

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

Fiscal Year  
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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 9'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**

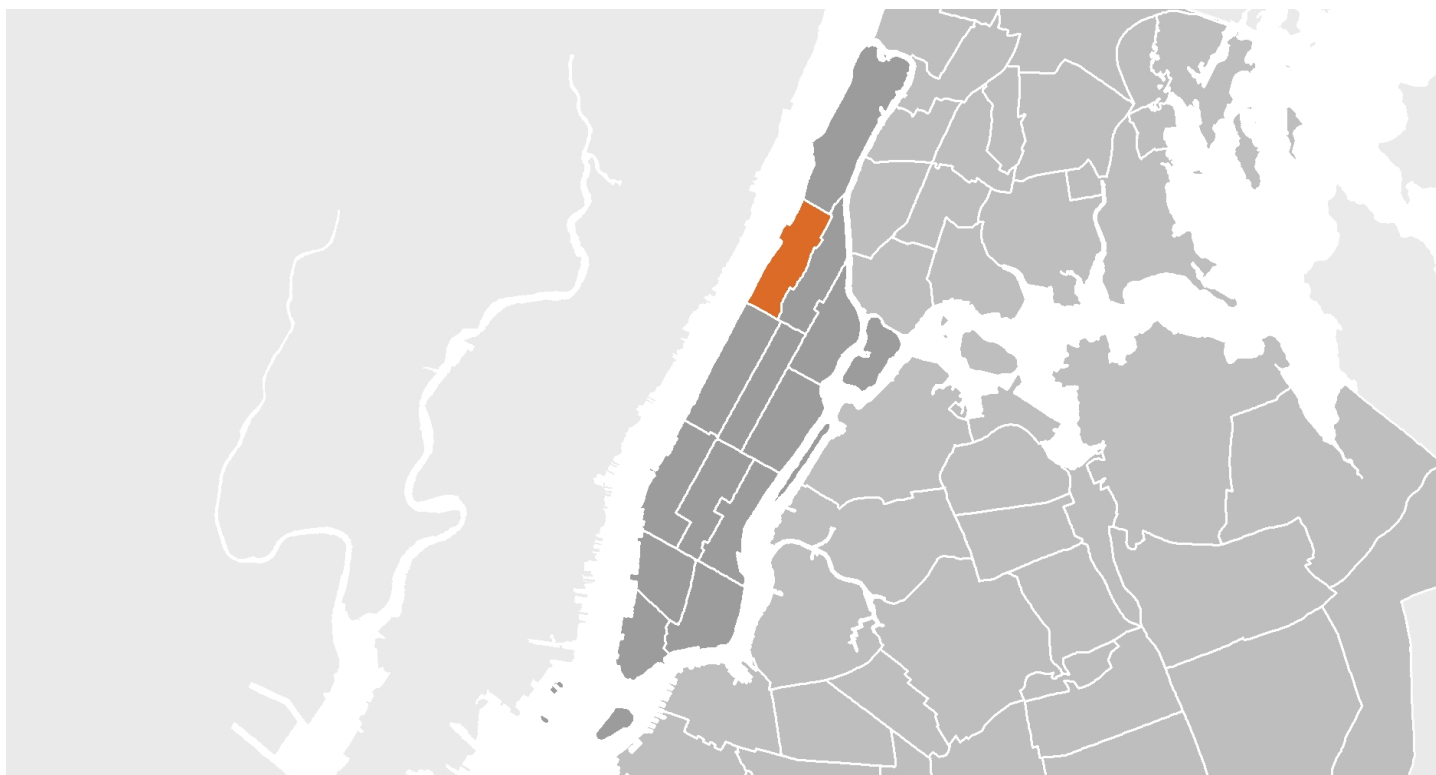
Section 5 is organized by seven distinct policy areas aligned with the service and program areas of city agencies. For each policy area, community boards selected the most important issue for their districts and could provide a supporting narrative. The policy area section also includes any agency-specific 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.

**CB9M**

WestSide Harlem  
Hamilton Heights  
Manhattanville  
Morningside Heights



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

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

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## 1. Community Board Information

### Manhattan Community Board 9

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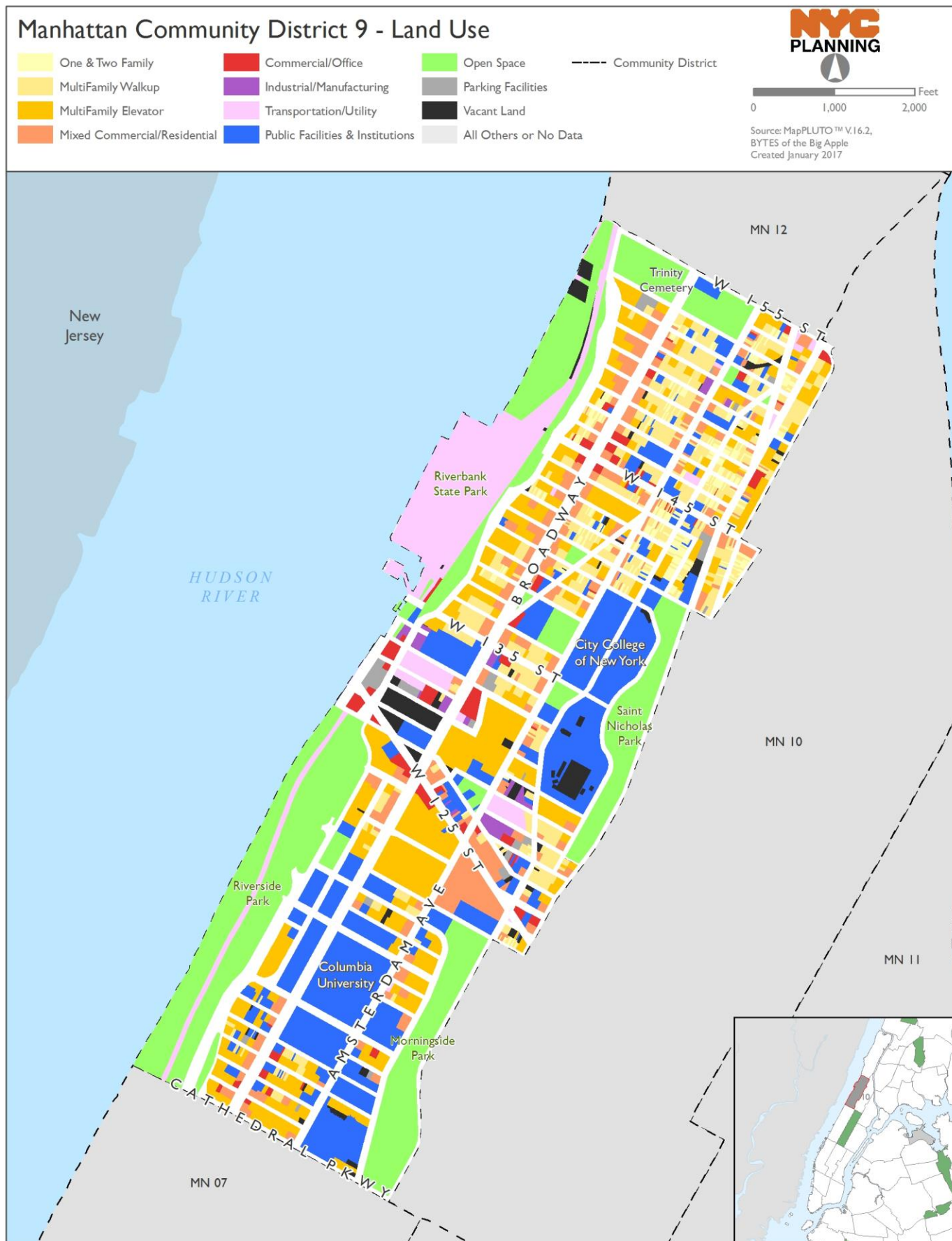
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## 2. Community District Land Use



### 3. Overview of Community District

Manhattan Community Board No. 9 is made up of several distinct neighborhoods, Hamilton Heights, Manhattanville, Morningside Heights and a portion of Central Harlem. Our district runs from 110th Street to 155th Street. Our Eastern border runs along Manhattan/Morningside Aves, St. Nicholas/Edgecombe and Bradhurst Aves and the Hudson River is our Western border.

Each neighborhood is a district community; Morningside Heights in the southern portion of the Board contains many of the area's numerous institutions: Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, Bank Street College of Education, Columbia University, Barnard College, Teacher's College, Manhattan School of Music, Union Theological Seminary, Jewish Theological Seminary, The National Council of Churches, Riverside Church, Grotto of Notre Dame, and the Mount Sinai St. Luke's Hospital Center. Morningside Heights reflects great diversity at the southern end where two large housing complexes: the General Grant Public Housing Development and the limited equity cooperative Morningside Gardens are nestled between major retail areas.

Manhattanville begins at roughly 123rd Street and extends northward to 135th Street. This area includes the City College south campus of City University of New York, the Manhattanville Housing Development, Riverview Towers/Riverside Community Housing at 3333 Broadway, (a former Mitchell-Lama cooperative), and a number of small commercial establishments. Manhattanville is the site of Columbia University's planned new Campus.

The northern most section of Community Board No. 9 is comprised of Hamilton Heights (part of this area is designated the "Hamilton Heights/Sugar Hill Historic District"). Hamilton Heights is home to a substantial number of owner-occupied brownstones and also includes the City-owned Audubon Houses and a large number of Housing Development Fund Cooperatives. There are very few vacant structures. The majority of the small businesses in this area are operated by a diverse group, including Hispanic/Latino, Middle Eastern, Caribbean and Asian. Hamilton Heights is also home to the North River Pollution Control Plant with the Riverbank State Park on its Roof.

These three neighborhoods which encompass St. Nicholas Park, the new home of the Alexander Hamilton House create an eclectic and historical area.

We are proud of our neighborhoods and are committed to maintaining them and ensuring that our neighbors will be afforded true Quality of Life.



#### 4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Manhattan Community Board 9 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Crime*
- *Health care services*

The need for affordable housing has become a major problem for low, medium and middle income families. A significant portion of CB9 renter households are under financial burden to pay rent. Technically, this includes households who have to use 30% or more of their income towards rent. There are concentrations of such households where almost half the households are “rent-burdened.” CB9 also has 23% of its residents paying more than 50% of their income in rent. This comes in greater existence with the rent regulation increase currently in effect. With this being the case renters face even greater challenges of increases nearing 55% (or more) of their incomes. As a result of the expiration of public subsidy contracts for affordable housing, and of rapid private development, long-term residents of public and rent-regulated and subsidized housing face the threat of displacement. River View Towers and Riverside Park Community is a recent example of a lost Mitchell Lama property with over 2,000 apartments we encourage the City to take all steps necessary to protect NYCHA, HPD and Mitchell-Lama properties from privatization. The privatization of the properties would render many residents homeless. Unemployment in West Harlem has been hard hit like many other communities during these tough economic times. Unemployment is high and new jobs are scarce. Recent employment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and City Planning indicate an unemployment rate of 4.7 % for New York City in general and lower than the national average; however, among peoples of color the percentage is reportedly much higher. Most of our residents still commute outside of the area for jobs and we still have a high illiteracy rate in English and Spanish that limits employment opportunities for residents. CB9M is in need of having the Manhattanville Health Station reopened at full capacity. For almost a decade, Manhattanville Health Station remains closed and there has been no clear plan presented as to when we can expect to see the center rehabilitated. Programs originally on site have been relocated to other facilities and areas leaving a major gap in services for this area.



### Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

#### *Services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers*

This remains a crucially important issue as it serves the opportunity of providing vital information and possible intervention to and prevention of larger systemic and chronic diseases. Having access to a primary care provider develops greater awareness to health management.

### Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

In 2015, the New York City Department of Health launched TAKE CARE NEW YORK 2020 which provides a health profile for every community board in New York City. As a result, the community boards have a statistically driven idea of what our health issues are in comparison to the rest of the city. MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 9 (MCB9) ranked 10th in the City for people who are returning home from incarceration. MCB9 ranked in the top twenty-five percent for people who suffer from diabetes and obesity, ranked third in the city for people who needed Medical Care but went without. MCB9 currently has the highest childhood asthma rate in NYC as a whole and Manhattan. Solutions: Fund Reentry programs that have a holistic approach to assist people come into the community. Fund programs geared toward obesity prevention by reaching out to community groups with programs; Fund outreach to people who have no insurance by going to unemployment offices, welfare offices, and food drives; Fund outreach to schools to provide asthma education training to caregivers in the school. We have a deficit in health care providers in our community. There needs to be community-based providers and primary care physicians, we currently have very few; with Mt. Sinai West being the only Hospital in our district. There should be funding for health care offices on the street level that is accessible to everyone, those with insurance and without.

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

The elderly population in CB9M is increasing. During this time of budget constraints we must not lose sight of the special needs of our seniors, it is imperative that long range comprehensive planning includes housing, health and mental care, home care and senior centers. Only in this way can we ensure continued quality of life and prevent the isolation, which places many of our elderly at risk of poor health, unacceptable living conditions, poor nutrition and inaccessible services. There is also a need for Programs that support Aging Artist Support and Establish Artists-in Residence program at Senior Centers;

### **Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
5/40	DOHMH	Animal and pest control services	Reduce mosquito populations	
7/40	HRA	Services to support low-income New Yorkers	Provide, expand, or enhance job search and placement support	
8/40	DOHMH	Animal and pest control services	Other animal and pest control requests	



#### Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

##### *After school programs*

As civic institutions anchoring our community, neighborhood schools ought to be encouraged to aggressively pursue after-school, weekend, and summer enrichment programs designed to encourage healthy activities that sharpen their charges physical, social, and cognitive skills. Neighborhoods with high poverty rates have higher rates of obesity, with corresponding increases in the rates of diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, cancer, heart disease, and, ultimately, mortality rates. Though it's difficult to track, gang activity among our youth is rising with corresponding increases in truancy, vandalism, violence, and criminal activity. Of course, many of the problems our children face can be traced back to challenges in the home, consequences of unemployment, low-income, and incarceration.

#### Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

MCB9 is in Need for: Adequate physical space for existing schools Given that the "co-location" of DOE school buildings in the Community Board 9 catchment has limited the physical space that is available for schools to use for "play space" (gyms) and arts programming (required arts curricula: music, dance, visual arts, theatre), a major portion of the budget is requested to support the development of physical space for our existing public schools. After school and youth programs given that after school programs provide the children and families of CB9 with a safe, nurturing environment, in which to present students with enrichment programs in alignment with required school curriculum, our committee requests that a significant allocation of funds be pledged to increasing high quality after-school and youth programs in the CB9 district. Social service programs and community services are vital to our district residents. Social Service programs help the members of our community to cope with the challenges they face in their daily lives. Our committee desires to have funds allocated for support services to better the lives of all citizens, such as: English Literacy courses, mental health supports, Career courses, etc. Additional support to Local Libraries given that district Public Libraries provide our community with substantial educational support: providing access to reading material, technology equipment, and educational programs (homework help, literacy programs, etc.), we request that a portion of the allocated funds be distributed to the libraries located in the CB9 district. Juvenile Justice programs in light of the ongoing difficulties facing our community youth, our committee requests that funds be allocated to helping our young citizens acquire skills to understand their civil rights and how to cope with any legal issues they may face. Programs for homeless & runaway youth CB9 has a significant population of homeless children, all mandated to attend school from age (6-15). Our community requests to have funds allocated to addressing the specific needs of homeless children: providing students with clothing, counseling, support services, etc. to help them cope with the stresses of being without a permanent home. Wifi and technology access in the community given that modern society is heavily reliant on technology.

#### Supporting Materials:

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) found in the Appendix into a browser.

#### [EDUCATION](#)

#### Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

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## Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/21	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing high school</i>	
10/21	DPR	<i>Create funding to rebuild stairs at Morningside Park at 122nd and 114th Streets and improve lighting</i>	<i>Provide funding to complete the rebuilding of stairs at 122nd and 114th Streets and improve lighting in all locations</i>	<i>Morningside Park</i>
20/21	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary 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
6/40	DYCD	Youth Centers	Provide a new or upgrade, renovate or expand an existing youth center or other facility for youths	
9/40	ACS	Foster care and child welfare	Provide, expand, or enhance housing assistance for youth that are leaving foster care	
11/40	DEP	Air Noise Pollution Equipment	Provide Funding for Air Noise Equipment	
13/40	NYPD	Additional NYC Housing Bureau Police	Provide additional funding for Housing Bureau Police	
14/40	NYPD	Maintain funding for Civilian Personnel in 26th and 30th Precints	Provide funding to maintain civiliann personnel at the 26th and 30th Precints	
19/40	HRA	Create funding for outreach programs dedicated to LGBTQ immigrants	Provide funding for Outreach Programs dedicated to LGBTQ immigrants	
20/40	HRA	Create funding for outreach programs dedicated to LGBTQ immigrants	Provide funding for Outreach Programs dedicated to LGBTQ immigrants	
22/40	DHS	Create funding to address emergency housing dedicated to LGBTQ homeless youth and transgender community	Provide funding for community-based emergency housing dedicated to LGBTQ community	
23/40	DCLA	Create funding for Arts & Cultural service organizations	Provide funding for Arts and Cultural service organizations	
26/40	DYCD	Maintain funding for existing and needed Academic, Arts and Mentoring Afterschool programs	Provide funding to maintain existing and needed Academic Arts and Mentoring AfterSchool programs grades 8-12t	
28/40	LPC	Additional Staff at Landmarks Preservation Commission	Provide funding for additional Staff at LPC	
29/40	DPR	Create funding for CPW Workers for Morningside, St. Nicholas/Montefiore Parks	Provide funding for CPW Park Workers	
36/40	ACS	Juvenile justice programs and preventive services	Provide additional juvenile justice programs	



## Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services*General crime*

Manhattan Community Board No. 9 is pleased with efforts of the Department with the Upper Manhattan Initiative which includes the 30th Precinct. However recently, with the coverage of the Park Unit crime numbers are down, by comparison to ten years ago. Many of the dealers have moved inside and taken over multiple apartments making under cover arrests more difficult. Increasing Gang activity has flourished the drug dealers are not the ONLY local employers; CB9M urges full utilization of the Trespass Affidavit Program on every block to combat this situation.

**Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services**

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
13/21	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct</i>	
14/21	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Add NYPD parking facilities</i>	

**Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services**

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
10/40	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>Precinct 30</i>
12/40	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>precinct 26</i>
17/40	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	
37/40	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles</i>	

## 5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



### Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

#### Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

##### *Water pollution control*

CB9M requests additional inspectors assigned to our district. We have been concerned for many years about the quality of our drinking water and request that DEP view this as a priority. The current number of inspectors in our area does not have the capacity to handle the level of complaints that have been recorded as coming into our community by 311. CB9M requests an expedited delivery of new equipment as well as coordinated training of the staff during emergencies at the Sewage Treatment Plant. As we have observed, as a result of the recent explosion and fire, it is time to replace and upgrade existing equipment and evaluate and implement needed precautions to prevent a possible catastrophe. The air quality needs to be monitor consistently and evaluated for risks to the health of our

#### Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

While most of the drastic Sanitation cutbacks were restored, this is not enough for the quality of life in our community. This is especially true north of West 125th Street. The staffing does not reflect the actual tonnage of garbage handled by Community Board 9 Sanitation Crews. Pick-ups along the Commercial Strips of Broadway, Amsterdam Avenue (W 135th – W 155th Streets), and 125th Street cannot keep up with utilization. We urge the City to increase staffing to facilitate three pick-ups in these locations a day. There is a need for more garbage cans due to the rat infestation. For Vacant Lots and trouble locations we need the Clean Team Restored. Recycling figures have greatly improved. We need, if not increased then, consistent Sanitation Enforcement in our Area. Board 9 has recommended more in the afternoon when Enforcement Officers. The health and integrity of our community MUST be

#### **Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Need</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Location</b>
3/40	DEP	<i>Environmental protection</i>	<i>Address air quality issues</i>	<i>Riverbank State Park</i>
15/40	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Other sewer maintenance requests</i>	
18/40	DSNY	<i>Garbage collection and recycling</i>	<i>Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers</i>	
24/40	DSNY	<i>Sanitation Enforcement</i>	<i>Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws</i>	
33/40	DSNY	<i>Garbage collection and recycling</i>	<i>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up</i>	



#### Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

##### *Affordable housing programs*

The need for affordable housing has become a major problem for low, medium and middle-income families. A significant portion of CB9 renter households are under financial burden to pay rent. Technically, this includes households who have to use 30% or more of their income towards rent. There are concentrations of such households where almost half the households are “rent-burdened.” CB9 also has 23% of its residents paying more than 50% of their income in rent. With this being the case renters face even greater challenges of increases nearing 55% (or more) of their incomes. As a result of the expiration of public subsidy contracts for affordable housing, and of rapid private development, long-term residents of public & rent-regulated & subsidized housing face the threat of displacement.

#### Community District Needs Related to Land Use

MCB9 is in need of a comprehensive database and plan for the preservation and creation of permanently affordable housing within our district; Development of a comprehensive land use for our waterfront; and A contextual rezoning of Morningside Heights.

#### Supporting Materials:

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#### Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

CD9 is in need of permanent rehabilitated and affordable housing. HPD's various housing programs do not meet the housing needs of CD9's low and moderate income families. The HPD \$150 million commitment for CB9's affordable housing, coincident with the City Council's approval of Columbia University's rezoning application, should be scheduled and commenced with all haste. The Board's housing plan could serve as a pilot project to demonstrate the possibilities of providing permanent and affordable housing.

#### Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

West Harlem has been hard hit like many other communities during these tough economic times. Unemployment is high and new jobs are scarce. Recent employment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and City Planning indicate an unemployment rate of 4.7 % for New York City in general and lower than the national average; however, among peoples of color the percentage is reportedly much higher. In 2008, only 59.1 % of our eligible working population (104,719) was employed while the remaining 40% of residents were without jobs. Incomes seem to average between \$15,000 and \$24,000 per year. Most of our residents still commute outside of the area for jobs and we still have a high illiteracy rate in English and Spanish that limits employment opportunities for residents. There continues to be a number of store closings in the area. The southern portion of our district has been more fortunate with only a few closings and a number of those vacant spots have new tenants building out those spaces. Our northern district has seen an increase of fast food establishments and communication stores like Metro PCS that can pay higher commercial rents limiting space for small “mom and pop” stores. We still believe that it is in everyone’s best interest to support more retail business and professional office spaces where appropriate in our community. Our community has certain advantages that could be attractive to new business owners. We have large sidewalks and boulevards. This distinct feature can lend itself for future street fairs, promotional events and art installations that could attract residents, tourists and fellow New Yorkers to our community.



## 5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

### Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



#### Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

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[Economic Development of Manhattan Community Bd](#)

#### Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/21	HPD	Affordable housing programs	Other affordable housing programs requests	
12/21	NYCHA	Public housing upgrades or renovations	Other public housing upgrades or renovations requests	Block 1984, Lot 1
15/21	NYCHA	Public housing upgrades or renovations	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	George Bruce Library
21/21	NYCHA	Public housing upgrades or renovations	Install recycling facilities at NYCHA developments	

#### Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/40	HPD	Affordable housing programs	Other affordable housing programs requests	
30/40	SBS	Direct business services	Support immigrant, minority, veteran and women-owned, as well as local and new small businesses	
31/40	EDC	Tax and other incentives programs and financing support	Expand tax incentive programs to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space	12th Avenue 125th 137th
32/40	NYCHA	Housing support	Expand the Section 8 Program	
40/40	DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	



### Transportation

#### Main Issue Related to Transportation

##### *Bus service (frequency and access)*

CD9 residents need availability of convenient and reliable mass transportation. They need subways and buses that deliver them to their place of employment on time. The failure of the MTA to increase services that correspond with the 15% growth in mass transit utilization causes delays that make our residents travel more difficult. The M4, M5 & M104 should be extended service, however additional buses are needed on a regular basis. CB9M is also in the need for bus pads along the route of Amsterdam Avenue. Reconstruction efforts within the Board area. Broadway and 125th Street has become heavily congested; given the many differing objects of the drivers entering the intersection, it has become increasingly hazardous. It is the Board's hope that the Select Bus Service (SBS) for the M60 w



### Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

#### Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

##### *Quality of parks and park facilities*

CD9 need for safe, well maintained parks and open spaces has consistently been and remains a high priority for this community. It is imperative that our residents be provided with recreational havens for our youngsters (29% of our population) and our seniors (12% and ever increasing).

#### Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

PEP Officers: Our district's need for safe and usable parks requires that park regulations are enforced. We have an acute need for additional Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) Officers to carry out this task. Dedicated PEP officers have been provided for the West Harlem Piers Park but our other parks including Upper Riverside, Morningside, St. Nicholas and Montefiore Parks are woefully understaffed in this regard;

#### Community District Needs Related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming

Preserving and expanding support and cultural opportunities to all ethnic and cultural group in our community ranked highest on our needs list as we discussed the issues most important to the arts and cultural community of Manhattan Community Board Nine (MCB9). Local Arts and cultural organizations need tools to collectively respond to economic challenges as they arise; technical support to integrate and improve fundraising and marketing initiatives; leadership and advocacy training are needed to educate the next generation of arts support and service delivery entrepreneurs. We need to identify ways to increase capacity, improve outreach and implement structural changes in such a way that we are prepared to meet fiscal challenges that force closings and curtailments rather than react to each situation in a one trouble spot-at-a-time basis. Finally, arts and cultural organizations frequently require designated spaces for performances, exhibitions, and installations, and as such are threatened by the growing lack of affordable space in our district. We need new dedicated arts and cultural spaces in our district to deal with the currently unmet demand for such spaces and we need support for existing spaces whose sustainability is threatened by rising costs another pressures. Last but not least, we also want to acknowledge our community's history as a center of artistic and cultural innovation and encourage identification preservation, and restoration of historic theaters, other cultural sites, and artistic venues.

#### Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

Maintain Community Board Budgets given the size of our budgets, the cumulative effect from previous budget cuts, combined with those proposed, any further cuts would minimize effectiveness of Community Boards. Manhattan Community Board No. 9 is requesting the maintenance of Community Board Budgets.



## Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

## Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/21	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Hamilton Grange Library
4/21	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Hamilton Grange Library
5/21	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	
6/21	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Croton Aqueduct Gatehouse
7/21	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	Riverside Park
8/21	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	
9/21	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	
11/21	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
16/21	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
17/21	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	St. Nicholas Park
18/21	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Jacob Schiff Playground
19/21	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Riverside Drive W. 122nd Street (Grants Tomb) 125th Street (Viaduct)
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	



## Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

## Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/40	OMB	Community board facilities and staff	Other community board facilities and staff requests	
4/40	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	
16/40	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	
21/40	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Other street trees and forestry services requests	
25/40	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	
27/40	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	
34/40	DPR	Park programming	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	
35/40	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and	Provide more or better equipment to a library	
38/40	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Plant new street trees	
39/40	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Provide better park maintenance	

## 6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

### Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
10/21	DPR	Create funding to rebuild stairs at Morningside Park at 122nd and 114th Streets and improve lighting	Provide funding to complete the rebuilding of stairs at 122nd and 114th Streets and improve lighting in all locations	Morningside Park

### Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
11/40	DEP	Air Noise Pollution Equipment	Provide Funding for Air Noise Equipment	
13/40	NYPD	Additional NYC Housing Bureau Police	Provide additional funding for Housing Bureau Police	
14/40	NYPD	Maintain funding for Civilian Personnel in 26th and 30th Precincts	Provide funding to maintain civilian personnel at the 26th and 30th Precincts	
19/40	HRA	Create funding for outreach programs dedicated to LGBTQ immigrants	Provide funding for Outreach Programs dedicated to LGBTQ immigrants	
20/40	HRA	Create funding for outreach programs dedicated to LGBTQ immigrants	Provide funding for Outreach Programs dedicated to LGBTQ immigrants	
22/40	DHS	Create funding to address emergency housing dedicated to LGBTQ homeless youth and transgender community	Provide funding for community-based emergency housing dedicated to LGBTQ community	
23/40	DCLA	Create funding for Arts & Cultural service organizations	Provide funding for Arts and Cultural service organizations	
26/40	DYCD	Maintain funding for existing and needed Academic, Arts and Mentoring Afterschool programs	Provide funding to maintain existing and needed Academic Arts and Mentoring AfterSchool programs grades 8-12t	
28/40	LPC	Additional Staff at Landmarks Preservation Commission	Provide funding for additional Staff at LPC	
29/40	DPR	Create funding for CPW Workers for Morningside, St. Nicholas/Montefiore Parks	Provide funding for CPW Park Workers	

## 7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

### Manhattan Community Board 9 Capital Requests

Manhattan Community Board 9 submitted 21 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/21	HPD	<i>Other affordable housing programs requests</i>	<i>Provide and expand affordable housing units through ALL available programs (i.e. DAMP, TIL, LISC/ENTERPRISE, SIP, and low interest loan programs).</i>		
2/21	DOE	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing high school</i>	<i>Design and construct a High School within CD9</i>		
3/21	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Allocate funds to build-out unfinished space in the basement behind staff lounge and community room. Buildout is needed to create 600 sq.ft. classroom for OST. work will include new HVAC system, new lighting and power, and security system</i>	<i>Hamilton Grange Library</i>	
4/21	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Allocate funds to replace the boiler, HVAC, and windows at the Hamilton Grange Branch Library.</i>	<i>Hamilton Grange Library</i>	
5/21	DCLA	<i>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</i>	<i>Provide funds to create a theater and Multi-Culture Center</i>		
6/21	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i>	<i>Provide funds to renovate the Croton Aqueduct Gatehouse at 119th Street and Amsterdam Ave. to a Community and Cultural Facility.</i>	<i>Croton Aqueduct Gatehouse</i>	
7/21	DPR	<i>Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting</i>	<i>Allocate funds to provide lighting along bike path as well as other safety measures along Riverside Park (Waterfront) bike path from 110th Street to St. Clair's Place, and Cherry Walk.</i>	<i>Riverside Park</i>	
8/21	DCLA	<i>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</i>	<i>Provide Funds to create an Artisan Market (indoor or outdoor) for artist within CD9</i>		
9/21	DPR	<i>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</i>	<i>Allocate Funds to complete the rebuilding of stairs at 133rd Street in St. Nicholas Park, repair and rebuild stairs at 140th and 129th Street (St. Nicholas Park); as well as improve lighting in ALL locations.</i>		
10/21	DPR	<i>Provide funding to complete the rebuilding of stairs at 122nd and 114th Streets and improve lighting in all locations</i>	<i>Allocate Funds to complete the rebuilding of stairs at 122nd and 114th Street on the upper-level of Morningside Park; as well as improve lighting in ALL locations.</i>	<i>Morningside Park</i>	
11/21	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Provide Funds to redesign and rebuild the 118th Street Basketball courts at Morningside Park to provide street level access</i>		

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
12/21	NYCHA	Other public housing upgrades or renovations requests	Allocate funds to repair the Manhattanville complex; reface the terraces and replace the cyclone fencing.	Block 1984, Lot 1	
13/21	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	Allocate funds to renovate and repair the 30th Precinct and include ADA compliance.		
14/21	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	Restore funding to improve NYPD parking facilities including additional parking, and structural maintenance		
15/21	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	Allocate funds to maintain an Outdoor Reading Garden on the Westside of the George Bruce Library. (Parcel of Open Space adjacent West of 518 W. 125th Street)	George Bruce Library	
16/21	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funding for public comfort stations at Morningside Park, St. Nicholas Park, and Audubon Park (155th St.)		
17/21	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funds to create a "New Entrance" to St. Nicholas Park	St. Nicholas Park	
18/21	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funds to renovate the Jacob Schiff playground on Amsterdam Ave. (Bet. 136th - 138th) Sts.	Jacob Schiff Playground	
19/21	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Provide funds for sidewalk and pathway replacement in and around playgrounds and athletic courts.		
20/21	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Provide funds to design and construct a school K-8 within CD9 to eliminate the existing over crowding throughout CD9.		
21/21	NYCHA	Install recycling facilities at NYCHA developments	Allocate funding to install recycling facilities at NYCHA developments within CD9.		
CS	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Provide funds to maintain sidewalks along the North and Southbound corridor of Riverside Drive (bet. Grant's Tomb and the 125th St. Viaduct).	Riverside Drive W. 122nd Street (Grants Tomb) 125th Street (Viaduct)	



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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
CS	DPR	<i>Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Provide funds to complete the rebuilding of stairs at 133rd St. (St. Nicholas Park), repair and rebuild stairs at 140th and 129th St. (St. Nicholas Park), and 114th Street on the upper level of Morningside Park.</i>		

## 7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

### Manhattan Community Board 9 Expense Requests

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/40	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	Maintain budget for ALL Community Boards.		
2/40	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Restore funds for Federally Funded Housing Programs within Community District No. 9.		
3/40	DEP	Address air quality issues	Maintain funds to continue Study of Emissions from smoke stacks at Riverbank State Park to determine the impact on the health of residents living in the area.	Riverbank State Park	
4/40	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Maintain funds to continue six-day service including increased hours, programming, collections, and sufficient staff to support these functions.		
5/40	DOHMH	Reduce mosquito populations	Increase funds to eliminate (reduce) mosquitos, and bedbugs.		
6/40	DYCD	Provide a new or upgrade, renovate or expand an existing youth center or other facility for youths	Provide funding to facilitate a Youth Outreach Center which will allow opportunities to connect children and their families with the necessary resources: Youth Programs, Internships, Health Clinics, Job training and placement, as well as other cultural activities.		
7/40	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job search and placement support	Maintain funding for job training and placement for adults within CD9		
8/40	DOHMH	Other animal and pest control requests	Increase funds for Pest Control and Rats within CD9.		
9/40	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance housing assistance for youth that are leaving foster care	Provide funding for supported housing for aged-out youth within foster care facilities throughout the borough of Manhattan.		
10/40	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Allocate funds for additional Officers in the NYPD Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Liaison unit to be stationed at the 30th Pct.	Precinct 30	
11/40	DEP	Provide Funding for Air Noise Equipment	Increase funding for Air-Noise pollution equipment.		
12/40	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Allocate funds for additional Officers in the NYPD Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Liaison unit to be stationed at the 26th Pct.	precinct 26	
13/40	NYPD	Provide additional funding for Housing Bureau Police			
14/40	NYPD	Provide funding to maintain civilann personnel at the 26th and 30th Precints			

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15/40	DEP	<i>Other sewer maintenance requests</i>	<i>Increase funding for Water and Sewer maintenance</i>		
16/40	DCLA	<i>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</i>	<i>Provide funding for diverse ethnic organizations for the development &amp; maintenance of Cultural enrichment programs including programs that foster better community relations among ethnic groups, reduce the incidence of hate crimes, crimes against seniors and the disabled, and increase cultural awareness.</i>		
17/40	NYPD	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers to the 26th, 30th, PSA-6 precincts within district 9.</i>		
18/40	DSNY	<i>Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers</i>	<i>Provide funds for Solar powered compacting "Big Belly" waste receptacles in areas with a history of rodent infestation.</i>		
19/40	HRA	<i>Provide funding for Outreach Programs dedicated to LGBTQ immigrants</i>	<i>Create funding for Outreach Program dedicated to LGBTQ immigrants</i>		
20/40	HRA	<i>Provide funding for Outreach Programs dedicated to LGBTQ immigrants</i>	<i>Providing funding for Outreach Programs dedicated to LGBTQ immigrants in an effort to raise awareness and address safety issues.</i>		
21/40	DPR	<i>Other street trees and forestry services requests</i>	<i>Provide funds needed for pruning trees to deter illegal activity in and around parks within CD9.</i>		
22/40	DHS	<i>Provide funding for community-based emergency housing dedicated to LGBTQ community</i>	<i>Provide funding for community-based emergency housing facilities assigned to the emergency housing needs of the LGBTQ homeless youth and transgender community.</i>		
23/40	DCLA	<i>Provide funding for Arts and Cultural service organizations</i>	<i>Provide Seed Funding to create a Arts and Cultural service organization.</i>		
24/40	DSNY	<i>Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws</i>	<i>Increase funding for additional Sanitation Enforcement Officers within Community District 9.</i>		
25/40	DPR	<i>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</i>	<i>Allocate funds to increase the number of Parks Enforcement Patrol Officers, Foot/Bicycle/Cars assigned to fixed patrols within CB9 specifically in high-crime areas.</i>		

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26/40	DYCD	Provide funding to maintain existing and needed Academic Arts and Mentoring AfterSchool programs grades 8-12t	Maintain funding for existing and needed Academic Arts and Mentoring After School programs through grades 8-12 with CD9.		
27/40	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	Increase funding to support the visual and performing arts among all ethnic and cultural groups within CD9		
28/40	LPC	Provide funding for additional Staff at LPC	Increase Staff at Landmarks Preservation Commission		
29/40	DPR	Provide funding for CPW Park Workers	Fund Six Full-Time Park Worker's (CPW's for Morningside, St. Nicholas/Montefiore, Riverside Parks)		
30/40	SBS	Support immigrant, minority, veteran and women-owned, as well as local and new small businesses	Allocate funds to support immigrant, minority, veteran and women-owned, as well as local and new small businesses.		
31/40	EDC	Expand tax incentive programs to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space	Provide funding to expand tax incentive programs to assist neighborhood businesses to construct and improve existing businesses.	12th Avenue 125th 137th	
32/40	NYCHA	Expand the Section 8 Program	Provide funds to expand Section-8 Housing Program to provide financial assistance to low-income families.		
33/40	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	Manhattan Community Board No. 9 requests and increase in staff to facilitate three pick-ups within CD9. There is also a need for more garbage cans due to the rat infestation. Vacant Lots and trouble locations need the Clean Team Restored.		
34/40	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	Increase funds for Activity Coordinators at most active playgrounds.		
35/40	NYPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Provide funding to libraries within the district to purchase lap-tops for the local libraries.		
36/40	ACS	Provide additional juvenile justice programs	In light of the ongoing difficulties facing our community youth, funds are needed to be allocated to helping our young citizens acquire skills to understand their civil rights and how to cope with any legal issues they may be face.		

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37/40	NYPD	<i>Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles</i>	<i>Increase funds to provide additional patrol cars in the 26th and 30th precincts and PSA-6.</i>		
38/40	DPR	<i>Plant new street trees</i>	<i>Provide funds for Landscaping design of open and green spaces</i>		
39/40	DPR	<i>Provide better park maintenance</i>	<i>Provide funds for additional staff to implement aggressive maintenance schedules.</i>		
40/40	DOB	<i>Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings</i>	<i>Provide funding to address the illegal conversions and usage of federal funded building within CD9.</i>		

## Appendix - Supporting Materials

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) into a browser.

### Youth, Education and Child Welfare



#### EDUCATION

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=B344EE10-27F9-49DF-99A4-1BDCCA099C2E>

### Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



#### Economic Development of Manhattan Community Bd

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