

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

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Manhattan Community Board 5'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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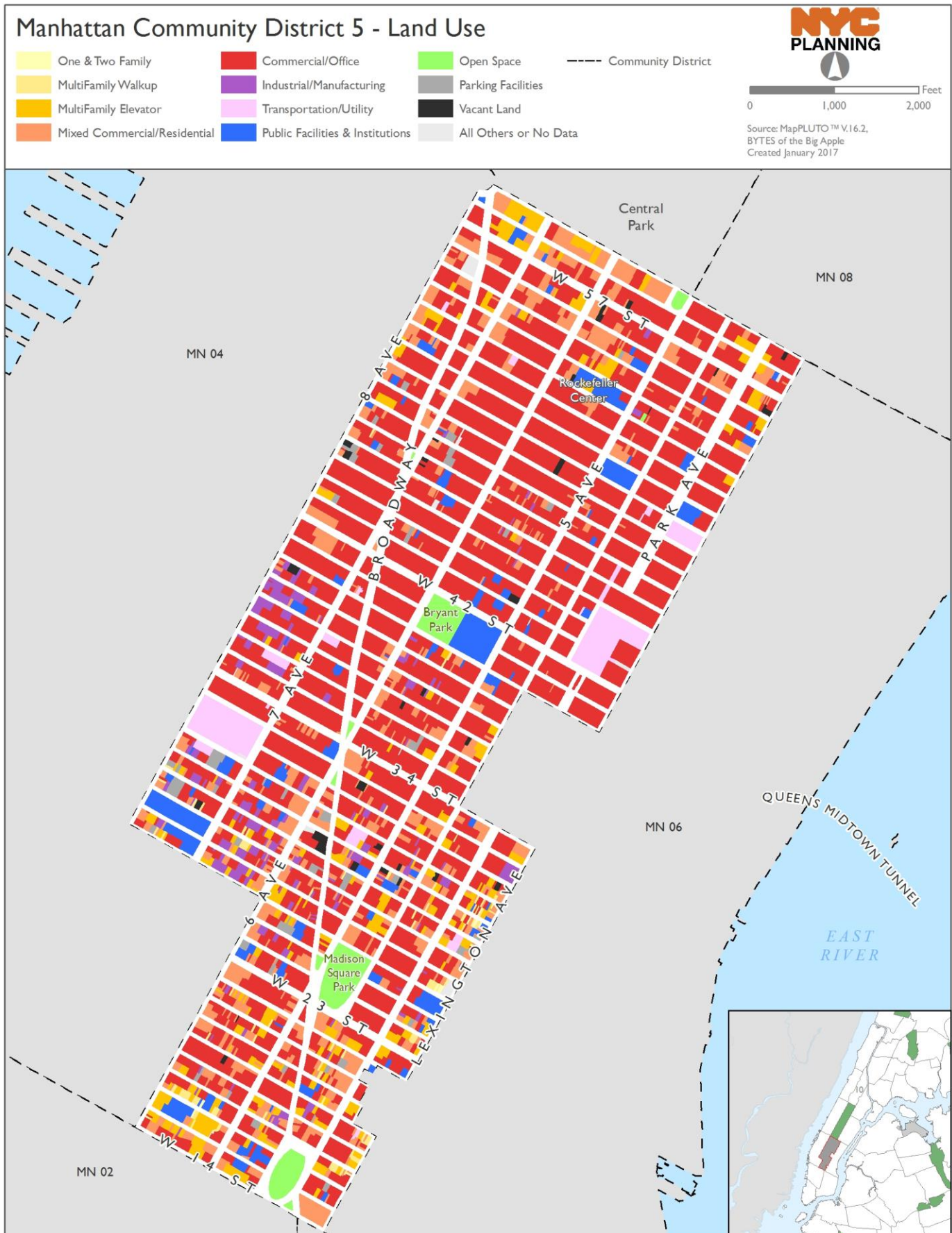
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2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Manhattan Community Board Five (CB5) represents the heart of Manhattan. Its boundaries are largely from Lexington to 8th Avenues and from 14th Street to 59th Street. Encompassing the midtown central business district, it includes world-class cultural institutions and tourist destinations, major universities, retail flagships, major industries and a growing residential population. Taken together, these diverse institutions and groups increasingly place demands upon the district's resources. Though CB5 has the smallest residential population of any of NYC's 59 CBs, it is also among the fastest growing; residential requirements in CB5 frequently are overshadowed as it has the largest business, tourist, entertainment and shopping districts. It encompasses most of NYC's largest transit hubs including Times Square, Grand Central Station, Herald Square, Penn Station, and Union Square; all but three subway lines pass through it, and it handles the majority of pedestrian traffic using the Port Authority Bus Terminal, which sits just outside it's borders. It covers major shopping destinations such as Macy's, Saks, Tiffany's, and Lord & Taylor (to name but a few). Over half of CB5 is covered by BIDs. Tourism is central with the Broadway Theater District, Radio City, Carnegie Hall, Rockefeller Center and innumerable hotels; many of the world's finest restaurants are also in CB5. Three of the most densely utilized parks -- Bryant Park, Madison Square Park and Union Square are in CB5. As a result of these and numerous other unique factors (one of which is the relative attractiveness of CB5 to the homeless), CB5 has unique and substantial budgetary needs.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Manhattan Community Board 5 are:

- *Schools*
- *Social services (including services for the homeless)*
- *Transit (buses & subways)*

As noted in previous years, CB5 urges the city to increase school capacity in the district due to the growth in child population (especially in the 0-5 ranges). Not only did the residential population increase dramatically between 2000 and 2010 (17.4 %), but increases have been especially pronounced among residents ages 0-5 (54.4%) and 5-9 (24.0%). Between 2000 and 2010, the residential population within CB5 has grown substantially at 17.36%. This is far higher than the overall 2.08% citywide rate of residential growth between 2000 and 2010. In addition to capacity needs, we also recommend support of additional programming, enhancements to existing facilities, and support services within existing schools. Our district has immense transportation needs given the dense concentration of businesses and the presence in (or bordering) our district of Grand Central Terminal, Penn Station, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, and 9 of the top 10 busiest subway stations (MTA Annual Ridership by Station Report). Finally, CB5 has become a destination for a variety of homeless populations, and support and facilities to address this problem which impacts CB5 perhaps more than any other CB is critically needed.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

Homeless populations gravitate toward CB5. Though most homeless in CB5 do not originate here, it is nonetheless an issue that impacts CB5 notably. Coupled with homelessness are the mental health and substance abuse factors that are key contributors to homelessness. All of these demand substantial budgetary resources across various services and programs.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Our district's neighborhoods are a major destination for consumers of alcohol and drugs. We have a need for greater resources to proactively treat problems and mitigate the adverse impacts to the neighborhoods of our district. Along with the proposed changes in criminal justice practice, where persons with non-violent offenses and juveniles will be diverted to treatment programs rather than incarceration, there may also be an increase in demands for service in our area. This year we learned that substance abuse services for youth are underutilized, since many programs do not accept persons under the age of 18 years old. Beyond building relationships with service providers, CB5 wants ensure that services are available to meet the existing and emergent needs of our constituents. In 2014, the Governor's office detailed a plan to end the AIDS epidemic in New York State by reducing the number of new HIV infections by 2020. The three pronged approach includes identifying undiagnosed patients and linking them to care, retaining diagnosed patients in care, and prescribing prophylaxis to high risk persons. Data in this plan from NYCDOHMH shows that CB5 ranks high in the city when it comes to the rate of HIV diagnosis.

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

The district has thousands of households that appear to be aging in place. There was a 26.4% increase in the 65+ age population between 2000 and 2010—bringing the district's population to nearly 6,000.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

The district has a growing street homeless levels. For both the street homeless and sheltered homeless, the City must identify pathways to permanent affordable housing for individuals and families. The existing shelter system, along with the emergency shelter program, must be improved to make them a palatable alternative to populations who select to remain on the streets (generally for safety and security reasons), and support services for mental health, substance abuse and placement out of the homeless system are also imperative.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/20	DHS	<i>Facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</i>	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Health Care and Human Services

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
5/39	DHS	<i>Services for the homeless</i>	<i>Other request for services for the homeless</i>	
8/39	DHS	<i>Services for the homeless</i>	<i>Improve safety at homeless shelters</i>	
16/39	HRA	<i>Services for the homeless</i>	<i>Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing</i>	
19/39	DOHMH	<i>Programs to address HIV/AIDS or other infectious diseases</i>	<i>Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services</i>	
22/39	DOHMH	<i>Developmental, mental health and substance abuse prevention programs</i>	<i>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment</i>	
31/39	DFTA	<i>Services for homebound older adults</i>	<i>Enhance home care services</i>	
34/39	DOHMH	<i>Developmental, mental health and substance abuse prevention programs</i>	<i>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment</i>	
38/39	HRA	<i>Domestic violence services</i>	<i>Provide emergency shelter for domestic violence victims</i>	



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare*School and educational facilities (Capacity)*

As noted in previous years, CB5 urges the city to increase school capacity in the district due to the growth in child population (especially in the 0-5 ranges). Not only has the residential population increased dramatically between 2000 and 2010 (17.4 %), but increases have been especially pronounced among residents ages 0-5 (54.4%) and 5-9 (24.0%). While PS 340 (the first public elementary school in our district in at least decades) is a welcome addition, it is imperative that there be better coordination between DCP and SCA planning to ensure residential growth is met with growth in school capacity.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

CB5 requires an increase in school seats, without disrupting current funding levels for existing schools (both traditional public schools and charters). Charter schools may be able to play a role in this so long as they do not displace what would otherwise be zoned schools seats. We also require more adequate for universal pre-k. Lastly, we hope to see improvement in the quality of food available to NYC students. We urge the NYC DOE to go beyond federal standards for acceptable meals, and also remove junk food in vending machines on campuses.

Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

In collaboration with the Department of Education request for increase in after school programs childcare.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

Funding is needed for outreach services for runaway and LGBT teenagers in our district.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
4/20	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate site component</i>	
6/20	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	
7/20	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school</i>	
8/20	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing high school</i>	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
18/39	DYCD	<i>After school programs</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	
20/39	DYCD	<i>Runaway and homeless youth</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance street outreach services</i>	
21/39	ACS	<i>Juvenile justice programs and preventive services</i>	<i>Provide additional juvenile justice programs</i>	
29/39	DOE	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Expand or improve nutritional programs, e.g., school meals</i>	
35/39	DOE	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</i>	
37/39	LPC	<i>Funding</i>	<i>Staffing</i>	
39/39	LPC	<i>Additional Staff</i>	<i>Funding for additional staff</i>	



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances)

CB5 is already a priority zone for law enforcement, counter-terrorism, and crime prevention but we where that additional police resources for vehicular and pedestrian traffic management is mandatory. For instance, increasing traffic personnel beyond rush hour to include most of the afternoon, especially during peak tourism seasons, would help prevent pedestrian accidents, regulate traffic flow and increase the presence of uniformed police to mitigate non-emergency nuisances e.g. pedicab/vendor sidewalk obstruction, CD peddlers and other scams targeted at CB5 due to tourist population. With the uptick in construction-related traffic/pedestrian impediments, CB5 has become more difficult to navigate than ever. Thankfully, NYPD is rolling out a traffic task force for the area and we fully support them in whatever capital or expense resources they will need as a result of thier findings.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

Maintaining levels of highly-skilled NYPD units and increased vigilance on grand larceny. As the highly-congested, prominent tourism hub, Homeland Security, NYPD and Port Authority have already determined that Midtown is an area the requires hyper-vigilance and thus we already have elite trained squads for counterterrorism and the like. Obviously, we believe that this shall remain, but we also understand that the strategic need for those kinds of crime prevention are determined by a coalition of city, state, and federal government and law enforcement agencies. Therefore, we feel for this exercise of budget needs it is more important to drill down on the local compstats. Grand larceny (e.g. pickpockets, street scams, robbery etc) is the largest issue facing CB5 and thus increased funding to combat this issue would be prudent.

Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

Growing community requires adequate emergency services With the many new residential and commercial developments coming online in and on the borders of CB5, the emergency services may become overly burdened as the ratio of person to EMS vehicle changes and the City must be cognizant of this and monitor for any increased budget needs. FDNY has asked for \$280,000 to install additional fire alarms across the city and CB5 supports that request, in addition to their desire for additional funds for more trainings and CPR trainings.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
12/20	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</i>	
14/20	FDNY	<i>FDNY facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests</i>	
CS	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</i>	
CS	FDNY	<i>FDNY facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</i>	



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/39	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional uniformed officers	
4/39	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	
11/39	FDNY	FDNY programs and staffing	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	
17/39	FDNY	FDNY programs and staffing	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	

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

Environmental concerns affecting citizens

To maintain NYC's place in the world of business and tourism, water and air quality are high-priority fundamentals. Everyone who lives, works, or visits the district should benefit from this primary function of government - monitoring, reporting, and improving water and air quality. We do not want to imitate the short-sighted failures in Flint, Michigan.

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Sanitation needs of our district are immense. The district needs significantly improved corner trash pick-up. There is also a need for more recycling and composting bins—especially in the residential sections of the District. Tourism in the city is at record levels, and we need to ensure Times Square and other key tourist destinations are kept at impeccably clean levels.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
11/20	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
9/39	DSNY	<i>Street and lot cleaning</i>	<i>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</i>	
12/39	DEP	<i>Environmental protection</i>	<i>Address air quality issues</i>	
13/39	DSNY	<i>Garbage collection and recycling</i>	<i>Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers</i>	
23/39	DSNY	<i>Garbage collection and recycling</i>	<i>Provide or expand community composting programs</i>	
24/39	DSNY	<i>Street and lot cleaning</i>	<i>Other cleaning requests</i>	
26/39	DEP	<i>Environmental protection</i>	<i>Address air quality issues</i>	
30/39	DEP	<i>Water supply system</i>	<i>Monitor and address water quality issues</i>	
32/39	DSNY	<i>Sanitation Enforcement</i>	<i>Other enforcement requests</i>	
33/39	DSNY	<i>Sanitation Enforcement</i>	<i>Increase enforcement of recycling laws</i>	
36/39	DSNY	<i>Sanitation Enforcement</i>	<i>Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws</i>	<i>12 E 37th St.</i>



Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Affordable housing programs

Between 2000 and 2010, the residential population within CB5 has grown substantially at 17.36%. This is far higher than the overall 2.08% citywide rate of residential growth between 2000 and 2010. The City needs to place a greater focus on the existing housing stock in the District as well as consider how future development can best create a more diverse community in the district. The current affordable housing programs are too focused on "buying" affordable housing from a developer (e.g. through tax exemption or voluntary inclusionary zoning) rather than mandating it as a condition for development. We believe that mandatory inclusionary housing requirements are necessary throughout the district to ensure that new construction affords opportunities for low-income and middle-income households.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

1. New Housing Affordable to a Wide Range of Household Incomes—From Central Park South to Union Square, the district is becoming an increasingly desirable place to live. This demand for housing stock in our district can have resulted in a significant increase in residential development, some of which is creating affordable housing units through the Inclusionary Housing Program. Unfortunately, the existing R10 Inclusionary Program is flawed in that it requires far too little affordable housing for the enormous benefit granted in the form of a zoning bonus. The City must alter the ratios to ensure that much more permanently affordable housing is created when new construction occurs.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Our economy is increasingly bifurcated—with high wage financial services, corporate, law, consulting and tech jobs on the one hand, and low-wage retail and service jobs on the other hand. There needs to be careful consideration of how all city policies impact the economic wellbeing of the diverse members of the community. It is important to CB5 that our city's economic policy support a diversified economy within our district. One means of achieving this goal is ensuring that land use policies allow for the growth and flourishing of industries with living-wage jobs in fashion, light manufacturing and other sectors currently using the Class B and Class C office stock of the district.

Workforce Development—The City should identify and pursue policies that enable low-wage workers (thousands of which are in our district) and the unemployed to meet the workforce needs in the city. The City should identify and pursue policies that enable our District workforce to develop skills that employers seek, to improve their career progression and income mobility - and for the lower wage workforce whose numbers are considerable - to enhance their economic stability. This includes the City adopting the principles and recommendations of the Mayor's Jobs for New Yorkers Task Force including the following:

1. Establish Career Pathways as the framework for the City's workforce system;
2. Launch or expand Industry Partnerships in six sectors: healthcare, technology, industrial/ manufacturing, construction, retail and food service;
3. Invest in bridge programs that prepare low-skill jobseekers for entry-level work and middle-skill job training;
4. Triple the City's training investment in career-track, middle-skill occupations, including greater support for incumbent workers who are not getting ahead;
5. Improve and expand CTE and college preparedness programs, adjust CUNY's alternative credit policy, and invest in career counseling;
6. Increase work-based learning opportunities for youth and high-need jobseeker;
7. Create a standard that recognizes high-road employers who have good business practices;
8. Improve the conditions of low-wage work by expanding access to financial empowerment resources and pursuing legislative changes such as increasing the minimum wage;
9. Maximize local job opportunities through the City's contracts and economic development investments

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
9/20	HPD	Affordable housing programs	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	
15/20	HPD	Economic development investments	Improve streetscapes in business districts to attract / encourage commercial activity, e.g., lighting, sidewalk improvements	218 Madison Ave

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
6/39	DCP	Zoning and land use	Other zoning and land use requests	
10/39	DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	Expand code enforcement	
15/39	SBS	Direct business services	Provide commercial lease education, resources and access to pro-bono lawyers	
25/39	SBS	Workforce development	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	
27/39	HPD	Housing oversight and emergency programs	Other housing oversight and emergency programs	



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Other/All mass transit systems, infrastructure and services, as well as street safety and traffic congestion are critical in CB5.

Our district has immense transportation needs given the dense concentration of businesses and the presence in (or bordering) our district of Grand Central Terminal, Penn Station, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, and 9 of the top 10 busiest subway stations (MTA Annual Ridership by Station Report). Pedestrian traffic is also a major concern in CB5. Our district has a high traffic flow with several complex intersections which are in need of improved traffic safety as evidenced by high annual collision rates, poor pedestrian safety and several conflicting traffic patterns. The district needs improved funding for traffic planning operations to reduce congestion and improve traffic and pedestrian safety including traffic calming.

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Conditions on the 4/5/6 lines are extremely overburdened and the City and MTA must find ways to alleviate overcrowding to support a more efficient flow of riders.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/20	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	
3/20	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	
5/20	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	
10/20	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	
13/20	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Upgrade or create new plazas	Broadway 17th Street 59th Street
16/20	DEP	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	
19/20	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/39	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Other traffic improvements requests	
14/39	NYCTA	Transit Service	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Park care and maintenance

For parks and plazas managed by not-for-profit and for-profit entities, the City needs to ensure greater maintenance and benefits for the public. Parks—Privately managed parks are an important feature of the district. There is a need to maximize use of public spaces for recreational use by residents and workers within the context of allowing these management organizations to have self-supporting financing mechanisms to cover maintenance and park programming.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Parks—Privately managed parks are an important feature of the district. There is a need to maximize use of public spaces for recreational use by residents and workers within the context of allowing these management organizations to have self-supporting financing mechanisms to cover maintenance and park programming. Privately-Owned Public Spaces—The Department of City Planning and DOB need to coordinate to ensure that properties receiving density bonuses through provision of a plaza are fulfilling all of their obligations to afford a true public amenity. The City should make unexpected inspections of all privately owned public spaces each year, issue warnings to owners violating the terms of their bonus and remove the DOB occupancy permits for bonuses floor area for owners who do not bring their plazas into compliance within a reasonable time frame.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

CB5 is home to six branches of the New York Public Library, including two of the four research libraries in New York. The New York Public Library facilities serving the district continue to need additional funding to meet the demand for its services. In the fiscal year 2016, CB5 libraries had 4,769,129 visits, some of the highest levels of use in the City. Libraries in our district provide Internet access to low income residents, out of school programs, early literacy, and events for senior citizens.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
17/20	NYPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>	<i>Provide more or better equipment to a library</i>	
18/20	NYPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	
20/20	DCLA	<i>Cultural facilities and resources</i>	<i>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/39	OMB	<i>Community board facilities and staff</i>	<i>Other community board facilities and staff requests</i>	
7/39	NYPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	
28/39	DPR	<i>Street trees and forestry services</i>	<i>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</i>	

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
37/39	LPC	<i>Funding</i>	<i>Staffing</i>	
39/39	LPC	<i>Additional Staff</i>	<i>Funding for additional staff</i>	

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Manhattan Community Board 5 Capital Requests

Manhattan Community Board 5 submitted 20 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/20	DHS	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless	Address deficiencies in existing infrastructure and facilities to improve quality of life in homeless shelters; address open violations		
2/20	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	59th street and 6th avenue is complex, with competing crosswalks and a poorly located bus stop, Central Park entrance, etc. Traffic lights' timing creates danger for pedestrians as the pedestrian lights and car lights nearly simultaneously instructs, permitting vehicles to turn at the same time. 57th Street and 6th Avenue has 83 collisions per year. 42nd Street between 6th Avenue and 8th Avenues intersections average over 100 per year 56th and 8th Avenue is narrow which normally causes conflicts between pedestrians and traffic going eastbound. Between 8th and 7th Avenue is very narrow with double-parked cars, garage traffic and residential building traffic unloading. 35th and 7th Avenue has extreme pedestrian traffic; 23rd & 6th Avenue suffers from truck-related accidents		
3/20	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Funding is needed for upgrades to the 5th Ave/ 53rd St station, the Lexington Ave/ 51st-53rd St station (the 10th busiest station in the MTA system), and the passageways to the 7 train at 42nd St/ Grand Central station.		
4/20	DOE	Renovate site component	Fully fund planning for all new school constructions, including needs assessment, other planning costs and site selections.		
5/20	DOT	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Provide funding for resurfacing of all streets identified by the Department in priority order.		
6/20	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Funding for increased Pre-K, Elementary school within our District.		
7/20	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	Funding for new middle schools.		
8/20	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	Funding for new High Schools.		
9/20	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	Increase funding for long term supportive housing .		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Manhattan Community Board 5 Capital Requests

Manhattan Community Board 5 submitted 20 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
10/20	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Provide needed funds to speed the repair, maintenance and upkeep of elevators		
11/20	DEP	Build new, expand or repair storm sewers	Flooding during moderate to heavy rainfall causes pooling and backups in sewers; specifically various locations on Park Avenue, and 58th & 5th (SW corner)		
12/20	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	At a minimum, study implementation of body cameras for uniformed officers, particularly due to the desire to have additional viewpoints in highly targeted areas such as Times Square; better would be for installation and utilization of body cameras for uniformed officers		
13/20	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	All existing temporary plazas on Broadway from 17th St. to 59th St.	Broadway 17th Street 59th Street	
14/20	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	The FDNY has request \$280,000 for the installation of additional fire alarms citywide, and we would support our appropriate share of new fire alarms.		
15/20	HPD	Improve streetscapes in business districts to attract / encourage commercial activity, e.g., lighting, sidewalk improvements	Increase funding for The City of New York Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), Division of Code Enforcement, responsible for enforcing landlord repairs. In New York City, renters and landlords have responsibilities to maintain residential and commercial property. These rights and responsibilities are outlined in the New York City Housing Maintenance Code and New York State Multiple Dwelling Law that HPD enforces.	218 Madison Ave	
16/20	DEP	Reconstruct streets	Provide funding for upgrades and overhauling of the underground infrastructure in our District.		
17/20	NYPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Funding for vital system upgrades to provide a boiler and HVAC replacement and system control at the Andrew Heiskel Braille & Talking Book Library. Additional funds are needed for ADA accessibility, roofs and restrooms.		
18/20	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	CB5 supports the NYPL renovation and capital budget plan set forth for the Main New York Public Library and Mid-Manhattan branch		
19/20	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Provide funding for more ADA access in MTA Stations.		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Manhattan Community Board 5 Capital Requests

Manhattan Community Board 5 submitted 20 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
20/20	DCLA	<i>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</i>	<i>Maintain funding levels for program groups, small cultural organizations and members of the cultural institutions.</i>		
CS	FDNY	<i>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</i>	<i>Continued support for station house upgrades.</i>		
CS	NYPD	<i>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</i>	<i>Support additional funding for Precincts modernization.</i>		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Manhattan Community Board 5 Expense Requests

Manhattan Community Board 5 submitted 39 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/39	OMB	<i>Other community board facilities and staff requests</i>	<i>Continued funding for staffing.</i>		
2/39	NYPD	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>Increased uniformed officer headcount to address grand larceny, and public nuisance management (e.g., pedicab enforcement, peddlers, and other "scams")</i>		
3/39	DOT	<i>Other traffic improvements requests</i>	<i>Provide funding for study to assess potential redesigns for 5th and 6th Avenues to improve safety and efficiency.</i>		
4/39	NYPD	<i>Assign additional traffic enforcement officers</i>	<i>Additional funding for Traffic Enforcement Officers; increased traffic issues caused by uptick in pedicabs, vendors, construction, and increased tourism in summer/Holidays has made CB5 the most difficult to navigate. Increased traffic officers would provide better flow and less incidents.</i>		
5/39	DHS	<i>Other request for services for the homeless</i>	<i>Increase funding for shelter programs, Homeless services including affordable quality housing, mental health services, childcare, drop-in centers, outreach programs and improved shelter programs.</i>		
6/39	DCP	<i>Other zoning and land use requests</i>	<i>Mandatory inclusionary housing areas should be mapped throughout Manhattan Community District 5 so that all new residential construction of medium or high density developments helps to provide housing affordable to lower-income households. This will help the community district become a more economically diverse area.</i>		
7/39	NYPL	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	<i>Maintain funding for 6-day service and consider 7-day service for select locations, increased hours, diverse programming, strong collections and sufficient staff to support the growth and upkeep of branches.</i>		
8/39	DHS	<i>Improve safety at homeless shelters</i>	<i>Provide additional funding for DHS police to improve safety and security at facilities housing homeless populations, generally</i>		
9/39	DSNY	<i>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</i>	<i>Increase funding for additional trucks to reduce street garbage overflow in our District, particularly in areas that are not within a Business Improvement District (e.g., 6th Avenue north of 42nd St).</i>		
10/39	DOB	<i>Expand code enforcement</i>	<i>Increase funding for Inspectors and Technology to ensure code compliance and public safety.</i>		
11/39	FDNY	<i>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</i>	<i>Provide funding for additional firefighters in our district to serve additional residents coming into the new supertower condo buildings.</i>		
12/39	DEP	<i>Address air quality issues</i>	<i>Request for a study to recommend systems and policies to improve CB5s air quality, particularly fine particles (PM2.5)</i>		
13/39	DSNY	<i>Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers</i>	<i>Provide funding for more garbage cans, recycling bins in the Midtown area.</i>		

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14/39	NYCTA	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	Funding for additional trash and recycling cans in the 7th Avenue-53rd station to prevent litter on the subway tracks.		
15/39	SBS	Provide commercial lease education, resources and access to pro-bono lawyers	Provide resources and training on commercial leases to small business owners; including access and guidance to obtaining pro bono legal services		
16/39	HRA	Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing	Identify areas and provide funding for permanent affordable housing for individuals and families in the shelter system.		
17/39	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	We support the FDNY request for doubling their training budget for general trainings and life-saving skills like CPR. In addition, they are looking into programs for increased vigilance on gas leaks. Should monies be required for those preventative programs, we support that funding as well.		
18/39	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	Increase funding for after school programming and childcare.		
19/39	DOHMH	Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services	Increase funding for the prevention of HIV/AIDS		
20/39	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance street outreach services	Increase funding for outreach for runaway and LGBT teenagers.		
21/39	ACS	Provide additional juvenile justice programs	Provide funding for treatment programs for juveniles with substance abuse rather than incarceration.		
22/39	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	Provide funding for programs for substance abuse for youths and non-violent persons rather than incarceration.		
23/39	DSNY	Provide or expand community composting programs	Provide funding for the NYC Compost Project to increase the amount of compost bins around Midtown.		
24/39	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	Request funding for more recycling machine and compost bins.		
25/39	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	Provide funding to support Career Pathways for the City's workforce system.		

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26/39	DEP	Address air quality issues	Provide funding to support the transition to Green Energy Initiatives and insentivize the use of low sulfur fuels.		
27/39	HPD	Other housing oversight and emergency programs	Increase funding for Code Enforcement, Litigation and Loan Programs.		
28/39	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Increase funding for additional exterminator and gardeners for pest control.		
29/39	DOE	Expand or improve nutritional programs, e.g., school meals	Request for funding to improve the quality of food available to students.		
30/39	DEP	Monitor and address water quality issues	Provide funding for additional monitoring of water quality.		
31/39	DFTA	Enhance home care services	Increase funding for in-home care services and meal delivery service.		
32/39	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	Maintain funding for Sanitation Enforcement and fund additional training for Inspectors and audit staff.		
33/39	DSNY	Increase enforcement of recycling laws	Funding is needed for enforcement of stricter recycling laws.		
34/39	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	Provide funding to address Mental Health issues, provide treatment, resources and medications specifically for homeless populations		
35/39	DOE	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	Provide support services through Thrive NYC		
36/39	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	Increase funding for The New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) Police, responsible for enforcing illegal dumping of refuse, commercial and toxic waste.	12 E 37th St.	
37/39	LPC	Staffing	Hire additional staff to review applications and work with community boards in a timely fashion		
38/39	HRA	Provide emergency shelter for domestic violence victims	Due to the confidential nature of the DV shelters, we do not want to call out specific addresses, however we are aware of DV shelters and services within CB5. Please provide them with the adequate funding to continue to serve victims.		
39/39	LPC	Funding for additional staff	To have landmark designation reports database accessible and searchable by street address and lot number.		