

Fiscal Year 2017 Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

for

Manhattan Community Board 2

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INTRODUCTION

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and the Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter requirements and an integral part of the City's budget process. When developed through informed planning and careful consideration, CD Needs Statements and Budget Requests can play an important role in consultations of community boards with agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. These tools also provide a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and are used by a wide audience seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

This year, for the first time, community boards electronically submitted a CD Needs Statement combined with their Budget Requests. The goal of these improvements is to simplify preparation of both documents for the community boards and to make the information community boards provide more easily accessible for City agencies and other stakeholders. Simplified and more efficient processes will allow all parties involved in the budget process to consider budget decisions more thoroughly, with better results for all New Yorkers.

This report represents Manhattan Community Board 2's Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the Community Board which is displayed in italics.

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 them into a browser.

1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Manhattan Community Board 2 provided the following overview of their district:

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

Although the population in Community Board 2 has decreased slightly since the 2000 census, the recent rezoning of Hudson Square will increase our population by several thousand residents in the coming years. In addition, we have five major universities - New York University, the New School, the Cooper Union, Hebrew Union College, and Cardozo Law School - that add a substantial non-permanent population to our neighborhoods. Several of these institutions are currently in the midst of expansion, with proposals to add many thousand more undergraduate residents to our district, along with additional full time faculty and classrooms that will increase the number of day visitors. 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 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. Median income for Districts 1 and 2 combined for the period 2007-2009 was \$104,305.

D. Housing

In recent years, the median monthly rent in District 2 ascended to the highest in the City to \$1,691. Rental units that are rent-regulated are 54.6%, and more than 1,300 buildings are registered with rent-stabilized units. District 2's rank in severe overcrowding rate in rental unit conditions has been elevated from twenty-eight in the City to nineteen. We think that we are losing affordable housing stock, and fear that this will depress our middle class population, that is essential to a healthy, diverse community.

E. Tourism/Visitors

Within the boundaries of Community District 2 are some of the most popular tourist attractions in New York City, with millions of tourists visiting the restaurants and cafes of Little Italy and Chinatown, the galleries and boutiques of SoHo, the jazz clubs and Off-Broadway theaters of Greenwich Village, as well as burgeoning nightlife, night club and cabaret spots of the entire area. A weekend evening stroll through the Meatpacking and waterfront districts in the west, along West 4th Street and Bleecker St. toward the east, through SoHo and Chinatown in the south and on the western edge of the Bowery from Houston to 14th St reveals the nightlife that is attracting record numbers of tourists.

A walk through our landmark districts is an historic delight with many well-preserved buildings dating back to the early part of the nineteenth century. We see many groups conducting walking tours in our neighborhoods, telling stories about our immigrant, arts, and bohemian history. Tour buses travel through our small streets, obstructing pedestrian and bicycle passage as well as emergency access and deliveries, damaging our vulnerable infrastructure, idling and spewing dangerous emissions.

Our street trash baskets are often overflowing, especially on the weekends, and it is up to our citizens and merchant associations to supplement the Department of Sanitation pick-ups. We require more police presence to manage the crowds. The parks in our district require more maintenance because they are not just the outdoor space for our residents, but also appeal to visitors who are looking for a pleasant stop on their way through our district. The High Line Park alone has attracted millions of visitors since its opening three and a half years ago. Tourists are extremely welcome in our neighborhoods. They provide a significant clientele for our small businesses and cultural institutions. However, the influx of thousands of people on a daily basis puts a severe strain on our infrastructure and resources, and these additional needs are not adequately addressed in the budget allocations.

3. MAIN ISSUES

As part of this year's process, community boards were asked to select from a list the three most pressing issues facing their district. Manhattan Community Board 2 identified the following three issues:

- Schools
- Neighborhood preservation
- Parks

Manhattan Community Board 2 provided the following explanation for their choices:

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION: CB2 has expressed deep concern about the transformation of SoHo from a special mixed use area to one dominated by large retail stores, often many times larger than 10,000 square feet, and often allowed by DOB without the required special permits. Due to this transformation that favors large "high credit" chain stores, many parts of SoHo have already lost their attractiveness for specialty retail, galleries, residential and office uses for which the area is known. Circumventing the Special Permit process allows large stores to be established without demonstrating a lack of harm to neighborhood character and to conforming uses in the area.

SCHOOLS: Although overall population in our district has decreased slightly, there has been an explosion of children in our public schools, all of which are over capacity and have more kindergartners than 5th graders. We are thrilled that in March 2014, NYC finally took possession from NYS of the building at 75 Morton St. for conversion to a public middle school and a much smaller self-contained school for children who need special education. However, CB2 also is committed to ensuring that the NYC SCA exercises its option to build a school on the Bleecker St. site. Per CB2's demographic analysis and projections developed, we have shown a strong need for 600 public school seats at this site. Finally, the rezoning of Hudson Square will require additional school seats. While there are plans to build a school at Duarte Square, it may accommodate only the new residents of the rezoning and would not alleviate the preexisting dearth of school seats in the District.

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 NYC standard of 2.5 acres is an unobtainable goal. While we recognize that important progress has been made in recent years, it has 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 recently, which add to the pressure on our parks and the need for more open space, particularly those in which active recreation will be possible.

4. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS

Community Boards were asked to identify their district's needs related to the following seven policy areas:

- Health Care and Human Services;
- Youth, Education and Child Welfare;
- Public Safety;
- Core Infrastructure and City Services;
- Land Use, Housing and Economic Development;
- Transportation; and
- Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities.

Based on the needs identified, community boards then had the opportunity to make budget requests to address these needs.

The following sections describe the specific needs and budget requests of Manhattan Community Board 2 for FY 2017.

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Programs, services or facilities for seniors

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

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 facilitie

Community District Needs and Requests

4.1.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this need category.

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

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

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following Budget Requests:

Budget Requests are listed for informational purposes only. OMB maintains the definitive list that may have more updated information on request for agencies, published in its Register.

Capital Requests related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers (as provided by the Community Board)
Priority numbers apply to capital budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.1. of this document. CS in the priority column indicates the Board's Continued Support for a fully or partially funded project.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
17	DFTA	Facilities for seniors	Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors	Allocate funds for an adult day care center in Chinatown for elders with dementia. This is particularly important for the Chinese elders because families are especially hesitant to bring to residential care even the poorest and oldest elders who are no longer able to care for themselves (especially those with Alzheimer and other dementias). Day care is often provided by people who are elderly themselves or by children and youth. A day care center would benefit family members of all ages, as well as seniors and reduce elder abuse and institutionalization among this vulnerable group.	Chinatown	

Expense Requests related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers (as provided by the Community Board)
Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Prior	ty Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
15	DFTA	Elder abuse programs	Enhance elder abuse programs	As noted on the DFTA website, a recent NYS study found a dramatic gap between the rate of elder abuse events reported by older New Yorkers and the number of cases referred to and served in the formal elder abuse service system. We feel that the agency should more proactively seek to identify seniors who may be victims of abuse and more agressively educate our senior population and the population as a whole regarding the services that are available.		

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

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

Expense Requests related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers (as provided by the Community Board)
Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority 09	Agency DFTA	Need Services for homebound older adults	Request Other services for homebound older adults programs	Request Explanation Fund programs that allow the elderly to function in the community, such as senior centers, daily meal delivery, Village Visiting Neighbors, Assisted Living, etc. 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.	Location	Supporters Village Visiting Neighbors
30	DFTA	Services for homebound older adults	Increase transportation services capacity	Allocate funds to provide supplemental transit for senior citizens who need to get to a hospital. With the closing of St. Vincent's Hospital, an additional burden has been placed on residents of Community District 2 to get to a hospital when necessary. This burden falls most heavily on our senior citizens. We feel that funds should be allocated to transport these individuals to hospitals in non-emergency situations (i.e. when an ambulance should not be called), but when Access-A-Ride would not be a viable option.		

4.1.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this need category.

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

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

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following Budget Requests:

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Expense Requests related to Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
10 DYCD	Outreach to LGBTQ Youth	Fund Outreach to LGBTQ Youth by Increasing Funding for The Door	Thousands of LGBTQ youth find our neighborhood more accepting than most, and many need help with HIV and other problems that they are unable or unwilling to secure in their home neighborhoods. In addition, educational and vocational needs are often unmet, resulting in hostility and distress among the youth as well as our residents. Increased support for groups that help these youth is needed. We applaud DYCD's Family Therapy Intervention Pilot.	The Door 555 Broome Street	

4.2. Youth, Education and Child Welfare Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Other

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

Community District 2 needs additional school seats. Although overall population in our district has decreased slightly, there has been an explosion of children in our public schools, all of which are over capacity and have more kindergartners than 5th graders. We are happy that in March 2014, NYC finally took possession from NYS of the building at 75 Morton St. for conversion to a public middle school and a much smaller self-contained school for children who need special education. However, CB2 also is committed to ensuring that the NYC SCA exercises its option to build a school on the Bleecker St. site. Per CB2's demographic analysis and projections, we have shown a strong need for 600 public school seats at this site. Finally, the rezoning of Hudson Square will require additional school seats. While there are plans to build a school at Duarte Square, it may accommodate only the new residents of the rezoning and would not alleviate the preexisting dearth of school seats in the District.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.2.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

Supporting materials that were provided by the Community Board can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) into a browser.

https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=DFCF7CC2-970E-4628-9B66-4412B25D2327

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The Community Board submitted the following Budget Requests:

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Capital Requests related to Educational Facilities and Programs (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
01	SCA	Schools and educational facilities	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Allocate funds for the Bleecker Street School. Taking into account the demographic analysis and projections developed by Community Board 2, thanks to a grant from Council Member Chin, we have shown that there is a strong need for 600 public school seats at the Bleecker School and we request the funding of the Bleecker School in the School Construction Authority's next five year Capiatl Plan.	Bleecker Street School 130 Bleecker Street	

4.2. Youth, Education and Child Welfare Needs and Requests

4.2.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Capital Requests related to Educational Facilities and Programs (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to capital budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.1. of this document. CS in the priority column indicates the Board's Continued Support for a fully or partially funded project.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
16	SCA	Schools and educational facilities	Provide new, expand, or upgrade other school facilities, such as playgrounds, libraries, or athletic fields, technology	Allocate funds for NYC iSchool Green Roof Program.		

Expense Requests related to Educational Facilities and Programs (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by t Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
11	DOE	Educational programs	Other educational programs requests	Allocate funds for increased arts education, faculty and classrooms in our service area's public schools. Two recent studies, one by the NYC Comptroller ("State of the Arts") and the other by the Manhattan Borough President ("ArtsForward"), identified deficiencies in arts programs in public schools. While some funds were allocated in FY 2015, we ask the City to baseline that and provide additional funding to hire more dedicated arts faculty and provide adequate infrastructure for arts education.		

4.2.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this need category.

4.2. Youth, Education and Child Welfare Needs and Requests

4.2.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following Budget Requests:

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Expense Requests related to Youth and Community Services and Programs (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
26	DYCD	Runaway and homeless youth	Other runaway and homeless youth requests	Fund a shelter for homeless youth, particularly those who are LGBTQ, where they are safe, respected, counseled, and cared for, becoming healthy and productive adults. LGBT youth need a shelter where they are safe from those who would harm them.		
22	DYCD	Runaway and homeless youth	Other runaway and homeless youth requests	Fund adolescent crisis shelter program and group home for cross-dressing youth. Community District 2 attracts many lesbian and gay homeless youth from throughout the City. We are requesting funding for a full service crisis shelter and funding for a group home to be specifically committed to provide safe and appropriate services to gay and lesbian, cross-dressing adolescents.		
21	DYCD	Runaway and homeless youth	Other runaway and homeless youth requests	Fund a "Safe Space" Shelter Program for homeless transgender individuals in the NYC Shelter System. Transgendered individuals are special targets for abuse and violence within the shelter system as constituted now and require separate facilities.		

4.3. Public Safety Needs and Requests

Main Issue

QUALITY OF LIFE: Community Board 2 has restructured the committee that was previously called Environment, Public Health and Public Safety, to be the Quality of Life Committee, in order to help the Board to be more responsive to problems being experienced by district residents.

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

The most frequent quality of life complaints relate to noise from various sources, including bars, clubs and restaurants that generate unruly crowds, produce excessively loud amplified sound, and/or have exterior HVAC systems that generate noise levels in excess of code limits. Another source is construction activity, especially when the Department of Buildings authorizes extended daytime hours and weekend hours for projects that are adjacent to residential uses in violation of the department's own rules for issuing such permits. Yet another is unregulated engines, on vehicles like food trucks, which produce noxious fumes as well as excessive noise.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.3.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Policing and Crime

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this need category.

Supporting materials that were provided by the Community Board can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) into a browser.

https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=ECEC32B7-95F8-4307-858D-CA38734150E8

Quality of Life (FY 17)

The Community Board submitted the following Budget Requests:

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Expense Requests related to Policing and Crime (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
25	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional uniformed officers	Allocate funds for the Community Affairs offices of the local precincts to restore and support community policing efforts, such as block watches. Engaging residents in activities, such as community patrols and block watches can supplement the efforts of NYPD officers and enhance both safety and quality of life for the community as a whole. Funding is needed so that Community Affairs officers can revive such programs and provide the training and oversight that they require. Such engagement would also foster mutual understanding and good relations between residents and police officers.		

4.3. Public Safety Needs and Requests

4.3.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Policing and Crime

Expense Requests related to Policing and Crime (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
24	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	Allocate funds to conduct a pilot program using marked and unmarked police motorcycles and scooters to enforce distracted driving laws. Distracted driving, including inattention from increased mobile phone calling, texting and use of other electronic devices while driving, has become one of the major causes of auto collisions, injuries and fatalities. A Western Australian Police program utilizing marked and unmarked motorcycles moving easily through congested traffic reports significant success in ticketing drivers using mobile phones, reduction in mobile phone use while driving, and catching other driving offenses		
04	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Other NYPD staff resources requests	Allocate funds to improve training for traffic enforcement agents to make pedestrian safety their highest priority.		
28	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	Allocate Funds to Provide an Increased and Continuous Police Presence Along the Bleecker Street Corridor (between LaGuardia Place and Sixth Avenue) and in the Gansevoort/14th Street area during the late evening and early morning hours. CB 2 is concerned about quality-of-life issues stemming from the increase in nightlife activity in these areas. In particular, there has been a steady stream of noise complaints from problem bars along Bleecker and Macdougal Streets.	Bleecker/Macdou gal & Meatpacking District	

4.3.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Emergency Services

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this need category.

4.4. Core Infrastructure and City Services Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Noise pollution

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

The most frequent quality of life complaints in CD2 relate to noise from various sources, including bars, clubs and restaurants that generate unruly crowds, produce excessively loud amplified sound, and/or have exterior HVAC systems that generate noise levels in excess of code limits. Another source is construction activity, especially when the Department of Buildings authorizes extended daytime hours and weekend hours for projects that are adjacent to residential uses in violation of the department's own rules for issuing such permits. Yet another is unregulated engines, on vehicles like food trucks, which produce noxious fumes as well as excessive noise.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.4.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following Budget Requests:

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Expense Requests related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
12	DEP	Environmental protection	Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs	Allocate funds to hire additional enforcement agents to respond to the growing number of noise complaints. Community Board 2 has the second highest number of noise complaints in Manhattan. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) needs to hire additional enforcement agents so they can do more than respond to a call made to "311." When a hot spot is identified, DEP should proactively send enforcement agents into the area to address the problem.		

4.4. Core Infrastructure and City Services Needs and Requests

4.4.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Sanitation Services

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following Budget Requests:

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Expense Requests related to Sanitation Services (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
29	DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Allocate funds to increase litter patrol and basket pick-up in CD 2. Keeping the streets clean is a primary goal of the Department of Sanitation. Consequently, CB 2 strongly urges the Department to allocate funds to increase the litter patrol and basket pick-up throughout the district, especially on the weekends.		
27	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	Allocate funds to expand the program for residential and commercial composting in Community District 2. Residents of CD2 were pioneers in the recycling movement, and Community Board 2 urges the Department of Sanitation to expand its composting program in our district.		

Main Issue

Zoning review and enforcement, and code enforcement

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

CB2 has expressed deep concern about the transformation of SoHo from a special mixed use area to one dominated by large retail stores, often many times larger than 10,000 sq.ft., and often allowed by DOB without the required special permits. Due to this transformation that favors large "high credit" chain stores, many parts of SoHo have already lost their attractiveness for specialty retail, galleries, residential and office uses for which the area is known. Circumventing the Special Permit process allows large stores to be established without demonstrating a lack of harm to neighborhood character and to conforming uses in the area.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.5.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Land Use

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following Budget Requests:

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Expense Requests related to Land Use (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
13	DCP	Zoning and land use	Other zoning and land use requests	Allocate funds to increase staffing levels so the Landmarks Preservation Commission can respond more efficiently and expeditiously to the concerns and needs of our many landmarked and historic areas. Approximately two-thirds of Community District 2 is designated as historic or landmarked. We recognize and applaud the hiring of six additional staff last year, but request that additional funds be allocated to increase staffing levels even more to facilitate the review of applications and effectively monitor compliance with approvals and check on violations and complaints.		
07	DCP	Zoning and land use	Other zoning and land use requests	Allocate funding for a study of illuminated interior retail and merchandising displays and signage to determine and implement appropriate illumination limits, made necessary due to the introduction of technologies such as large LED panels, LCD screens and other display mechanisms used to project images and messages far from their point of origin, often across public sidewalks and streets, and intruding through nearby windows and into residential units.		

4.5.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Land Use

Expense Requests related to Land Use (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
08	DCP	Zoning and land use	Other zoning and land use requests	CB2 requests that the Department of Buildings allocate funds to initiate a transparent review of its policies and procedures regarding approvals of stores exceeding 10,000 square feet in the M1-5A and M1-5B districts.	SoHo	
31	DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	Expand code enforcement	Allocate funds to increase the number of inspectors employed by the Department of Buildings. Approximately two-thirds of Community District 2 is landmarked. We believe there is a need for additional DOB inspectors to respond to complaints about illegal alterations made without proper approvals by the Landmarks Preservation Commission and complaints about violations of the Building Code.		
02	DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	Expand code enforcement	Allocate funding for the research and drafting of proposed standards and code revisions that would mitigate the negative effects of roof-top and other exterior mechanical equipment. Community Board 2 receives numerous complaints when exterior mechanical equipment is installed that creates unacceptable noise levels in surrounding residences and businesses. More often than not, the problem is discovered only after the equipment is installed, and recourse is complicated and costly. NYC codes should establish standards and procedures, so that the potential negative impacts of such equipment are identified and appropriate solutions are found during the design process and before permits are issued, be they through equipment standards and/or sound attenuation treatments.		

4.5.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Housing Needs and Programming

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following Budget Requests:

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Expense Requests related to Housing Needs and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
01	HPD	Affordable housing programs	Other affordable housing programs requests	Allocate funds to study construction of affordable housing at a City-owned lot (prior water tunnel shaft construction site) on the east side of Hudson Street between Clarkson and West Houston Streets.	Block 581, Lot 45	
23	HPD	Affordable housing programs	Other affordable housing programs requests	Allocate funds for a study for the creation of low to moderate income housing for LGBT families in Manhattan Community District 2. This type of housing is already in other cities, such as Philadelphia, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Portland. Affordable housing should be available to all our residents.		

4.5.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Economic Development

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following Budget Requests:

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Expense Requests related to Economic Development (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
05	DCA	Sidewalk Cafe Enforcement	Allocate funds to hire additional inspectors to work nights and weekends	A major weakness in the enforcement of the sidewalk cafe rules by the Department of Consumer Affairs is the lack of inspectors working regular shifts on the weekends and at night when many violations occur. These are peak sidewalk caf times and it is imperative that DCA has inspectors in the field at these times. Many of the complaints we receive regarding sidewalk cafes pertain to illegal activity at these times.		

Main Issue

Traffic safety

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

In a walking community like CB 2, with a populace that spends much of its time out and about on the streets, the City must continue to encourage improvements for pedestrian and alternative transportation modes with emphasis on design and regulation of streets, including traffic calming approaches and more pedestrian-oriented redesign of complex intersections, lighting and directional information for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic, improved safety, enforcement, added bicycle parking both on sidewalks and in selected street spaces. Facilitation of pedestrian and bicycle movements and access between the six major subway lines, bus routes, hospitals, commercial districts, open space, schools, universities, historic districts and residential communities, also needs to be pursued.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.6.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

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https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=4FBA63E6-D6F0-4B02-A474-191CB9C7CC1C

Traffic & Transportation (DNS FY 17)

The Community Board submitted the following Budget Requests:

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Capital Reguests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
14	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Resurface roads or repair potholes	Allocate funds to reset Belgian blocks in and around streets in all of CD2's historic districts. This priority is in conformance with Section 693B-3.0 of the NYC Administrative Code. Current conditions are not only a blight to the historical area, but also hazardous to pedestrians. The agency previously said it would try to accommodate within existing resources.	Meatpacking District, West Village, SoHo, NoHo	Perry Street Block Association

4.6.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Capital Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
CS	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Resurface roads or repair potholes	Allocate funds to repair and replace Belgian blocks on Wooster Street between Houston and Canal Streets. This street, part of the SoHo Historic District, is in very poor condition, with many Belgian blocks either damaged or missing. The street's structural base has deteriorated, which affects the Belgian blocks, and a full reconstruction is badly needed. This not only blights a historically important area, but also poses a danger to pedestrians	Wooster Street Houston Street Canal Street	
07	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Allocate funds for traffic safety improvements at the intersection of Waverly Pl., Christopher and Grove Sts., including neckdowns, sidewalk extensions, daylighting, stop signs, and improved directional signage. Lack of visibility, wide crossings, illegal parking, and pedestrians crossing in multiple paths create danger and confusion for both pedestrians and drivers at this complex, irregular intersection.	Intersection of Waverly Place, Christopher and Grove Streets	
12	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Resurface roads or repair potholes	Allocate funds to repair the area between 9th Avenue and Route 9A on 14th Street with Belgian blocks. The restoration of these streets would be in keeping with the historic nature of the area. Belgian blocks should be restored where they are missing and/or damaged. Current condition is hazardous to pedestrians. The agency previously said it would try to accommodate within existing resources.	Meatpacking District	

4.6.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Capital Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
CS	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Allocate funds for slow zone enhancements around schools in Community District 2. Traffic safety is paramount for everyone, but especially around our schools. A West Village Slow Zone has been approved, but enhancements have not yet materialized. While CB2 looks forward to the comprehensive DOT plan for Slow Zones and Complete Streets, we simultaneously request slow zone early action improvements (which flow into the larger plan), such as signage, painting, speed bumps, rumble strips and other traffic calming features immediately around all our schools in the Slow Zone location.		P.S. 41
11	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Allocate funds to improve the pedestrian environment, minimizing vehicular use and using a more holistic approach to integrating bus priority, walking, and bicycling through design and construction on Broadway between 14th Street and Canal Street. Although the bus bump-outs appear to be working in allowing several buses to stop at once and accommodate both locals and tourists, a less piecemeal approach aimed at reducing traffic and integrating alternate transportation modes can create a more functional, people-friendly and less congested corridor. A pilot program is requested, similar to the one on Market Street in San Francisco, where most cars are being banned, while retaining mu	Broadway 14th Street Canal Street	
10	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads	Allocate funds to widen the sidewalk along the full south side of Houston St. between Crosby and Lafayette Sts., matching the width of the sidewalks bulbout at that blocks east end. The narrow sidewalk, further constricted by two subway stairs, hinders pedestrian passage and causes heavy pedestrian congestion, forcing walkers on the sidewalk into the street, threatening their safety.	Houston Street (between Crosby and Lafayette Streets)	Broadway Residents Coalition

4.6.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Capital Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board)

P	riority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
0)5	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Allocate funds to study and institute safety improvements at 7th Ave. S., Carmine, Varick and Clarkson Sts. intersection, including neckdowns, traffic signal changes and repositioning, daylighting, lane reconfiguration, and other geometric improvements. Excessively long pedestrian crossings, poor visibility, motorists driving on the sidewalk, gridlock, blocked crosswalks, hazardous turning movements, intermittent speeding, irregularly angled design and chaotic Holland Tunnel-bound traffic create exceptionally dangerous conditions for the many pedestrians (residential, working, tourists/ seniors and children) using this area. A promised improvement plan presentation is awaited.	See explanation	Hudson Square BID
1	3	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Resurface roads or repair potholes	Allocate funds to repair Gansevoort and Little West 12th Streets between 9A and 8th Avenue with Belgian blocks. (This Action Should Be Coordinated With the Capital Phase of the 9th Avenue Pedestrian Project.) The restoration of these streets would be in keeping with the historic nature of the area. The Gansevoort, Greenwich Street, Little West 12th Street convergence represents one of the few remaining artistically paved, large Belgian block areas that can best be described as a New York City "Piazza". We are hoping to restore the Belgian blocks, where they are missing and/or damaged, to this historically important area. Current condition is hazardous to pedestrians. The agency previously said it would try to accommodate within existing resources.	Meatpacking District	
C	CS .	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Resurface roads or repair potholes	Continue to allocate funds to remove z-block crosswalks and pave them over with asphalt on Sixth Avenue (Avenue of the Americas) at the intersections of West 4th, West 3rd, Minetta, Bleecker, King, Van Dam, Prince, Spring, Dominick, Broome, Grand, and Watts Streets. These crosswalks are severely degraded and have sunk lower than street level, making them hazardous to crossing pedestrians and an obstacle to the city buses, commercial trucks, garbage trucks, and other vehicles passing through each day. By hitting the dip in the road, these vehicles also cause thunderous noise and shake surrounding buildings.		eet

4.6.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Capital Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to capital budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.1. of this document. CS in the priority column indicates the Board's Continued Support for a fully or partially funded project.

ı	Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
1	.5	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads	Allocate funds for capital replacement of Bluestone and brick pavers on the Avenue of the Americas from Houston to West 14th St. (excluding the Jefferson Market Library and Ruth Wittenberg blocks) with tinted concrete, along with new granite curbs and uniform tree pit treatment. Twenty-six years ago, DOT fully funded a capital improvement project at this locale, including 3-ft. bluestone pavers, curbs, tree pits, storm water catch basins, ramps and other amenities, intending to maintain them, but this was not done. At this point, the bluestone and pavers have severely deteriorated. They are not only unattractive, but with many loose and missing pieces, highly dangerous to pedestrians and obstructive to the conduct of business.	Avenue of the Americas 14th Street Houston Street	Village Alliance BID

Expense Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
19	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Address traffic congestion	Allocate funds to increase enforcement in CD 2 (e.g. traffic policing near the Holland Tunnel, enforcement of idling engine laws and enforcement of motor vehicle laws for trucks and enforcement of distracted driving rules vs. calling and texting on cell phones). CB 2 is hopeful at the prospect that the agency (NYPD) will try to accommodate this enforcement need within existing resources. The need for enforcement near the Holland Tunnel (whose entrance is reported to have the highest concentration of particulate matter in the City) continues to be of great concern, as it is throughout CD 2, in terms to both alleviate congestion (and thereby air pollution) and avoid pedestrian/vehicular, as well as vehicular/vehicular conflicts.		
18	DOT	Transportation infrastructure		Allocate funds to study heavy traffic areas frequented by the elderly and the disabled for the purpose of designating areas for benches.		

4.6.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Expense Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
14	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	•	Allocate funds to install signage, traffic signal changes and other traffic controls at the southeast and southwest corners of Broadway at Houston St. and to increase police enforcement there. Heavy volumes of fast-moving vehicles advancing in several lanes and turning in different directions, as well as delays in left-turning vehicles from the northeast corner of Houston reaching the south side, cause confusion and endanger crossing pedestrians.	SE and SW corners of Broadway and Houston Street	SoHo Alliance

4.6.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Transit Services

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following Budget Requests:

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Capital Requests related to Transit Services (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority A	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
06 N	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Allocate funds to refurbish walls, floors and ceilings in the West 4th Street subway station. This station, the ninth busiest in the City and a major hub for seven subway lines, suffers from peeling walls, leaky ceilings, and broken wall tiles. These conditions not only affect local and transient users but also have negative impacts on Greenwich Village's role as an important center of business, tourism and major institutions and needs to be quickly addressed by the MTA's Station Renewal Program.	West 4th Street Subway Station	Village Alliance

Expense Requests related to Transit Services (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
32 TLC	Taxi Enforcement	Allocate funds to hire additional enforcement agents to address taxi violations in Community District 2	There are many areas in our district, including the Meatpacking District, Bleecker Street area, SoHo, NoHo, Little Italy and Chinatown, that attract a large amount of taxi traffic. We have seen a dramatic increase in the number of complaints about taxi cabs blowing their horns, especially late at night and in the early morning hours, as they cruise the Meatpacking District in search of passengers leaving the late-night clubs. We need more Taxi and Limousine Commission enforcement agents on the street to target violations, particularly noise violations, that adversely impact area residents.		

Main Issue

Park access and park facility access

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

Community Board 2 urges the City to transfer the Elizabeth Street Garden (a through lot from Elizabeth Street to Mott Street between Spring and Prince Sts.) to the Parks Department. Much of CB2's open space is concentrated in Hudson River Park and Washington Square Park, 1.2 miles and 0.9 miles respectively from the Garden, and this part of our district is characterized by long blocks with narrow streets, small apartments that depend on air shafts for light and air, and none of the small neighborhood squares and green spaces that provide respite in other parts of the district. The Elizabeth Street Garden provides a much-loved urban oasis to the least green part of CB2, the only place where grass grows in the densely built blocks from Canal St. to Houston St., from the Bowery to West St.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.7.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

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 or nearly completed renovations at Washington Square, JJ Walker, Seravalli Playground and St. Vincent's Triangle Park, along with needed repairs at the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center. Over the past few years, funding has been approved for new open space at Duarte Square and for streetscapes within Hudson Square. Funding and design work has progressed for upgrades at Father Fagan Park, DeSalvio Playground, Little Red Square, Jackson Square, and SoHo Square, though progress on the work to renovate these parks has been slow to be start. 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 also need to renew focus on obtaining funding for repairs at Pier 40. 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.

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01 Elizabeth Street Gardens 2014

The Community Board submitted the following Budget Requests:

4.7.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Capital Requests related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board) Priority numbers apply to capital budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.1. of this document. CS in the priority column indicates the Board's Continued Support for a fully or partially funded project.

Priority 09	Agency DPR	Need Park facilities and access	Request Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility	Request Explanation Allocate funds to renovate 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, Community Board 2 requests that funds be allocated to totally renovate the center.	Location Tony Dapolito Center 3 Clarkson Street	Supporters
20	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground	Allocate funds to renovate Passannante Ballfield on 6th Avenue between Houston and West 3rd Streets. The ball field is showing signs of wear and tear. Portions of the fence are missing. Portions of the fence are in disrepair. Additional fencing is needed to protect neighbors' property.	Passannante Ballfield	
CS	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground	Allocate funds to renovate Jackson Square Park, Including upgrading the pavers, lighting and repainting the fence. Despite significant amounts of money raised by the Jackson Square Alliance to maintain the park, there has been serious deterioration that can only be remedied with a capital upgrade. Some of that includes: insufficient electricity for the holiday lights (at times, an extension cord must be run into nearby buildings); the fountain has a large crack that must be repaired; the drinking fountain and benches are not ADA accessible; the Belgian block pavers have deteriorated creating a tripping hazard; and the perimeter fence is rusting and needs to be repainted.	Jackson Square park	Jackson Square Alliance
02	DPR	Park facilities and access	Provide a new or expanded park or playground	Community Board 2 strongly supports the permanent preservation of the Elizabeth Street Garden in its entirety as a public open, green space and urges the City to transfer jurisdiction over this lot to the Parks Department. (Please see attached resolution.)	Elizabeth Street Garden A through lot from Elizabeth Street to Mott Street between Spring and	Friends of Elizabeth Street Garden

Prince Streets

4.7.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Capital Requests related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board) Priority numbers apply to capital budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.1. of this document. CS in the priority column indicates the Board's Continued Support for a fully or partially funded project.

Priority CS	Agency DPR	Need Park facilities and access	Request Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground	Request Explanation Allocate Funds to Renovate Father Fagan Park. The Department of Parks and Recreation has already shown the community preliminary designs for this park. We fully support the renovation.	Location Father Fagan Park	Supporters
03	DPR	Park facilities and access	Provide a new or expanded park or playground	Allocate funds to design and build a new park on land owned by the NYC Department of Environmental Protection at the corner of Grand and Lafayette Streets. The NYC Department of Environmental Protection purchased this lot with the commitment that it would be turned over to the Department of Parks and Recreation upon completion of work on the new water tunnel shaft to be built there. Work on the shaft is now complete. Community District 2 remains one of the most underserved in both total park area and particularly areas large enough for active recreation. This area has new residential growth and is underserved even by Community District 2 standards.	Cornet of Grand and Lafayette Streets	
CS	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground	Allocate funds to renovate the comfort station in Corporal Seravalli Playground on Horatio Street to ensure complaince with ADA accessibility standards. CB2 supports the accessibility of all our public spaces, including the restrooms in our parks and playgrounds.	Corporal Seravalli Playground	Disabled in Action of Metropolitan New York
19	DPR	Park facilities and access	Provide a new or expanded park or playground	Allocate funds to develop open space in the vicinity of the new school near Duarte Square. The rezoning of Hudson Square will attract thousands of additional residents to the area. The rezoning included a commitment to build a new school adjacent to Duarte Square. Funds should be allocated to develop additional open space in the area to for recreation by the children attending the school.	Duarte Square area	

4.7.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Capital Requests related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board) Priority numbers apply to capital budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.1. of this document. CS in the priority column indicates the Board's Continued Support for a fully or partially funded project.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
18	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground	Request for funds to be allocated for resiliency efforts to shore up the west side of Community District 2 along the Hudson River Park. This is to prevent further storm surge and flood damage to the coast line residences and businesses. The residents and businesses near the Hudson River coastline remain vulnerable to storm surges and flood damage.	Hudson River Park	
CS	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground	Allocate funds to renovate DeSalvio Playground at the corner of Mulberry and Spring Streets. The pavings in the park are in poor condition. The play equipment is outdated. A population shift in the neighborhood has brought many families with young children to the area.	DeSalvio Playground	Friends of DeSalvio Playground
04	DPR	Park facilities and access	Provide a new or expanded park or playground	Allocate funds to design and build a new park on land owned by the NYC Department of Environmental Protection on East 4th Street adjacent to the Merchant's House Museum. The NYC Department of Environmental Protection purchased this lot with the commitment that it would be turned over to the Department of Parks and Recreation upon completion of work on the new water tunnel shaft to be built there. Work on the shaft is complete. This project will protect needed public open space and also add an important amenity for the Merchant's House Museum.	East 4th Street between Bowery and Lafayette Street	

4.7.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Expense Requests related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)
Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
16	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Plant new street trees	Allocate funds to plant three hundred trees in tree pits where trees are missing or dead on streets and in parks and playgrounds within Community District 2. Trees are very important to the quality of life along our heavily trafficked streets. Many trees have died over the years and have not been replaced. This causes trip hazards to pedestrians and creates an unmanaged appearance. Property owners eventually remove the pits causing the loss of a valuable tree location and an additional cost to the City when the tree is replanted.		
20	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility	Allocate funds for the installation of benches in Minetta Green, Minetta Triangle, and Golden Swan. These three luscious oases of green amid our asphalt jungle would be enhanced by benches that allow pedestrians to sit and relax in these enclosures. Some benches have already been installed and have proven very popular. Our request is that more benches be installed.	Minetta Green - Minetta Triangle - Golden Swan Park	
17	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	Allocate funds to increase litter patrol and basket pick-up in CD 2. Keeping the parks and playgrounds clean should be a primary goal of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Consequently, CB 2 strongly urges the Department to allocate funds to increase the litter patrol and basket pick-up throughout the district, especially on the weekends.		

4.7.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following Budget Requests:

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Expense Requests related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
03	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Allocate funds to the arts in CB2. Skyrocketing rents and other increasing expenses have burdened arts organizations across the City. Community District 2 has a large number of such organizations, including independent theaters and arts facilities. These organizations attract many tourists and add to the wonderful cultural tapestry of our district. We urge the City to fund the impact study as defined in the proposed legislation, Intro 419, for a Comprehensive Cultural Plan for the City of New York.		

4.7.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Library Facilities and Programming

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following Budget Requests:

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Capital Requests related to Library Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
08 NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and programs	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Allocate funds to provide ADA accessibility to the landmark-quality Hudson Park branch from the 7th Avenue South entrance, including the creation of an interior ramp and vestibule, installation of a ne elevator, modernization of toilet facilities, and modifications to mechanical and electrical system components required for the installation of the new elevator.	Hudson Park Library	

Expense Requests related to Library Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by t Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
06	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and programs	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Manhattan Community Board 2 recommends retaining the current level of library funding and baselining it to preserve system-wide enhancements, including more librarians, hours, programs and books.	Hudson Park Branch Mulberry Street Branch Jefferson Market Branch	

4.7.4. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Community Boards

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this need category.

5. SUMMARY TABLES OF ALL PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

5.1. Table of All Capital Requests (Prioritized)

Priority No. / Continued Support (CS)	Agency	Need	Request	Policy Area
01	SCA	Schools and educational facilities	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Youth, Education and Child Welfare
02	DPR	Park facilities and access	Provide a new or expanded park or playground	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
03	DPR	Park facilities and access	Provide a new or expanded park or playground	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
04	DPR	Park facilities and access	Provide a new or expanded park or playground	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
05	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Transportation
06	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Transportation
07	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Transportation
08	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and programs	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
09	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
10	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads	Transportation
11	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Transportation
12	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Resurface roads or repair potholes	Transportation
13	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Resurface roads or repair potholes	Transportation
14	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Resurface roads or repair potholes	Transportation
15	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads	Transportation

5.1. Table of All Capital Requests (Prioritized)

Priority No. / Continued Support (CS)	Agency	Need	Request	Policy Area
16	SCA	Schools and educational facilities	Provide new, expand, or upgrade other school facilities, such as playgrounds, libraries, or athletic fields, technology	Youth, Education and Child Welfare
17	DFTA	Facilities for seniors	Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors	Health Care and Human Services
18	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
19	DPR	Park facilities and access	Provide a new or expanded park or playground	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
20	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
CS	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
CS	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Transportation
CS	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Resurface roads or repair potholes	Transportation
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CS	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
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Priority No.	Agency	Need	Request	Policy Area
01	HPD	Affordable housing programs	Other affordable housing programs requests	Land Use, Housing and Economic Development
02	DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	Expand code enforcement	Land Use, Housing and Economic Development
03	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
04	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Other NYPD staff resources requests	Public Safety
05	DCA	Sidewalk Cafe Enforcement	Allocate funds to hire additional inspectors to work nights and weekends	Land Use, Housing and Economic Development
06	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and programs	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
07	DCP	Zoning and land use	Other zoning and land use requests	Land Use, Housing and Economic Development
08	DCP	Zoning and land use	Other zoning and land use requests	Land Use, Housing and Economic Development
09	DFTA	Services for homebound older adults	Other services for homebound older adults programs	Health Care and Human Services
10	DYCD	Outreach to LGBTQ Youth	Fund Outreach to LGBTQ Youth by Increasing Funding for The Door	Health Care and Human Services
11	DOE	Educational programs	Other educational programs requests	Youth, Education and Child Welfare
12	DEP	Environmental protection	Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs	Core Infrastructure and City Services
13	DCP	Zoning and land use	Other zoning and land use requests	Land Use, Housing and Economic Development
14	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or provide new street lights	Transportation
15	DFTA	Elder abuse programs	Enhance elder abuse programs	Health Care and Human Services
16	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Plant new street trees	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
17	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
18	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Install streetscape improvements	Transportation
19	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Address traffic congestion	Transportation
20	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

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Priority No.	Agency	Need	Request	Policy Area
21	DYCD	Runaway and homeless youth	Other runaway and homeless youth requests	Youth, Education and Child Welfare
22	DYCD	Runaway and homeless youth	Other runaway and homeless youth requests	Youth, Education and Child Welfare
23	HPD	Affordable housing programs	Other affordable housing programs requests	Land Use, Housing and Economic Development
24	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	Public Safety
25	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional uniformed officers	Public Safety
26	DYCD	Runaway and homeless youth	Other runaway and homeless youth requests	Youth, Education and Child Welfare
27	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	Core Infrastructure and City Services
28	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	Public Safety
29	DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Core Infrastructure and City Services
30	DFTA	Services for homebound older adults	Increase transportation services capacity	Health Care and Human Services
31	DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	Expand code enforcement	Land Use, Housing and Economic Development
32	TLC	Taxi Enforcement	Allocate funds to hire additional enforcement agents to address taxi violations in Community District 2	Transportation