manhattan and arguably higher, due to the lack of vacant land in Greenwich Village. CB2, also supports NYU's commitment to "still preserving the grocery store at or near the current location."</i>	130 Bleecker Street, NY, NY 10012
5/15	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Allocate funds for additional technology improvements, including smart boards, devices, connectivity, laptops and computers for PS 130 and Harvest Collegiate High School.</i>	
7/15	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Allocate funds for four (4) gender-neutral bathrooms to serve 500 students at City-As-School High School.</i>	16 Clarkson Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
8/15	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	<i>Allocate funds to upgrade outdoor space and /or add a green roof for education and outdoor recreation at Harvest Collegiate High School.</i>	
9/15	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Allocate funds to upgrade windows on the building and light fixtures @ PS 130.</i>	146 Baxter Street, NY, NY 10013
10/15	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Allocate funds for upgrading student bathrooms at PS 41.</i>	116 W. 11th Street, NY, NY 10011
15/15	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	<i>Allocate to upgrade gymnasium by leveling the flooring and replacing seats with bleachers in the building shared by Chelsea CTE High School and NYC iSchool.</i>	131 6th Avenue, NY, NY 10013

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/46	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Allocate funds for the NYC Men Teach to recruit, train and retain talented non-traditional public school educators in order to close the representation gap between our students and those that teach them.</i>	
6/46	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Allocate funds for teacher training and reading and writing curricula that use a structured literacy approach.</i>	
15/46	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Allocate funds for the City Environment Quality Review (CEQR) process on funding, siting and building new public schools.</i>	
16/46	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Reinstate pre-pandemic funding for arts education. In 2014, a report by Comptroller Scott Stringer acknowledged the widely accepted benefits of arts education and its positive influence on children, including but not limited to: academic attainment, social emotional development and future employment. Chancellor Carranza's Arts School Report for 2017-2018 announced a record spending on arts education. This included the administration's \$23 million investment to expand programming, renovate arts spaces, and hire new teachers. However, for FY22, the City slashed arts education funding by 70% due to shortfalls in tax revenue related to the loss of tax revenue resulting from the shutdown. CB2 strongly supports reinstating pre-pandemic funding for arts education in our public schools.</i>	
24/46	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Allocate funds for new furniture for the library and new cafeteria tables at PS 3.</i>	490 Hudson Street, NY, NY 10014
30/46	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Allocate funds for free after school programs for elementary, middle and high school students.</i>	

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Manhattan Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances)

We remain concerned about quality of life issues throughout our district. The large number of bars, clubs, and restaurants at times compete with residences within close proximity. We receive a significant number of noise complaints from residents, often about bars or clubs that crank up the amplified sound and, at times, exacerbate the situation by leaving their doors and windows open. The proliferation of street vendors, selling merchandise and food, has become a bane to many residents and businesses, particularly on Broadway and throughout SoHo though the efforts of the local Business Improvement District have improved enforcement efforts. We welcome vendors who obey the laws and rules of New York City. However, too many ignore clearance requirements and create problems in those areas. In particular, regulation of food trucks is piecemeal and enforcement is ineffective because different agencies are involved and there is no coordination among them. The City recently updated regulations for street vendors and food trucks and restructured the enforcement strategies, but COVID-19 has slowed the pace of those changes and it is unclear how effective the new enforcement strategies will be.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

No comments

Needs for Emergency Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Manhattan Community Board 2

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

Preparedness for extreme weather events (incl. coastal flooding, heat waves, cold snaps, heavy wind and rain)

CB2 is a coastal district, with over a mile of waterfront along the Hudson River and over 10,000 residents living within the FEMA 0.2% chance floodplain. The district was impacted by Superstorm Sandy in 2012, with a portion of the district being inundated by floodwaters, causing significant property damage. As sea levels are projected to continue rising in the coming decades, storm-surge related risks are expected to increase. Additionally, in summer and fall of 2021, a series of heavy rain events resulted in significant flooding across much of the city. The effects of climate change are likely to increase the frequency of such events in the future.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

No comments

Needs for Sanitation Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/15	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Allocate funds for baseline study of all City-owned & other infrastructure and conditions underneath the ground surface along the far western edge of CB2 along the Hudson River waterfront & areas immediately inland to inform major storm resiliency initiatives to protect the west side of CB2, an area that is dangerously vulnerable. After making variations of this request for many years, the agency response has been that further study of the request is needed. What study has been done and, if so, what were the findings and recommendations. Even if resiliency projects received federal and/or state funds for USACE study or more localized studies, any major project will likely need to have matching funds provided by the City.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
34/46	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Allocate funds to explore funding and building green infrastructure within CB2.</i>	

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Manhattan Community Board 2

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

Affordable housing creation

CB2 remains committed to protecting and preserving the affordable housing that we have and supporting opportunities to build affordable housing where practicable and appropriate. We urge the city to increase direct city investment in 100% affordable housing construction, adaptive reuse of existing buildings, and revise requirements that mandate far greater numbers of affordable housing units with lower median incomes and fewer loopholes than currently under the city's Mandatory Inclusionary Housing program Current Affordable Housing Stock in CB2. We are already home to thousands of affordable housing units of various types. Among them are traditional rent stabilized units, Joint Live-Work Quarters for Artists (JLWQA) units in rent stabilization, Interim Multiple Dwelling (IMD) units currently under the supervision of the Loft Board, previous IMD loft units that are now rent stabilized, Mitchell Lama housing units and project-based Section-8 buildings. Rent stabilized units can be found in great numbers throughout CB2 in almost all of our neighborhoods including in Greenwich Village, the West Village, South Village, SoHo, NoHo, Little Italy, Nolita and Chinatown, and to a lesser extent in the Meatpacking District, Union Square South, and Hudson Square. The passage of the Housing Stability and Tenant Protections Act of 2019 strengthened existing rent stabilization laws and included provisions to end high-rent vacancy deregulation, narrowed the preferential rent loophole, and put in place more protections against unnecessary major capital improvements (MCIs) and individual apartment improvements (IAI). A recent report derived from tax bills indicates that between 2007 and 2020 there was an increase of 1,975 rent stabilized units in CB2. During that same time period, 6,407 units were removed from rent stabilization yielding a net loss of 4,432 affordable units. CB2 supports anti-displacement provisions that: a) prohibit upzoning of any site that has rent-regulated or loft law units because this will create financial incentives for demolition; b) eliminate sites where additional FAR can only be used to add vertical enlargements because this will result in penthouse additions and no affordable housing; and c) include Certification of No Harassment provisions before applying for a permit for a change in use or demolition. Reliance on legal remedies that can take years to work their way through the courts to cure displacement by construction, neglect or harassment requires tenants to take often-unavailable time to find and consult with attorney and take off from work to provide testimony and attend related appointments--all while the tenants and their families experience dangerous, sometimes barely livable conditions.

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

Needs for Land Use

No comments

Needs for Housing

CB2 has few undeveloped sites left that are appropriate for large-scale development. Exceptions include St. John's Terminal and the Special Hudson Square District. In 2013, the City approved the Special Hudson Square District in the southwestern portion of our district. This rezoning created a mixed-use district by incentivizing residential development in combination with affordable/inclusionary housing, expanded community facility uses, ground-floor retail, and limiting as-of-right hotel development, while at the same time ensuring that commercial and manufacturing uses are retained. The proposal also included height limits and set-back regulations that will help to preserve the unique identity of the district. We are starting to see applications for conversions to residential from this neighborhood, many of which include affordable units under the auspices of the Inclusionary Housing program. Our goal is to not only encourage projects that provide affordable housing, but also encourage a sense of community and social interactions. Developer amenity packages pose a significant challenge in this regard. Another challenge is the loss of affordable units due to luxury and vacancy decontrols as well as tenant harassment, illegal landlord behavior especially with respect to construction and false DOB filings. In light of the mayor's mandate to add affordable units, the community has been encouraging consideration of a large site that provides access and

repair of the underground water infrastructure at 388 Hudson Street (next to a park) as a possible and appropriate affordable housing development site. We had strongly urged the City to consider this site in lieu of the tiny site in Little Italy known as the Elizabeth Street Garden. Our preference has gone unheeded and we continue to pursue the protection of a vital and much-loved garden in a neighborhood starved for open space.

Needs for Economic Development

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/15	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	<i>Allocate funds to develop affordable housing at 2 Howard St. once the site is transferred to the City. This underused, federally-owned parking garage would make an ideal location for affordable housing. CB2 is a strong supporter of affordable housing and believes money allocated to purchase this property from the federal government would be a big win for the community.</i>	2 Howard Street Lafayette Street Lafayette Street

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/46	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<i>Allocate funds to identify all government-owned properties where affordable housing might be constructed (including sites such as police and fire stations).</i>	
19/46	SBS	Provide or expand business education to businesses and entrepreneurs	<i>Allocate funds for the development of Black and Latinx-owned Small Businesses.</i>	
23/46	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>Allocate funds for a study of “soft” sites (i.e., sites with less than 50% of current FAR) in CD2 that have the potential for redevelopment. This could be for voluntary inclusionary housing or for standard development. This inventory should include all parts of the district and be organized by subdistrict and by current zoning.</i>	

29/46	DOB	Other expense budget request for DOB	<i>Allocate funds to develop a citywide dataset, going back to at least 2008, of the number of rent-stabilized and rent-controlled units by building, including building-level data such as house number, street name, BBL, BIN, and community district, using data such as DOF tax bills, to be included on the Open Data portal in dataset and map formats, and updated annually. Likewise, allocate funds for an inventory of Interim Multiple Dwellings in CB2 that includes a complete count of not only the current units but also all units created since the inception of their enabling legislation, including how many have been converted to other uses and how many such units exist today.</i>
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Manhattan Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Traffic congestion

One of CB2's major traffic problems continues to be with vehicular congestion around the entrance and exit to the Holland Tunnel. The tunnel brings in great volumes of private vehicles visiting the city from out of state, but there also is increasing automotive traffic from all entryways as more and more people choose to drive rather than use mass transit since the advent of Covid. As a result, our population is endangered by the growing threat of vehicular conflicts to our safety and of vehicular emissions to our health. We are looking forward to congestion pricing helping to turn this tide, not only by making our streets safer and quieter with cleaner air while helping to provide necessary support for transit, but also in creating more livable space in our community. We are hopeful that differences concerning congestion pricing can be quickly balanced and implementation be speedily accomplished. Trucks are a major concern, making many local commercial deliveries, and using our narrow streets to travel from the Hudson River to the F.D.R. Drive, south to the Financial District and to the outer boroughs. Our fragile network of narrow streets is vulnerable to these trucks' heavy impact on our infrastructure, while those who walk our streets are at risk of colliding with them, which already has resulted in serious injuries and fatalities. This is compounded by more on-line shopping than ever before, leading to more deliveries and an upsurge of delivery trucks cramming our streets. We've been asking for the use of cargo bike/delivery cart bicycle vehicles and, if trucks must be used, to employ smaller, electrically powered ones with "Direct Vision" cabs that give total visibility to activities outside the trucks. We also support off-hours deliveries, at night if feasible, and Neighborhood Loading Zones. The proliferation of tour buses on our small, historic streets has produced a host of negative impacts, including pedestrian endangerment, air and noise pollution, traffic congestion, and broken street beds. CB2 calls for increased regulation, enforcement, and relocation of tour bus routes to larger, more accommodating thoroughfares. A tour bus route-plan is long overdue, as is legislation putting it into action.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Disabled access in our subway stations is greatly lacking, with not even a handful of stations in the CB2 District providing either elevators and/or escalators to enable the many physically challenged in our area to use the subways. Although the Capital Plan is providing for installation of more elevators and escalators throughout the city, many, many stations where such ADA accessibility is needed will still go without, including most of those in CB2. Our goal is to have every one of the subway stations in CB2 be furnished with the elevators and escalators that will give all of our citizens the rightful access they need to get around. In addition, every effort needs to be made to repair and rehabilitate our deteriorating subway stations for users' comfort and safety. In particular, the West 4th Street station has been severely deteriorating over many years of neglect to the point that current conditions are not only off-putting, but also a threat to people's health and safety. All of the platforms and surrounding areas are plagued with moldy, leaky and peeling walls and ceilings, and a full rehabilitation is long overdue.

Needs for Transit Services

Community District 2 has several internationally known tourist destinations that encourage heavy nighttime and weekend usage of the district's streets, by both cars and pedestrians. New York City Transit should be initiating a major effort to increase the use of public transportation in this context as well as in general by making it more comfortable, convenient, accessible and frequent, and making transit access points more user friendly for both visitors and residents. The removal of many of our subway station agents compromises our safety and takes away our source for vital information and orientation. We vehemently oppose these cuts that are completely counter to the sustainability goals of PlaNYC and Vision Zero. Public transportation makes more efficient use of space and energy, significantly reduces air and noise pollution, and minimizes pedestrian/vehicular conflicts. Therefore, instead of imposing these destructive cuts on a population that already depends so strongly on transit and its

benefits, opportunities must be explored and followed through in providing new transit access and routes in areas of need, and sources of funding for our suffering transit system must be pinpointed and secured. CB2 has passed at different times at least three resolutions in support of congestion pricing, both to raise funds for transit improvements and to curtail the ever-growing congestion that disrupts our streets. One major transit deprivation impact has resulted from the removal of the M6 bus route and the diversion of the M1, M3, and M5 buses from the routes they followed for many years in District 2. The new route locations are difficult, if not impossible, to reach for CB2's sizable and growing senior and disabled populations who have depended on convenient bus service to access important destinations, such as medical facilities and food shopping. They have resulted in distances, timing, stop locations, and reduced frequencies that severely penalize the entire District's residents, workers, parents and children because of the long waits, crowded buses, far apart stops and lack of needed accessibility. These routes need to be restored to their former locations that provide the service the community needs although with every passing year, the likelihood of this happening becomes more doubtful, but we're hopeful that the remaining existing routes can be modified for the comfort and convenience of our seniors and all our citizens who depend on these buses for transportation. In addition, every effort needs to be made to repair and rehabilitate our deteriorating subway stations for users' comfort and safety. In particular, the West 4th Street station has been severely deteriorating over many years of neglect to the point that current conditions are not only off-putting, but also a threat to people's health and safety. All of the platforms and surrounding areas are plagued with moldy, leaky and peeling walls and ceilings, and a full rehabilitation is long overdue. L-train stations along 14th Street are also in need of upgrades, and their 15-month closing during the Canarsie Tunnel Project presents a perfect opportunity for carrying out needed improvements, including ADA accessibility, at all three CB2 L-train stations. At this point, agreement has been reached for renovations to be done that make our 6th Avenue 14th Street station ADA accessible. We are hoping that not only CB2's other two stations on 14th Street along the L line can be made accessible in the very near future, but that all the subway stations in our district can be converted into ADA-accessible ones very quickly, something that is very needed and long overdue.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Allocate funds to reconstruct Clarkson St. from West St. to Greenwich St. including repair & replacement of Belgian blocks and installation of a granite bicycle lane. The Belgian block street bed on Clarkson St. bet. West and Greenwich Sts. is in great need of repair with loose, broken, scattered and missing blocks, large uncovered spaces, exposed manholes, and deep ridges, posing a major hazard to pedestrians, those in wheelchairs and with strollers, bicyclists and drivers. Bicyclists opt to use the sidewalk instead, endangering people walking there. A granite strip bike lane will provide comfortable, direct bike access and keep bike riders off the sidewalk.</i>	Clarkson Street Greenwich Street Greenwich Street
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Allocate funds to install a granite strip bicycle lane on Morton Street between West Street and Washington Street. The Belgian block surface is unsuitable for bikes, resulting in cyclists riding on the sidewalks, hazardous for pedestrians. Morton Street is a main thoroughfare from the Hudson River Park (West St) going east, calling for an eastbound bicycle lane, granite between West and Washington Streets and striped eastward from Washington. The new 75 Morton Street school makes it even more urgent to keep bicycles safely off the sidewalks and provide for safe bicycling for all.</i>	Morton Street West Street West Street
CS	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Allocate funds to repair and replace Belgian blocks on Bond St., between Broadway and the Bowery, on Wooster St. between Houston and Canal Streets., on Gansevoort and Little West 12th Streets between 9A and 8th Ave., and on 14th St. between 9th Ave. and Route 9A. Belgian Blocks are either badly damaged, missing or both and need to be restored and/or replaced. In some cases the structural base is so deteriorated, reconstruction is needed. Current poor condition is hazardous to pedestrians and a blight to the historic districts. The restoration of these streets with Belgian blocks is essential in keeping with the nature of these historically important areas</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/46	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Allocate funds to extend the protected bicycle lane on 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) from 8th St./Greenwich Ave. to Canal St. A northbound bike lane on Church St. connects to 6th Ave. at Franklin St. continuing to Canal St.; a protected bike lane on 6th Ave. from Greenwich Ave./8th St. goes to 59th St. A protected bike lane extension bet. Canal St. and Greenwich Ave./8th St. would provide a much needed continuous bike route from downtown to uptown.</i>	
10/46	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>Allocate funds to conduct a study of the 9th Ave. and 14th St. intersection to improve traffic signalization to avoid excessive backups and ensure safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.</i>	
12/46	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Allocate funds to conduct a transportation study to improve 10th Ave. between Gansevoort and Horatio Sts. for safe pedestrian and community-friendly use, along with needed road connection and to safeguard Gansevoort and Horatio Sts. crossing to the Hudson River Park.</i>	10th Avenue Gansevoort Street Horatio Street
13/46	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Allocate funds to install traffic safety improvements at the intersection of Waverly Pl., Christopher and Grove Sts. (Stonewall National Monument area), including neckdowns, sidewalk extensions, daylighting, stop signs, improved directional signage, while also incorporating improvements to reduce pedestrian/vehicular conflicts at the nearby southwest side of Christopher St. and Greenwich Ave., the major approach to the Stonewall area.</i>	Waverly Place Christopher Street Christopher Street
14/46	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Allocate funds to conduct a study to incorporate new Citi Bike infill stations on the east side of West St. in the area from W. 12th St. to Little W. 12th St. providing access to the Hudson River Park.</i>	West Street West 12th Street Little West 12th Street

28/46	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>Allocate funds to address continuing congestion problems on E. 12th St., focusing on 12th bet. Broadway and 5th Ave. problem areas and placard parking abuses on 12th bet. University Pl. and Broadway. E. 12th St. is an essential ambulance route from Lenox Health Greenwich Village on 7th Ave. to hospitals on the east side.</i>	East 12th Street Broadway Broadway
33/46	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Allocate funds to install temporary protective barriers to the bike lane on West Houston St. bet. Washington and West Sts. to provide safer access to the Hudson River Park greenway until more permanent safety improvements can be added. The bike lane at this location is wedged between right and left turn lanes, and cyclists are often caught between trucks at great hazard.</i>	West Houston Street West Street West Street
36/46	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Allocate funds to install a fully continuous shared street on University Pl. all the way from 14th St. to W. 4th St., as soon as feasible, considering provision for deliveries, drop-off/pickups, emergency and other necessary access. A fully shared street would create a calm and safe neighborhood environment that further enhances the street's use and enjoyment, which could be even more enhanced by a subsequent greenway.</i>	University Place 14th Street 14th Street
39/46	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Allocate funds to reduce speeding and directional impacts at the pedestrian crossing on the east side of W. 8th St. at 6th Ave. and at the intersection of W. 8th St., 6th and Greenwich Aves, considering solutions such as installation of a traffic diverter on the northern lane of Greenwich Ave. at 6th Ave. and/or continuing the 6th Ave. protected bike lane south with an extended median. The exceptionally wide open and irregularly angled intersection creates confusion, causes turning conflicts, facilitates speeding and hinders visibility, putting pedestrians in grave danger, exemplified by the recent horrific pedestrian fatality.</i>	

42/46	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Allocate funds to conduct a study of the blocks with and/or impacted by design changes related to dangerous traffic conditions on Jane St. btw. Greenwich and 8th Aves. and at the W. 13th St./Greenwich Ave./Horatio St. intersection, including Jane btw. Greenwich and 8th Aves., Greenwich btw. 8th Ave. & Jane, Horatio btw. W. 4th St. and 8th Ave. and W. 13th approaching Greenwich Ave./Horatio St.</i>	Jane Street Greenwich Avenue 8th Avenue
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PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Manhattan Community Board 2

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

Insufficient park or open space

Preserve Elizabeth Street Garden and Build More Affordable Senior Housing at Alternative Site. Since 2013, CB2 has held seven public hearings and passed five resolutions in support of the permanent preservation of Elizabeth Street Garden in its entirety as public open, green space and urges the City to transfer jurisdiction over this lot to the Parks Department. CB2 also supports the development of affordable housing at an alternative city-owned site at Hudson and Clarkson Streets where up to five times as much senior housing can be built, but only if Elizabeth Street Garden is preserved in its entirety. Neighborhood Underserved by Open Space. The neighborhood around Elizabeth Street Garden lacks open space. Little Italy and SoHo account for 23% of CB2's population but have only 3% of its open space, virtually 100% paved, for an open space ratio of only 0.07 acres per 1,000 residents, as compared with the City Planning goal of 2.5 acres per 1,000 residents. Furthermore, the majority of CB2's open space is in Washington Square and Hudson River Parks, nearly a mile and 1.2 miles from the Garden, respectively. Residents in Little Italy and SoHo are less likely to use these spaces with frequency. Furthermore, Elizabeth Street Garden is located in the only downtown Manhattan neighborhood that the NYC Parks Department defines as "underserved" by open space. About the Garden. Elizabeth Street Garden is a unique community park and green space with open lawn, majestic trees, flowering garden beds, and sculptural artworks located in the Little Italy neighborhood of Manhattan, between Prince and Spring Streets. City-owned and privately leased, the Garden attracts more than 100,000 visitors each year, including local elementary students, families and seniors, as well as residents from around the city and tourists from around the world, who learn about the Garden from several travel websites and guidebooks. The Garden is open to the public, weather permitting and volunteers provide free public and educational programming. The Garden's design, size and configuration make it ideally suited for movies, music, yoga, community festivals, arts performances, educational programs, gardening and quiet meditation that are not offered in any other nearby public community space.

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

Needs for Parks

With only about .58 acres of parkland per 1000 residents, our district has one of the lowest ratios of public open space in the city, and with its fully built up high-value land, the City standard of 2.5 acres is an unobtainable goal. But important progress has been made in recent years. Along with the development of the Hudson River Park and the Highline, there has been a steady and ongoing stream of improvements to the quality and condition of our parks with recently completed renovations at Washington Square and JJ Walker and the Jane Street Triangle, along with needed repairs at the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center. Last year, the new park at St. Vincent's Triangle finally opened to the public and the community looks forward to the ribbon-cutting for the AIDS Memorial at the northwest corner of the site. In addition, funding is in place for open space at Duarte Square, and for streetscapes within Hudson Square. Funding and design work has progressed for upgrades at Father Fagan Park and DeSalvio Playground. Funding has been obtained from a variety of sources for improvements at Pier 40, Little Red Square, Jackson Square, and SoHo Square. These initiatives will make our parks more attractive and safer, thereby providing more people a better park experience. These additions and improvements are critical, but they have not been sufficient because the population of families with young children continues to rise in our district, increasing the overcrowding of our active play spaces. In addition, several large-scale development projects and major rezoning proposals have been approved during the last year, which will add to the pressure on our parks and the need for more open space, particularly those in which active recreation will be possible. Whereas the focus of our efforts over the last few years has been on the preservation and improvement of the existing parks, we now see a need to strive to take advantage of every opportunity to create new open space. We thank our elected officials and City agencies for their support and we urge them to continue to help us protect, preserve and improve the public open space while we ask that they work with us to pursue every opportunity for creating new open space in our district.

Continuing Upgrade of Parks and Playgrounds and Facilities While most of our parks are in good condition, there are still some that need renovation. DeSalvio Playground, at the corner of Prince and Mulberry Streets, was last renovated in 1996. The park is now run down, uninteresting, and underused despite its location in an area with no other parks and a growing population of families with young children. An energetic group of parents has launched a drive to get the park rebuilt and the council member has allocated some of the required funds. Father Fagan Square is also in the process of being renovated. An active group of local residents has been engaged for several years, funds have been allocated by the City Council, a design has been created, reviewed, revised and recently presented to the community. It received a warm response, so we urge all involved parties to proceed with this project. Trees As an area with very few large parks and burdened by high vehicular traffic, our district greatly values the benefits of streets trees. We support the citywide effort to plant one million new trees. We passed a resolution urging the Parks Department to make the replacement of trees the highest priority for tree plantings in our district and we have seen some replacements. We also requested a policy change whereby tree and stump removals automatically generate a high priority request for a new tree without the need for a second 311 request.

Needs for Cultural Services

Community Board 2 is delighted by the arts and culture that the Whitney Museum of American Art in the Gansevoort Market district has infused into our district since opening its doors in May 2015, and also appreciates the institution's regular communications with and support of our board. This important institution, which was originally founded in our district, is a great asset to the Far West Village and has begun to help re-focus the neighborhood as an art and design district. The Museum is an exciting center of art, with exterior exhibition spaces as well the traditional interior spaces. Integrated with the High Line Park that runs along the eastern face of the building, the museum offers restaurants, gathering places, and other public areas as part of its overall design. In addition, our district has several other fine museums, including the NYC Fire Museum, the Children's Museum of the Arts, the Museum of Chinese in America, the Leslie Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art, the Merchant's House Museum, and The Drawing Center, among others. CB2 is also excited about the Jackie Robinson Museum, which is scheduled to open in our district within the next couple of years. Community District 2 is also home to a unique array of performance spaces, Off-Broadway and independent theaters, film centers, and dance organizations. We take tremendous pride in the vibrant cultural scene that these organizations provide our community. These cultural organizations include: HB Playwrights; Cherry Lane Theatre; HERE; Rattlestick Playwrights Theater; Greenwich House & Greenwich House Pottery; The Gym at Judson; IRT Theater; IFC Center; Film Forum; Angelika; Cinema Village; Quad Theater; Actors Playhouse ; 13th Street Rep; Minetta Lane Theater; Westbeth Center; New Ohio; The Public Theater; Joe's Pub; Ars Nova; Axis Theater; The Duplex; Cornelia Street Café; Peridance; Martha Graham Dance Studio; Soho Playhouse; The Greene Space (WNYC Radio); Tenri Cultural Institute; New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting and Sculpture; Lucille Lortel Theater; Village Vanguard; Institutional theaters of NYU and The New School, among others. While we have a vibrant arts and culture scene in our area, we continue to be concerned about the impact on the downtown arts scene due to the closure of so many of the district's Off-Broadway and small theaters and other cultural spaces. The main causes are the exponential increase in rents and ongoing funding challenges faced by non-profits. Some years ago, we supported a proposal to use tax incentives that would encourage landlords to retain live performance space. In addition, CB2 strongly supports funding for the arts both in our area and citywide, and increased arts education in public schools, as a growing body of studies presents compelling evidence connecting student learning in the arts to a wide array of academic and social benefits. Namely, these various studies continue to indicate that the arts help to improve visual analysis skills and critical judgments, inspire creativity and improve motivation, collaboration, attitudes and attendance. B. Arts Advocacy Advocating for arts organizations and artists located within CB2 and for those that produce, program or present arts and culture within CB2 has been, and remains, a top priority for our board. For one, our committee has a history of writing resolutions and letters of support for non-profit arts organizations located within our district that are seeking funding or restoration of funding from grant organizations and city agencies. We were also the first community board City-wide to write a letter of support for New York City's first comprehensive cultural plan. In addition, we speak out against entities and agencies that seek to utilize our local parks and public spaces for arts-related projects that do not have wide community support, while strongly supporting public arts projects that are in alignment with the spirit of our community and neighborhoods. We also strive to foster connections amongst arts organizations located within our district to forge stronger cultural alliances. Finally, as is widely known, CB2 has

historically been the home of a wide array of talented artists and, as such, our committee remains dedicated to advocating that the work of these local artists is a part of planned arts programming within our district whenever possible.

Needs for Library Services

We are happy that long-awaited renovations and upgrades to the Jefferson Market Library are under way. On that note, we also think it is time for a master plan to renovate the Hudson Park branch to make its amenities more available. It is an amazing, albeit, somewhat inaccessible facility that has great potential if it was more readily used by the community-at-large. Finally, we are continue to be concerned that budget cuts have resulted in a reduction in staff and in the hours of operation at the libraries in our district. These reductions impact young children and the elderly most of all. We continue to request that additional funds be allocated to keep the libraries and their community rooms open for as many hours as possible. We also ask that the New York Public Library provide a dedicated staff to create special youth programming.

Needs for Community Boards

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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6/15	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	<i>Allocate funds for a full branch renovation of the Hudson Park Library. The public health, social, and economic challenges of the current moment have rendered NYPL's work more essential than ever. During the COVID-19 pandemic the Library expanded its online presence to ensure access to information, resources, and programs for all New Yorkers through webinars, classes, book clubs, live tutoring, and career/financial counseling that supported schools, job-seekers, and students, among others. Due to the digital divide, NYPL also supplemented these offerings with limited in-person services, maintenance of its WiFi networks, and the distribution of thousands of reading materials.</i>	66 Leroy Street
11/15	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Allocate funds for the complete renovation of Vesuvio Playground. The number of children using Vesuvio Playground continues to grow. The current design was completed in 2006 and was not adequate to meet the needs of the surrounding community even at the time of opening. Further, the current design does not maximize the possibilities in the envelope of the square footage available to the public and much of it is worn down and not functioning.</i>	
12/15	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Allocate funds for the update and renovation of Minetta Playground. This very popular playground has become worn down over the years and suffers from an ongoing rat infestation problem.</i>	

13/15	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	<i>Allocate funds to Greenwich House to make its Music School (44-46 Barrow Street) ADA compliant and to and to undertake a general upgrade to allow the building to more efficiently serve the community. Since 1905, GHMS has provided high-quality, affordable arts education for New Yorkers of all ages and provides both need and merit scholarships, public school outreach programs, and affordable rehearsal and performance space for local musicians. The building has not had any major work done in many decades and anticipates beginning a large capital project that will need \$5 million to complete, The school has \$4 million in City funding secured and the school needs an additional \$1 million.</i>	44-46 Barrow Street
14/15	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Allocate funds to install an irrigation system to the planted area in Seravalli Playground.</i>	Gansevoort Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Allocate funds for the complete renovation of the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center. The Dapolito Center is a hub of activity and is well-used by young and old alike. Rather than partial measures to address recurring problems, CB2 requests that funds be allocated to repair, renovate and re-imagine uses for the Dapolito Center to provide year-round in-door recreation for the downtown community.</i>	1 Clarkson Street, NY, NY 10014
CS	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Repair JJ Walker courts and park. State Senator Hoylman allocated \$62,500 through ^[1]_[SEP] participatory budgeting to convert one handball court into a basketball court; repair or replace the netting atop the handball courts; repair or replace the scoreboard; install no smoking signs in the park.</i>	Hudson St., St. Luke's Place, Clarkson St. & 7th Avenue South
CS	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Allocate funds for replace the fence at the Time Landscape and re-think the area completely. State Senator Hoylman allocated \$62,500 through participatory budgeting to replace the fence around the Time Landscape to make it more secure.</i>	LaGuardia Place & West Houston Street.

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Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/46	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>Allocate funds for Marking the Land of the Blacks to DCLA to create signage, markers and public art acknowledging and celebrating the rich history and contributions of the African diaspora within CB2.</i>	
9/46	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Allocate funds to complete the 2021 promised study "Re-imagine Petrosino Square." to redesign Petrosino Square, restore the rotating public art installation program at Petrosino's north end, as intended, and relocate the Citi Bike station there elsewhere.</i>	Kenmare St., Petrosino Square, Lafayette St., and Cleveland Pl.
18/46	DPR	Plant new street trees	<i>Allocate funds to plant new street trees and prune existing trees more frequently throughout Community District 2 as we have had several storm events over the last year that have resulted in great damage and loss as well as risk to people and property.</i>	
20/46	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Allocate funds for effective rat control throughout Community District 2 parks, especially now as open restaurant programs have increased vermin complaints and the DOHMH has confirmed that rat infestation is well beyond pre-pandemic levels.</i>	
22/46	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Allocate funds to repair the drainage problem apparently resulting from the installation of new fences at the LaGuardia Corner Garden. During cold weather months, water freezes into black ice and creates safety problems for pedestrians, including many seniors in the neighborhood.</i>	Bleecker St. & LaGuardia Place
25/46	DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	<i>Allocate funds for more frequent trash removal, and/or for larger-capacity, sanitary, trash bins in Parks.</i>	

26/46	NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL	<i>Allocate funds to maintain prior year expense funding for all CB2 libraries.</i>	
31/46	DPR	Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers	<i>Allocate funds for staffing of gates and expanded hours at Jefferson Market Garden. This garden is one of the truly special gems in CD2. The City should increase funding to it so its hours can be increased and the garden can be enjoyed by more residents in our district.</i>	
32/46	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>Increase arts and cultural funding for CB2 community centers, such as Greenwich House (which stepped up during the height of the pandemic with summer camps and remains an essential resource for families in need), The LGBT Community Center, Center on the Square Neighborhood Senior Center, and Our Lady of Pompeii Senior Center.</i>	
35/46	DPR	Provide more athletic programming (i.e. league, aquatic)	<i>Allocate funds to increase the number of Learn to Swim programs, which are very limited in the neighborhood and would be very popular if offered in a heated and indoor pool at Vesuvio. EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW HOW TO SWIM!</i>	
38/46	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Allocate funds for irrigation in the planted area in Corporal John A. Seravalli Playground.</i>	17 Horatio Street
40/46	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Allocate funds to add benches at Minetta Triangle Park.</i>	
43/46	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Allocate funding for Washington Square Association Music Fund.</i>	

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/15	Other	Other capital budget request	<i>Allocate funds for the permanent preservation of Elizabeth Street Garden, in its entirety, on land owned by NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development, on a through lot on Elizabeth Street and Mott Streets, between Prince and Spring Streets. CB2 urges HPD to transfer jurisdiction over this lot to the Parks Dept. without further delay. The neighborhood around Elizabeth St. Garden lacks open space. Little Italy and SoHo account for 23% of CB 2's population, but have only 3% of its open space, virtually 100% paved, for an open space ratio of only 0.07 acres per 1,000 residents. Elizabeth St. Garden is located in the only downtown Manhattan neighborhood that the NYC Parks Department defines as underserved by open space.</i>	Elizabeth St. bet. Prince & Spring Sts.

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/46	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Allocate funds to hire additional DOT inspectors to work nights and weekends to conduct enforcement and compliance of Temporary Open Restaurant guidelines. Since the commencement of the Open Restaurant initiative under DOT, there has been an abdication of enforcement responsibility by the agency. Consequently, there has been an explosion of restaurants operating contrary to Open Restaurant guidelines. Additional inspectors are needed to address this imbalance and give some relief to residents and rule-abiding competing businesses.</i>	

7/46	LPC	Other expense budget request for LPC	<i>Fund additional LPC staff and operational capacity to ensure: 1) prompt calendaring of buildings and districts that are proposed for designation so that modifications are not made that would render the consideration moot, 2) monitoring of approved applications to ensure work is carried out in accordance with approved plans and final work conforms to the approved application, 3) LPC corrects violations for work done w/o LPC approval, as identification by DOB staff or the public, and 4) an improved LPC public website, including the addition of applications and their disposition for applications approved by staff, violations and corrections and easy access to applications with public hearings and their final disposition, including LPC approved modifications.</i>
17/46	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Allocate funds for cannabis education.</i>
27/46	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Allocate additional funds to the Manhattan Borough President for community boards to conduct hybrid meetings.</i>
37/46	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Allocate funds to the Sanitation Department to educate residents on compost recycling and drop-off locations and possibly reinstitute residential composting in CB2</i>
44/46	CECM	Other expense budget request for CECM	<i>Allocate funds to enable the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) to conduct a study on the effects that full street closures for commercial events have on neighboring businesses and residents. Community Board 2 remains disturbed by the endless proliferation of promotional and commercial events, some permitted and some not, which are occurring regularly in SoHo and, to a lesser extent, in NoHo. These events clog sidewalks and streets and often result in chaotic street scenes costing the City money and resources as it struggles to bring order to the mayhem. Residents are inconvenienced and neighboring businesses are hurt as temporary “pop-up” shops commandeer the sidewalks, close streets and often blast music that illegally impacts the quality of life of the neighbors.</i>

Allocate funds to the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities to provide or expand ADA accessibility education, specifically to mitigate the ADA non-compliance lawsuit trend targeting small businesses in CB2, particularly, in landmarked districts. The funding for this ADA accessibility education should 1. increase awareness of the litigation and 2. provide proactive tactics for businesses to navigate the situation including how a business can efficiently demonstrate "readily achievable" compliance for small businesses in landmarked districts.

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/15	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Allocate funds for the 100,000 sq. ft. Bleecker Street School. As part of the New York University 2012 up-zoning, NYU's main community giveback was the option to build the Bleecker School, If not built, 100,000 sq. ft. of school space reverts to NYU for university use. If the Bleecker School option expires on Dec. 31, 2023, \$65+ million in value transfers from NYC taxpayers to NYU, based on the average price per buildable sq. ft in Manhattan and arguably higher, due to the lack of vacant land in Greenwich Village. CB2, also supports NYU's commitment to "still preserving the grocery store at or near the current location."</i>	130 Bleecker Street, NY, NY 10012
2/15	Other	Other capital budget request	<i>Allocate funds for the permanent preservation of Elizabeth Street Garden, in its entirety, on land owned by NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development, on a through lot on Elizabeth Street and Mott Streets, between Prince and Spring Streets. CB2 urges HPD to transfer jurisdiction over this lot to the Parks Dept. without further delay. The neighborhood around Elizabeth St. Garden lacks open space. Little Italy and SoHo account for 23% of CB 2's population, but have only 3% of its open space, virtually 100% paved, for an open space ratio of only 0.07 acres per 1,000 residents. Elizabeth St. Garden is located in the only downtown Manhattan neighborhood that the NYC Parks Department defines as underserved by open space.</i>	Elizabeth St. bet. Prince & Spring Sts.
3/15	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	<i>Allocate funds to develop affordable housing at 2 Howard St. once the site is transferred to the City. This underused, federally-owned parking garage would make an ideal location for affordable housing. CB2 is a strong supporter of affordable housing and believes money allocated to purchase this property from the federal government would be a big win for the community.</i>	2 Howard Street Lafayette Street Lafayette Street

4/15	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Allocate funds for baseline study of all City-owned & other infrastructure and conditions underneath the ground surface along the far western edge of CB2 along the Hudson River waterfront & areas immediately inland to inform major storm resiliency initiatives to protect the west side of CB2, an area that is dangerously vulnerable. After making variations of this request for many years, the agency response has been that further study of the request is needed. What study has been done and, if so, what were the findings and recommendations. Even if resiliency projects received federal and/or state funds for USACE study or more localized studies, any major project will likely need to have matching funds provided by the City.</i>	
5/15	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Allocate funds for additional technology improvements, including smart boards, devices, connectivity, laptops and computers for PS 130 and Harvest Collegiate High School.</i>	
6/15	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	<i>Allocate funds for a full branch renovation of the Hudson Park Library. The public health, social, and economic challenges of the current moment have rendered NYPL's work more essential than ever. During the COVID-19 pandemic the Library expanded its online presence to ensure access to information, resources, and programs for all New Yorkers through webinars, classes, book clubs, live tutoring, and career/financial counseling that supported schools, job-seekers, and students, among others. Due to the digital divide, NYPL also supplemented these offerings with limited in-person services, maintenance of its WiFi networks, and the distribution of thousands of reading materials.</i>	66 Leroy Street
7/15	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Allocate funds for four (4) gender-neutral bathrooms to serve 500 students at City-As-School High School.</i>	16 Clarkson Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
8/15	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	<i>Allocate funds to upgrade outdoor space and /or add a green roof for education and outdoor recreation at Harvest Collegiate High School.</i>	

9/15	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Allocate funds to upgrade windows on the building and light fixtures @ PS 130.</i>	146 Baxter Street, NY, NY 10013
10/15	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Allocate funds for upgrading student bathrooms at PS 41.</i>	116 W. 11th Street, NY, NY 10011
11/15	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Allocate funds for the complete renovation of Vesuvio Playground. The number of children using Vesuvio Playground continues to grow. The current design was completed in 2006 and was not adequate to meet the needs of the surrounding community even at the time of opening. Further, the current design does not maximize the possibilities in the envelope of the square footage available to the public and much of it is worn down and not functioning.</i>	
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13/15	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	<i>Allocate funds to Greenwich House to make its Music School (44-46 Barrow Street) ADA compliant and to and to undertake a general upgrade to allow the building to more efficiently serve the community. Since 1905, GHMS has provided high-quality, affordable arts education for New Yorkers of all ages and provides both need and merit scholarships, public school outreach programs, and affordable rehearsal and performance space for local musicians. The building has not had any major work done in many decades and anticipates beginning a large capital project that will need \$5 million to complete, The school has \$4 million in City funding secured and the school needs an additional \$1 million.</i>	44-46 Barrow Street
14/15	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Allocate funds to install an irrigation system to the planted area in Seravalli Playground.</i>	Gansevoort Street, Manhattan, New York, NY

15/15	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	<i>Allocate to upgrade gymnasium by leveling the flooring and replacing seats with bleachers in the building shared by Chelsea CTE High School and NYC iSchool.</i>	131 6th Avenue, NY, NY 10013
CS	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Allocate funds to reconstruct Clarkson St. from West St. to Greenwich St. including repair & replacement of Belgian blocks and installation of a granite bicycle lane. The Belgian block street bed on Clarkson St. bet. West and Greenwich Sts. is in great need of repair with loose, broken, scattered and missing blocks, large uncovered spaces, exposed manholes, and deep ridges, posing a major hazard to pedestrians, those in wheelchairs and with strollers, bicyclists and drivers. Bicyclists opt to use the sidewalk instead, endangering people walking there. A granite strip bike lane will provide comfortable, direct bike access and keep bike riders off the sidewalk.</i>	Clarkson Street Greenwich Street Greenwich Street
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Allocate funds to install a granite strip bicycle lane on Morton Street between West Street and Washington Street. The Belgian block surface is unsuitable for bikes, resulting in cyclists riding on the sidewalks, hazardous for pedestrians. Morton Street is a main thoroughfare from the Hudson River Park (West St) going east, calling for an eastbound bicycle lane, granite between West and Washington Streets and striped eastward from Washington. The new 75 Morton Street school makes it even more urgent to keep bicycles safely off the sidewalks and provide for safe bicycling for all.</i>	Morton Street West Street West Street
CS	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Allocate funds to repair and replace Belgian blocks on Bond St., between Broadway and the Bowery, on Wooster St. between Houston and Canal Streets., on Gansevoort and Little West 12th Streets between 9A and 8th Ave., and on 14th St. between 9th Ave. and Route 9A. Belgian Blocks are either badly damaged, missing or both and need to be restored and/or replaced. In some cases the structural base is so deteriorated, reconstruction is needed. Current poor condition is hazardous to pedestrians and a blight to the historic districts. The restoration of these streets with Belgian blocks is essential in keeping with the nature of these historically important areas</i>	

CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Allocate funds for the complete renovation of the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center. The Dapolito Center is a hub of activity and is well-used by young and old alike. Rather than partial measures to address recurring problems, CB2 requests that funds be allocated to repair, renovate and re-imagine uses for the Dapolito Center to provide year-round in-door recreation for the downtown community.</i>	1 Clarkson Street, NY, NY 10014
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Expense Budget Requests

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2/46	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Allocate funds to Greenwich House to operate and subcontract with other community-based organizations to operate and test a model of intervention in Washington Square Park and surrounding streets and subway stations. An effort among social service organizations to provide all-day outreach in the Park showed promise in addressing issues of homelessness, crime, and drug use when it was tried in 2021, but it never received enough funding to provide program evaluation to determine efficacy.</i>	
3/46	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<i>Allocate funds to identify all government-owned properties where affordable housing might be constructed (including sites such as police and fire stations).</i>	
4/46	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>Allocate funds for Marking the Land of the Blacks to DCLA to create signage, markers and public art acknowledging and celebrating the rich history and contributions of the African diaspora within CB2.</i>	
5/46	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Allocate funds for the NYC Men Teach to recruit, train and retain talented non-traditional public school educators in order to close the representation gap between our students and those that teach them.</i>	
6/46	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Allocate funds for teacher training and reading and writing curricula that use a structured literacy approach.</i>	

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11/46	HHC	Other expense budget request for HHC	<i>Allocate funds to the Health & Hospitals Corporation for a follow-up Community Health Assessment to examine the success of the Lenox Hill Greenwich Village stand-alone emergency department model. This is a follow-up to a study conducted in 2011, when the closing of the full-service St. Vincent's Hospital showed reduced access to healthcare.</i>	

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14/46	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Allocate funds to conduct a study to incorporate new Citi Bike infill stations on the east side of West St. in the area from W. 12th St. to Little W. 12th St. providing access to the Hudson River Park.</i>	West Street West 12th Street Little West 12th Street
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19/46	SBS	Provide or expand business education to businesses and entrepreneurs	<i>Allocate funds for the development of Black and Latinx-owned Small Businesses.</i>	
20/46	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Allocate funds for effective rat control throughout Community District 2 parks, especially now as open restaurant programs have increased vermin complaints and the DOHMH has confirmed that rat infestation is well beyond pre-pandemic levels.</i>	
21/46	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Allocate funds to determine variances between CD2's senior population and the District's overall medians for health, income, and housing. The district has become increasingly affluent over several decades and we fear that the community profile fails to accurately represent conditions among seniors who arrived here earlier.</i>	
22/46	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Allocate funds to repair the drainage problem apparently resulting from the installation of new fences at the LaGuardia Corner Garden. During cold weather months, water freezes into black ice and creates safety problems for pedestrians, including many seniors in the neighborhood.</i>	Bleecker St. & LaGuardia Place
23/46	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>Allocate funds for a study of "soft" sites (i.e., sites with less than 50% of current FAR) in CD2 that have the potential for redevelopment. This could be for voluntary inclusionary housing or for standard development. This inventory should include all parts of the district and be organized by subdistrict and by current zoning.</i>	
24/46	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Allocate funds for new furniture for the library and new cafeteria tables at PS 3.</i>	490 Hudson Street, NY, NY 10014
25/46	DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	<i>Allocate funds for more frequent trash removal, and/or for larger-capacity, sanitary, trash bins in Parks.</i>	

26/46	NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL	<i>Allocate funds to maintain prior year expense funding for all CB2 libraries.</i>	
27/46	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Allocate additional funds to the Manhattan Borough President for community boards to conduct hybrid meetings.</i>	
28/46	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>Allocate funds to address continuing congestion problems on E. 12th St., focusing on 12th bet. Broadway and 5th Ave. problem areas and placard parking abuses on 12th bet. University Pl. and Broadway. E. 12th St. is an essential ambulance route from Lenox Health Greenwich Village on 7th Ave. to hospitals on the east side.</i>	East 12th Street Broadway Broadway
29/46	DOB	Other expense budget request for DOB	<i>Allocate funds to develop a citywide dataset, going back to at least 2008, of the number of rent-stabilized and rent-controlled units by building, including building-level data such as house number, street name, BBL, BIN, and community district, using data such as DOF tax bills, to be included on the Open Data portal in dataset and map formats, and updated annually. Likewise, allocate funds for an inventory of Interim Multiple Dwellings in CB2 that includes a complete count of not only the current units but also all units created since the inception of their enabling legislation, including how many have been converted to other uses and how many such units exist today.</i>	
30/46	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Allocate funds for free after school programs for elementary, middle and high school students.</i>	
31/46	DPR	Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers	<i>Allocate funds for staffing of gates and expanded hours at Jefferson Market Garden. This garden is one of the truly special gems in CD2. The City should increase funding to it so its hours can be increased and the garden can be enjoyed by more residents in our district.</i>	
32/46	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>Increase arts and cultural funding for CB2 community centers, such as Greenwich House (which stepped up during the height of the pandemic with summer camps and remains an essential resource for families in need), The LGBT Community Center, Center on the Square Neighborhood Senior Center, and Our Lady of Pompeii Senior Center.</i>	

33/46	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Allocate funds to install temporary protective barriers to the bike lane on West Houston St. bet. Washington and West Sts. to provide safer access to the Hudson River Park greenway until more permanent safety improvements can be added. The bike lane at this location is wedged between right and left turn lanes, and cyclists are often caught between trucks at great hazard.</i>	West Houston Street West Street West Street
34/46	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Allocate funds to explore funding and building green infrastructure within CB2.</i>	
35/46	DPR	Provide more athletic programming (i.e. league, aquatic)	<i>Allocate funds to increase the number of Learn to Swim programs, which are very limited in the neighborhood and would be very popular if offered in a heated and indoor pool at Vesuvio. EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW HOW TO SWIM!</i>	
36/46	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Allocate funds to install a fully continuous shared street on University Pl. all the way from 14th St. to W. 4th St., as soon as feasible, considering provision for deliveries, drop-off/pickups, emergency and other necessary access. A fully shared street would create a calm and safe neighborhood environment that further enhances the street's use and enjoyment, which could be even more enhanced by a subsequent greenway.</i>	University Place 14th Street 14th Street
37/46	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Allocate funds to the Sanitation Department to educate residents on compost recycling and drop-off locations and possibly reinstitute residential composting in CB2</i>	
38/46	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Allocate funds for irrigation in the planted area in Corporal John A. Seravalli Playground.</i>	17 Horatio Street

39/46	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Allocate funds to reduce speeding and directional impacts at the pedestrian crossing on the east side of W. 8th St. at 6th Ave. and at the intersection of W, 8th St., 6th and Greenwich Aves, considering solutions such as nstallation of a traffic diverter on the northern lane of Greenwich Ave. at 6th Ave. and/or continuing the 6th Ave. protected bike lane south with an extended median. The exceptionally wide open and irregularly angled intersection creates confusion, causes turning conflicts, facilitates speeding and hinders visibility, putting pedestrians in grave danger, exemplified by the recent horrific pedestrian fatality.</i>	
40/46	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Allocate funds to add benches at Minetta Triangle Park.</i>	
41/46	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Allocate funds to add benches AND address issues of homelessness misuse of the space within Golden Swan Park. This request may require a partnership between DHS and the DPR. DPR has struggled to deter individuals from defecating in some of the hidden areas in this little gem of a park.</i>	6th Avenue & West 4th Street
42/46	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Allocate funds to conduct a study of the blocks with and/or impacted by design changes related to dangerous traffic conditions on Jane St. btw. Greenwich and 8th Aves. and at the W. 13th St./Greenwich Ave./Horatio St. intersection, including Jane btw. Greenwich and 8th Aves., Greenwich btw. 8th Ave. & Jane, Horatio btw. W. 4th St. and 8th Ave. and W. 13th approaching Greenwich Ave./Horatio St.</i>	Jane Street Greenwich Avenue 8th Avenue
43/46	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Allocate funding for Washington Square Association Music Fund.</i>	

44/46	CECM	Other expense budget request for CECM	<i>Allocate funds to enable the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) to conduct a study on the effects that full street closures for commercial events have on neighboring businesses and residents. Community Board 2 remains disturbed by the endless proliferation of promotional and commercial events, some permitted and some not, which are occurring regularly in SoHo and, to a lesser extent, in NoHo. These events clog sidewalks and streets and often result in chaotic street scenes costing the City money and resources as it struggles to bring order to the mayhem. Residents are inconvenienced and neighboring businesses are hurt as temporary “pop-up” shops commandeer the sidewalks, close streets and often blast music that illegally impacts the quality of life of the neighbors.</i>
45/46	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	<i>These programs result in happier and healthier seniors, as well as save hospital and nursing home costs. Current cuts have short-changed the needs of our elderly. Reorganization and strategic prioritizing of city/state/federal agencies may be needed.</i>
46/46	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Allocate funds to the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities to provide or expand ADA accessibility education, specifically to mitigate the ADA non-compliance lawsuit trend targeting small businesses in CB2, particularly, in landmarked districts. The funding for this ADA accessibility education should 1. increase awareness of the litigation and 2. provide proactive tactics for businesses to navigate the situation including how a business can efficiently demonstrate "readily achievable" compliance for small businesses in landmarked districts.</i>

8. COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS *WITH AGENCY RESPONSES*

Capital Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/22	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Allocate funds for the 100,000 sq. ft. Bleecker Street School. As part of the New York University 2012 up-zoning, NYU's main community giveback was the option to build the Bleecker School, If not built, 100,000 sq. ft. of school space reverts to NYU for university use. If the Bleecker School option expires on Dec. 31, 2023, \$65+ million in value transfers from NYC taxpayers to NYU, based on the average price per buildable sq. ft in Manhattan and arguably higher, due to the lack of vacant land in Greenwich Village. CB2, also supports NYU's commitment to "still preserving the grocery store at or near the current location."</i>	Community District is located in a School District with identified seat need. Location for school will be based on site and funding availability.
02/22	HPD	Other capital budget request	<i>Allocate funds for the permanent preservation of Elizabeth Street Garden, in its entirety, on land owned by NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development, on a through lot on Elizabeth Street and Mott Streets, between Prince and Spring Streets. CB2 urges HPD to transfer jurisdiction over this lot to the Parks Dept. without further delay. The neighborhood around Elizabeth St. Garden lacks open space. Little Italy and SoHo account for 23% of CB 2's population, but have only 3% of its open space, virtually 100% paved, for an open space ratio of only 0.07 acres per 1,000 residents. Elizabeth St. Garden is located in the only downtown Manhattan neighborhood that the NYC Parks Department defines as underserved by open space.</i>	This request is not recommended for funding.
03/22	HPD	Other capital budget request for HPD	<i>Allocate funds to develop affordable housing at 2 Howard St. once the site is transferred to the City. This underused, federally-owned parking garage would make an ideal location for affordable housing. CB2 is a strong supporter of affordable housing and believes money allocated to purchase this property from the federal government would be a big win for the community.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
04/22	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Allocate funds for baseline study of all City-owned & other infrastructure and conditions underneath the ground surface along the far western edge of CB2 along the Hudson River waterfront & areas immediately inland to inform major storm resiliency initiatives to protect the west side of CB2, an area that is dangerously vulnerable. After making variations of this request for many years, the agency response has been that further study of the request is needed. What study has been done and, if so, what were the findings and recommendations. Even if resiliency projects received federal and/or state funds for USACE study or more localized studies, any major project will likely need to have matching funds provided by the City.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.

05/22	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Allocate funds for additional technology improvements, including smart boards, devices, connectivity, laptops and computers for PS 130 and Harvest Collegiate High School.</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.
06/22	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	<i>Allocate funds for a full branch renovation of the Hudson Park Library. The public health, social, and economic challenges of the current moment have rendered NYPL's work more essential than ever. During the COVID-19 pandemic the Library expanded its online presence to ensure access to information, resources, and programs for all New Yorkers through webinars, classes, book clubs, live tutoring, and career/financial counseling that supported schools, job-seekers, and students, among others. Due to the digital divide, NYPL also supplemented these offerings with limited in-person services, maintenance of its WiFi networks, and the distribution of thousands of reading materials.</i>	NYPL supports this proposal as requested. However, city funded financial support is necessary to implement this project.
07/22	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Allocate funds for four (4) gender-neutral bathrooms to serve 500 students at City-As-School High School.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the construction contract has been let.
08/22	DOE	Renovate or upgrade a high school	<i>Allocate funds to upgrade outdoor space and /or add a green roof for education and outdoor recreation at Harvest Collegiate High School.</i>	This request is not recommended for funding.
09/22	DOE	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Allocate funds to upgrade windows on the building and light fixtures @ PS 130.</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.
10/22	DOE	Renovate interior building component	<i>Allocate funds for upgrading student bathrooms at PS 41.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the construction contract has been let.
11/22	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Allocate funds for the complete renovation of Vesuvio Playground. The number of children using Vesuvio Playground continues to grow. The current design was completed in 2006 and was not adequate to meet the needs of the surrounding community even at the time of opening. Further, the current design does not maximize the possibilities in the envelope of the square footage available to the public and much of it is worn down and not functioning.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
12/22	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Allocate funds for the update and renovation of Minetta Playground. This very popular playground has become worn down over the years and suffers from an ongoing rat infestation problem.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.

13/22	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	<p><i>Allocate funds to Greenwich House to make its Music School (44-46 Barrow Street) ADA compliant and to and to undertake a general upgrade to allow the building to more efficiently serve the community.</i></p> <p><i>Since 1905, GHMS has provided high-quality, affordable arts education for New Yorkers of all ages and provides both need and merit scholarships, public school outreach programs, and affordable rehearsal and performance space for local musicians. The building has not had any major work done in many decades and anticipates beginning a large capital project that will need \$5 million to complete. The school has \$4 million in City funding secured and the school needs an additional \$1 million.</i></p>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year, but the scope is currently not fully funded. The Department of Cultural Affairs recommends this project be brought to the attention of your local elected official, i.e. Borough President or City Council member, to request additional funding.
14/22	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Allocate funds to install an irrigation system to the planted area in Seravalli Playground.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
15/22	DOE	Renovate or upgrade a high school	<i>Allocate to upgrade gymnasium by leveling the flooring and replacing seats with bleachers in the building shared by Chelsea CTE High School and NYC iSchool.</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.
CS/22	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<p><i>Allocate funds to reconstruct Clarkson St. from West St. to Greenwich St. including repair & replacement of Belgian blocks and installation of a granite bicycle lane. The Belgian block street bed on Clarkson St. bet. West and Greenwich</i></p> <p><i>Sts. is in great need of repair with loose, broken, scattered and missing blocks, large uncovered spaces, exposed manholes, and deep ridges, posing a major hazard to pedestrians, those in wheelchairs and with strollers, bicyclists and drivers. Bicyclists opt to use the sidewalk instead, endangering people walking there. A granite strip bike lane will provide comfortable, direct bike access and keep bike riders off the sidewalk.</i></p>	Bike path enhancement requests will be reviewed as part of the federally-funded Bicycle Network Development Program.
CS/22	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Allocate funds to install a granite strip bicycle lane on Morton Street between West Street and Washington Street. The Belgian block surface is unsuitable for bikes, resulting in cyclists riding on the sidewalks, hazardous for pedestrians. Morton Street is a main thoroughfare from the Hudson River Park (West St) going east, calling for an eastbound bicycle lane, granite between West and Washington Streets and striped eastward from Washington. The new 75 Morton Street school makes it even more urgent to keep bicycles safely off the sidewalks and provide for safe bicycling for all.</i>	Bike path enhancement requests will be reviewed as part of the federally-funded Bicycle Network Development Program.

CS/22	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Allocate funds to repair and replace Belgian blocks on Bond St., between Broadway and the Bowery, on Wooster St. between Houston and Canal Streets., on Gansevoort and Little West 12th Streets between 9A and 8th Ave., and on 14th St. between 9th Ave. and Route 9A. Belgian Blocks are either badly damaged, missing or both and need to be restored and/or replaced. In some cases the structural base is so deteriorated, reconstruction is needed. Current poor condition is hazardous to pedestrians and a blight to the historic districts. The restoration of these streets with Belgian blocks is essential in keeping with the nature of these historically important areas</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
CS/22	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Allocate funds for the complete renovation of the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center. The Dapolito Center is a hub of activity and is well-used by young and old alike. Rather than partial measures to address recurring problems, CB2 requests that funds be allocated to repair, renovate and re-imagine uses for the Dapolito Center to provide year-round in-door recreation for the downtown community.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
CS/22	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Repair JJ Walker courts and park. State Senator Hoylman allocated \$62,500 through ?participatory budgeting to convert one handball court into a basketball court; repair or replace the netting atop the handball courts; repair or replace the scoreboard; install no smoking signs in the park.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
CS/22	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Allocate funds for replace the fence at the Time Landscape and re-think the area completely. State Senator Hoylman allocated \$62,500 through participatory budgeting to replace the fence around the Time Landscape to make it more secure.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
CS/22	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Allocate funds for the opening of climbing wall built on the wall adjacent to the condo to the south at DeSalvio Playground.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.

Expense Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/46	DOT	Other expense budget request	<i>Allocate funds to hire additional DOT inspectors to work nights and weekends to conduct enforcement and compliance of Temporary Open Restaurant guidelines. Since the commencement of the Open Restaurant initiative under DOT, there has been an abdication of enforcement responsibility by the agency. Consequently, there has been an explosion of restaurants operating contrary to Open Restaurant guidelines. Additional inspectors are needed to address this imbalance and give some relief to residents and rule-abiding competing businesses.</i>	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
02/46	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Allocate funds to Greenwich House to operate and subcontract with other community-based organizations to operate and test a model of intervention in Washington Square Park and surrounding streets and subway stations. An effort among social service organizations to provide all-day outreach in the Park showed promise in addressing issues of homelessness, crime, and drug use when it was tried in 2021, but it never received enough funding to provide program evaluation to determine efficacy.</i>	DOHMH funds a variety of services related to mental health, alcohol, drug abuse, and depression. We will review and assess the request for additional programming, which would be contingent upon available resources.
03/46	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<i>Allocate funds to identify all government-owned properties where affordable housing might be constructed (including sites such as police and fire stations).</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
04/46	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>Allocate funds for Marking the Land of the Blacks to DCLA to create signage, markers and public art acknowledging and celebrating the rich history and contributions of the African diaspora within CB2.</i>	The Department of Cultural Affairs recommends this project be brought to the attention of your local elected official, i.e. Borough President or City Council member.
05/46	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Allocate funds for the NYC Men Teach to recruit, train and retain talented non-traditional public school educators in order to close the representation gap between our students and those that teach them.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
06/46	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Allocate funds for teacher training and reading and writing curricula that use a structured literacy approach.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.

07/46	LPC	Other expense budget request for LPC	<i>Fund additional LPC staff and operational capacity to ensure: 1) prompt calendaring of buildings and districts that are proposed for designation so that modifications are not made that would render the consideration moot, 2) monitoring of approved applications to ensure work is carried out in accordance with approved plans and final work conforms to the approved application, 3) LPC corrects violations for work done w/o LPC approval, as identification by DOB staff or the public, and 4) an improved LPC public website, including the addition of applications and their disposition for applications approved by staff, violations and corrections and easy access to applications with public hearings and their final disposition, including LPC approved modifications.</i>	The agency believes the request for additional enforcement staff is reasonable; however funding is not available at this time.
08/46	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Allocate funds to extend the protected bicycle lane on 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) from 8th St./Greenwich Ave. to Canal St. A northbound bike lane on Church St. connects to 6th Ave. at Franklin St. continuing to Canal St.; a protected bike lane on 6th Ave. from Greenwich Ave./8th St. goes to 59th St. A protected bike lane extension bet. Canal St. and Greenwich Ave./8th St. would provide a much needed continuous bike route from downtown to uptown.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
09/46	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Allocate funds to complete the 2021 promised study "Re-imagine Petrosino Square." to redesign Petrosino Square, restore the rotating public art installation program at Petrosino's north end, as intended, and relocate the Citi Bike station there elsewhere.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
10/46	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>Allocate funds to conduct a study of the 9th Ave. and 14th St. intersection to improve traffic signalization to avoid excessive backups and ensure safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
11/46	HHC	Other expense budget request for HHC	<i>Allocate funds to the Health & Hospitals Corporation for a follow-up Community Health Assessment to examine the success of the Lenox Hill Greenwich Village stand-alone emergency department model. This is a follow-up to a study conducted in 2011, when the closing of the full-service St. Vincent's Hospital showed reduced access to healthcare.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
12/46	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Allocate funds to conduct a transportation study to improve 10th Ave. between Gansevoort and Horatio Sts. for safe pedestrian and community-friendly use, along with needed road connection and to safeguard Gansevoort and Horatio Sts. crossing to the Hudson River Park.</i>	Work on this project/program has either been completed or will be finished in FY 2024.

13/46	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Allocate funds to install traffic safety improvements at the intersection of Waverly Pl., Christopher and Grove Sts. (Stonewall National Monument area), including neckdowns, sidewalk extensions, daylighting, stop signs, improved directional signage, while also incorporating improvements to reduce pedestrian/vehicular conflicts at the nearby southwest side of Christopher St. and Greenwich Ave., the major approach to the Stonewall area.</i>	Traffic Calming Device requests should be directed to the respective NYCDOT Borough Commissioner (B/C). The B/C will work with the community to access the need for, and the most effective location, type, and installation of traffic calming devices.
14/46	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Allocate funds to conduct a study to incorporate new Citi Bike infill stations on the east side of West St. in the area from W. 12th St. to Little W. 12th St. providing access to the Hudson River Park.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
15/46	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Allocate funds for the City Environment Quality Review (CEQR) process on funding, siting and building new public schools.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
16/46	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Reinstate pre-pandemic funding for arts education. In 2014, a report by Comptroller Scott Stringer acknowledged the widely accepted benefits of arts education and its positive influence on children, including but not limited to: academic attainment, social emotional development and future employment. Chancellor Carranza's Arts School Report for 2017-2018 announced a record spending on arts education. This included the administration's \$23 million investment to expand programming, renovate arts spaces, and hire new teachers. However, for FY22, the City slashed arts education funding by 70% due to shortfalls in tax revenue related to the loss of tax revenue resulting from the shutdown. CB2 strongly supports reinstating pre-pandemic funding for arts education in our public schools.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
17/46	DOHMH	Other expense budget request	<i>Allocate funds for cannabis education.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
18/46	DPR	Plant new street trees	<i>Allocate funds to plant new street trees and prune existing trees more frequently throughout Community District 2 as we have had several storm events over the last year that have resulted in great damage and loss as well as risk to people and property.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
19/46	SBS	Provide or expand business education to businesses and entrepreneurs	<i>Allocate funds for the development of Black and Latinx-owned Small Businesses.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
20/46	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Allocate funds for effective rat control throughout Community District 2 parks, especially now as open restaurant programs have increased vermin complaints and the DOHMH has confirmed that rat infestation is well beyond pre-pandemic levels.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.

21/46	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Allocate funds to determine variances between CD2's senior population and the District's overall medians for health, income, and housing. The district has become increasingly affluent over several decades and we fear that the community profile fails to accurately represent conditions among seniors who arrived here earlier.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
22/46	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Allocate funds to repair the drainage problem apparently resulting from the installation of new fences at the LaGuardia Corner Garden. During cold weather months, water freezes into black ice and creates safety problems for pedestrians, including many seniors in the neighborhood.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
23/46	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>Allocate funds for a study of "soft" sites (i.e., sites with less than 50% of current FAR) in CD2 that have the potential for redevelopment. This could be for voluntary inclusionary housing or for standard development. This inventory should include all parts of the district and be organized by subdistrict and by current zoning.</i>	Please contact DCP's Borough Office to discuss this request.
24/46	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Allocate funds for new furniture for the library and new cafeteria tables at PS 3.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
25/46	DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	<i>Allocate funds for more frequent trash removal, and/or for larger-capacity, sanitary, trash bins in Parks.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
26/46	NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL	<i>Allocate funds to maintain prior year expense funding for all CB2 libraries.</i>	NYPL is in favor of this project but added or restored City funding is required for all expense budget costs and any needed capital costs. NYPL will continue to work through the City's budget process for needed funding. Contact NYPL for more information.
27/46	CEOM	Other expense budget request	<i>Allocate additional funds to the Manhattan Borough President for community boards to conduct hybrid meetings.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
28/46	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>Allocate funds to address continuing congestion problems on E. 12th St., focusing on 12th bet. Broadway and 5th Ave. problem areas and placard parking abuses on 12th bet. University Pl. and Broadway. E. 12th St. is an essential ambulance route from Lenox Health Greenwich Village on 7th Ave. to hospitals on the east side.</i>	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.

29/46	DOB	Other expense budget request for DOB	<p><i>Allocate funds to develop a citywide dataset, going back to at least 2008, of the number of rent-stabilized and rent-controlled units by building, including building-level data such as house number, street name, BBL, BIN, and community district, using data such as DOF tax bills, to be included on the Open Data portal in dataset and map formats, and updated annually.</i></p> <p><i>Likewise, allocate funds for an inventory of Interim Multiple Dwellings in CB2 that includes a complete count of not only the current units but also all units created since the inception of their enabling legislation, including how many have been converted to other uses and how many such units exist today.</i></p>	This request does not fall under DOB's jurisdiction. Please refer to OMB.
30/46	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Allocate funds for free after school programs for elementary, middle and high school students.</i>	Presently, there are a variety of agency-funded programs in the district for this target population. Additional programs are contingent upon available funding and will be distributed through an RFP process. Organizations are encouraged to apply.
31/46	DPR	Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers	<i>Allocate funds for staffing of gates and expanded hours at Jefferson Market Garden. This garden is one of the truly special gems in CD2. The City should increase funding to it so its hours can be increased and the garden can be enjoyed by more residents in our district.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
32/46	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>Increase arts and cultural funding for CB2 community centers, such as Greenwich House (which stepped up during the height of the pandemic with summer camps and remains an essential resource for families in need), The LGBT Community Center, Center on the Square Neighborhood Senior Center, and Our Lady of Pompeii Senior Center.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year, but the scope is currently not fully funded. The Department of Cultural Affairs recommends this project be brought to the attention of your local elected official, i.e. Borough President or City Council member, to request additional funding.
33/46	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Allocate funds to install temporary protective barriers to the bike lane on West Houston St. bet. Washington and West Sts. to provide safer access to the Hudson River Park greenway until more permanent safety improvements can be added. The bike lane at this location is wedged between right and left turn lanes, and cyclists are often caught between trucks at great hazard.</i>	Bike path enhancement requests will be reviewed as part of the federally-funded Bicycle Network Development Program.
34/46	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Allocate funds to explore funding and building green infrastructure within CB2.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
35/46	DPR	Provide more athletic programming (i.e. league, aquatic)	<i>Allocate funds to increase the number of Learn to Swim programs, which are very limited in the neighborhood and would be very popular if offered in a heated and indoor pool at Vesuvio. EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW HOW TO SWIM!</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.

36/46	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Allocate funds to install a fully continuous shared street on University Pl. all the way from 14th St. to W. 4th St., as soon as feasible, considering provision for deliveries, drop-off/pickups, emergency and other necessary access. A fully shared street would create a calm and safe neighborhood environment that further enhances the street's use and enjoyment, which could be even more enhanced by a subsequent greenway.</i>	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
37/46	DSNY	Other expense budget request	<i>Allocate funds to the Sanitation Department to educate residents on compost recycling and drop-off locations and possibly reinstitute residential composting in CB2</i>	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.
38/46	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Allocate funds for irrigation in the planted area in Corporal John A. Seravalli Playground.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
39/46	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Allocate funds to reduce speeding and directional impacts at the pedestrian crossing on the east side of W. 8th St. at 6th Ave. and at the intersection of W. 8th St., 6th and Greenwich Aves, considering solutions such as installation of a traffic diverter on the northern lane of Greenwich Ave. at 6th Ave. and/or continuing the 6th Ave. protected bike lane south with an extended median. The exceptionally wide open and irregularly angled intersection creates confusion, causes turning conflicts, facilitates speeding and hinders visibility, putting pedestrians in grave danger, exemplified by the recent horrific pedestrian fatality.</i>	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
40/46	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Allocate funds to add benches at Minetta Triangle Park.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
41/46	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Allocate funds to add benches AND address issues of homelessness misuse of the space within Golden Swan Park. This request may require a partnership between DHS and the DPR. DPR has struggled to deter individuals from defecating in some of the hidden areas in this little gem of a park.</i>	Street outreach services are available 24/7, 365 days a year. By calling 311 or using the 311 app when a homeless individual appears to be in need of assistance, any New Yorker can dispatch an outreach team to that person and help them move indoors. Funding for street outreach has more than doubled in recent years.
42/46	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Allocate funds to conduct a study of the blocks with and/or impacted by design changes related to dangerous traffic conditions on Jane St. btw. Greenwich and 8th Aves. and at the W. 13th St./Greenwich Ave./Horatio St. intersection, including Jane btw. Greenwich and 8th Aves., Greenwich btw. 8th Ave. & Jane, Horatio btw. W. 4th St. and 8th Ave. and W. 13th approaching Greenwich Ave./Horatio St.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
43/46	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Allocate funding for Washington Square Association Music Fund.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.

44/46	DOT	Other expense budget request for CECM	<i>Allocate funds to enable the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) to conduct a study on the effects that full street closures for commercial events have on neighboring businesses and residents. Community Board 2 remains disturbed by the endless proliferation of promotional and commercial events, some permitted and some not, which are occurring regularly in SoHo and, to a lesser extent, in NoHo. These events clog sidewalks and streets and often result in chaotic street scenes costing the City money and resources as it struggles to bring order to the mayhem. Residents are inconvenienced and neighboring businesses are hurt as temporary ?pop-up? shops commandeer the sidewalks, close streets and often blast music that illegally impacts the quality of life of the neighbors.</i>	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
45/46	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	<i>These programs result in happier and healthier seniors, as well as save hospital and nursing home costs. Current cuts have short-changed the needs of our elderly. Reorganization and strategic prioritizing of city/state/federal agencies may be needed.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
46/46	OMB	Other expense budget request	<i>Allocate funds to the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities to provide or expand ADA accessibility education, specifically to mitigate the ADA non-compliance lawsuit trend targeting small businesses in CB2, particularly, in landmarked districts. The funding for this ADA accessibility education should 1. increase awareness of the litigation and 2. provide proactive tactics for businesses to navigate the situation including how a business can efficiently demonstrate "readily achievable" compliance for small businesses in landmarked districts.</i>	As of the FY 2024 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is \$257,507.