

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

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**Bronx
Community District 02**

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 Bronx Community Board 2's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018*. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the Community Board, collected through an online form available to community boards from September to November 2016.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

a) Overarching Community District Needs

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

b) Policy Area- Specific District Needs

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

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY18 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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1. Community Board Information

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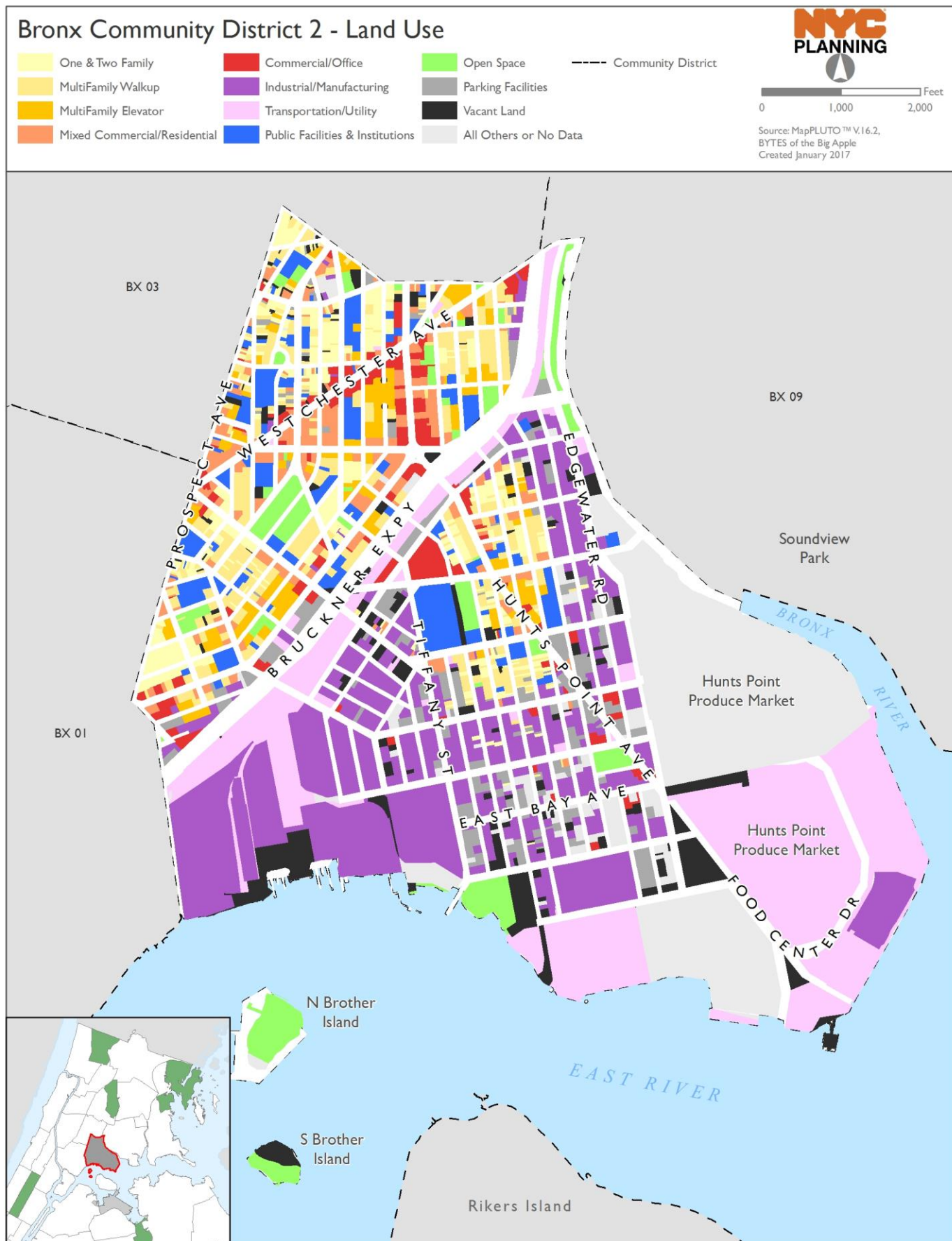
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2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Community District #2 is located in the Southeast corner of the Bronx, bounded by the Bronx River on the east, the East River on the south, E. 149th Street and Prospect Avenue on the west and portions of E. 169th Street, E. 167th Street and Westchester Avenue on the north. It is comprised of the neighborhoods of Hunt's Point, Longwood and the southeastern portion of Morrisania.

The Europeans first settled Hunt's Point in 1663. At this time, Edward Jessup and John Richardson arrived on the peninsula and purchased the land from the Wekkguasegeeck tribe indigenous to the area. After Jessup died, his widow, Elizabeth entrusted the land to Thomas Hunt Jr., her son in-law.

Once part of West Farms in lower Westchester County, the area was annexed to New York City in 1874 and began to develop after a subway line from Manhattan was extended in 1904. As more people moved to the area, the city's business owners began to realize the advantages of locating to Hunt's Point. Among them were the convenient access to the Tri-State region, the existing rail lines running through the Hunt's Point area and the abundance of space available for the development of industrial and commercial activity.

The population was predominantly Jewish along with a few German, Irish and Italian immigrants; later it became largely Puerto Rican and African-American. By the 1960's local housing was deteriorating and many white residents left for the suburbs. Hunt's Point was beset by poverty, drugs, and crime in the 1970's and early 1980's. Characterized by frequent arson and mass abandonment, this period was undoubtedly the low point in the area's rich and diverse history. Living conditions became so difficult that almost 60,000 residents, approximately two-thirds of the existing population left, or were forced out, of the neighborhood during the 1970's.

Conditions later vastly improved through the initiatives of SEBCO Development Corp., Banana Kelly Community Improvement Association, South Bronx Development Corp., the Bronx Borough President's Office, and the New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development which created new housing and rehabilitated existing housing. The success of their efforts are clearly evident. Between 1980 and 1990, the population of the district grew by 14.7 percent, the largest margin of growth of any community in the Bronx. From 1990 to 2000 the Growth rate was 18.7 percent, the second highest in the borough. Since 1992, we have seen the development of over 4,800 new housing units. Of the new units, two-thirds are located in what were once vacated buildings and one-third are newly created low-density housing. So thorough is the development and renovation of the district that no city owned apartment building in the community stands vacant.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Bronx Community Board 2 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Parks*
- *Public health facilities*

Affordable Housing: New Developments are being built in the community yet local residents are not qualifying for these new units because the AMI calculation are not conducive to our local community. Public Health: Asthma, Obesity, Heart Failure and Diabetes continues to be our main health disparities. This District is in dire need of a recreational playground where the growing number of young men and women can go to be engaged in competitive sports. There is a need for a full length Soccer/Football field that can also be uses for track and field events.



Health Care and Human Services

Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services*Access to healthy food and lifestyle programs*

BxCB2 community suffers from multiple health disparities such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease, obesity and many more. Multiple diseases are attributed to healthy food options available in community which are not available or too expensive for local residents.

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

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

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

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

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

Increase the number of Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens.

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
4/10	DFTA	Senior center programs	Enhance educational and recreational programs	
6/10	DOHMH	Animal and pest control services	Reduce mosquito populations	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Adolescent substance abuse

Youth on youth violence continues to be a problem in our community. There is a lack to after school and recreational activities. As a result youth are hanging out on the corners with nothing productive to do, which results in fights, robberies, drug selling and drug use.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

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

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

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

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
CS	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/10	DYCD	<i>Youth workforce development</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	
2/10	DYCD	<i>After school programs</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	
10/10	DSNY	<i>Youth workforce development</i>	<i>Other youth workforce development requests</i>	



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Emergency service delivery (including rapid response)

Increase the 41st precinct's funds for enhanced personnel throughout the entire district due to the increase in foot traffic: new housing developments and city agencies Human Resources Administration (HRA) clients and employees (2600 people daily) moving into the district.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

- Increase the 41st precinct's funds for enhanced personnel throughout the entire district due to the increase in foot traffic: new housing developments and city agencies Human Resources Administration (HRA) clients and employees (2600 people daily) moving into the district. -Purchase Body Cameras for all officers in the 41st Precinct patrolling the community. - Increase funds for enhanced school safety personnel - Increase Park Enforcement Patrol Agents Within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/10	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	
9/10	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional school safety officers	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Water runoff and flooding

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

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

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

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
CS	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	

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Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Affordable housing programs

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

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

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

Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
CS	NYCHA	Public housing upgrades or renovations	Install recycling facilities at NYCHA developments	Stebbins - Hewitt Consolidation

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Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Traffic enforcement

Provide NYPD Traffic Control Agents on Southern Blvd & East 163 St & Hunt's Point Ave; intersections of Bruckner Boulevard and Hunts Point, Southern Boulevard and Longwood Avenue.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/8	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or provide new street lights	
5/8	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Longwood Ave Bruckner Blvd
CS	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Hunts Point Peninsula

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
8/10	NYCTA	Transit Service	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Park care and maintenance

NYC EDC install Greenway Islands on Hunts Point Avenue and Garrison Avenue however there was not plan to clean the islands other than just handing it over to Parks Department. Parks department personnel in the district is at a bare minimum and more staffing is needed.

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

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

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/8	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
2/8	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Drake Park African Burial Groun
4/8	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Baretto Point Park
6/8	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Printer's Park
7/8	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Hunts Point Recreation Center
8/8	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Hunts Point Library

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
5/10	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	
7/10	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	

6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Bronx Community Board 2 Capital Requests

Bronx Community Board 2 submitted 8 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority / Continued Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/8	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funding to enhance the Green-way in CB2 to include two high priority items: (1) the development of the unused DOS Marine Transfer Station on Farragat Avenue for use as a "Seaport" attraction and establish a harbor pier patrol site and Water Taxi Stop. (2) Create a Boardwalk promenade along the waterfront parallel to the Green-way with benches and trees		
2/8	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Develop Drake Park African Burial Ground as a historical site and cultural center	Drake Park African Burial Groun	NYS Senator Klein, NYS Senator Diaz, Sr.; NYS Assembly Member Crespo
3/8	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Install LED Street Lighting throughout the District. - Intersections with Bruckner Blvd: Barretto St., Tiffany St., Longwood Ave., and E. 156th St. - Intersection Garrison and Barretto Street & Manida Street; Lafayette and Barretto Street & Manida - Southern Boulevard between Westchester Avenue and 167th Street - Westchester Avenue between Intervale Avenue and Southern Boulevard -Whitlock Ave from Westchester Ave to E 165th St. - Install LED Lighting at Bill Rainey Park Corridor next to park house (Interior and Exterior)		NYS Senator Jeffrey Klein, NYS Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr.; NYS Assembly Member Marcos Crespo, NYC HRA
4/8	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Develop the land parallel to Baretto Point Park into a playing field that can be use for Soccer, Football, La Cross and Track and Field.	Baretto Point Park	
5/8	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Install left turn signal light from Longwood Ave onto Bruckner Blvd.	Longwood Ave Bruckner Blvd	
6/8	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Complete Printers Park Phase III	Printer's Park	
7/8	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	The Hunts Point Recreation center is in need of an upgrade and the space should be better development to meet more needs of the community as a whole.	Hunts Point Recreation Center	NYS Senator Klein, NYS Senator Diaz; NYS Assembly Member Crespo

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8/8	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Community Board #2 requests the complete renovation of the Hunts Point Library, including the renovation of the presently unused 3rd floor of the library. This is a heavily used branch and needs an upgrade of its building systems, windows etc. as well as additional computers and other materials for use by the community.	Hunts Point Library	
CS	DOT	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	The entire Hunts Point Peninsula (10474) is in need of road resurfacing. Also the Southern Boulevard BID boundaries is in need of resurfacing	Hunts Point Peninsula	NYS Senator Jeffrey Klein, NYS Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr.; NYS Assembly Member Marcos Crespo, Southern Boulevard BID
CS	DEP	Build new, expand or repair storm sewers	When there is a rain storm there are certain locations in the district in which flooding is common due to: 1. No Catch Basins 2. Clogged Catch Basins		NYS Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr.; NYS Assembly Member Marcos Crespo
CS	DOE	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	Public schools in the community such as IS 217 are in need of new furniture and remodeling of class rooms. These schools share space with Charter Schools and when you tour the school you can tell the difference between the quality of furniture and class rooms from Public School floors vs Charter School floors.		NYS Senator Diaz, Sr.; NYS Assembly Member Crespo
CS	NYCHA	Install recycling facilities at NYCHA developments	The Stebbins - Hewitt Consolidation has no recycling system in place.	Stebbins - Hewitt Consolidation	NYS Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr.; NYS Assembly Member Marcos Crespo

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Bronx Community Board 2 Expense Requests

Bronx Community Board 2 submitted 10 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/10	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	Community Board #2 is requesting an increase in funding for the SYEP Program and the expansion of the number of slots available for the Summer of 2017.		
2/10	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	Increase funding for after school programs and summer day camp programs operated by Community Based organizations.		
3/10	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	Provide Traffic Control Agents in high traffic intersections within the district. This includes but not limited to Southern Blvd and Hunts Point Ave; Bruckner Blvd and Hunts Point Ave; Baretto Street and Longwood Ave, Westchester Ave and Southern Blvd.		NYS Assembly Member Marcos Crespo; NYS Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr.
4/10	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	Increase funding for Senior Services within the community board including , recreational and educational programs, Meals on Wheel, Senior Day Care programs, and restore HEAP Program along with general food pantries.		
5/10	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Increase funding to fix the increasing number of broken sidewalks as a result of tree growth in the community.		
6/10	DOHMH	Reduce mosquito populations	Implement an ongoing mosquito and pest control initiative through the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to address the infestation of bedbugs, rats, cockroaches, and mosquito in light of the threat of Zika virus which is spread by mosquitos.		
7/10	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Increase Park Enforcement Patrol Agents Within Community District #2 (Every community board should have its own deployment unit: 1 Sgt. and 6-8 Officers)		NYS Senator Klein, NYS Senator Diaz; NYS Assembly Member Crespo
8/10	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	Provide funding for a new Express Bus service from Hunts Point to Manhattan.		
9/10	NYPD	Assign additional school safety officers	Increase funds for enhanced school safety personnel - There has been an increase in youth on youth violence, which is more commonly occurring after school. Increasing School Safety Officers will assist the 41pct officers which are run thin because there has been an increase in foot traffic in Hunts Point due to HRA moving in (2600 new people in the community).		NYS Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr.; NYS Senator Marcos Crespo

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10/10	DSNY	<i>Other youth workforce development requests</i>	<i>Increase funding to support the DOE Fund and Wildcat Services clean up initiatives presently active in Community District #2. This will help remove garbage from the increasing number of islands that have been built on the streets in the district and along the busy commercial corridors in Community Board #2.</i>		