

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

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2018



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**Manhattan
Community District 02**

INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

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

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

a) Overarching Community District Needs

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

b) Policy Area- Specific District Needs

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

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY18 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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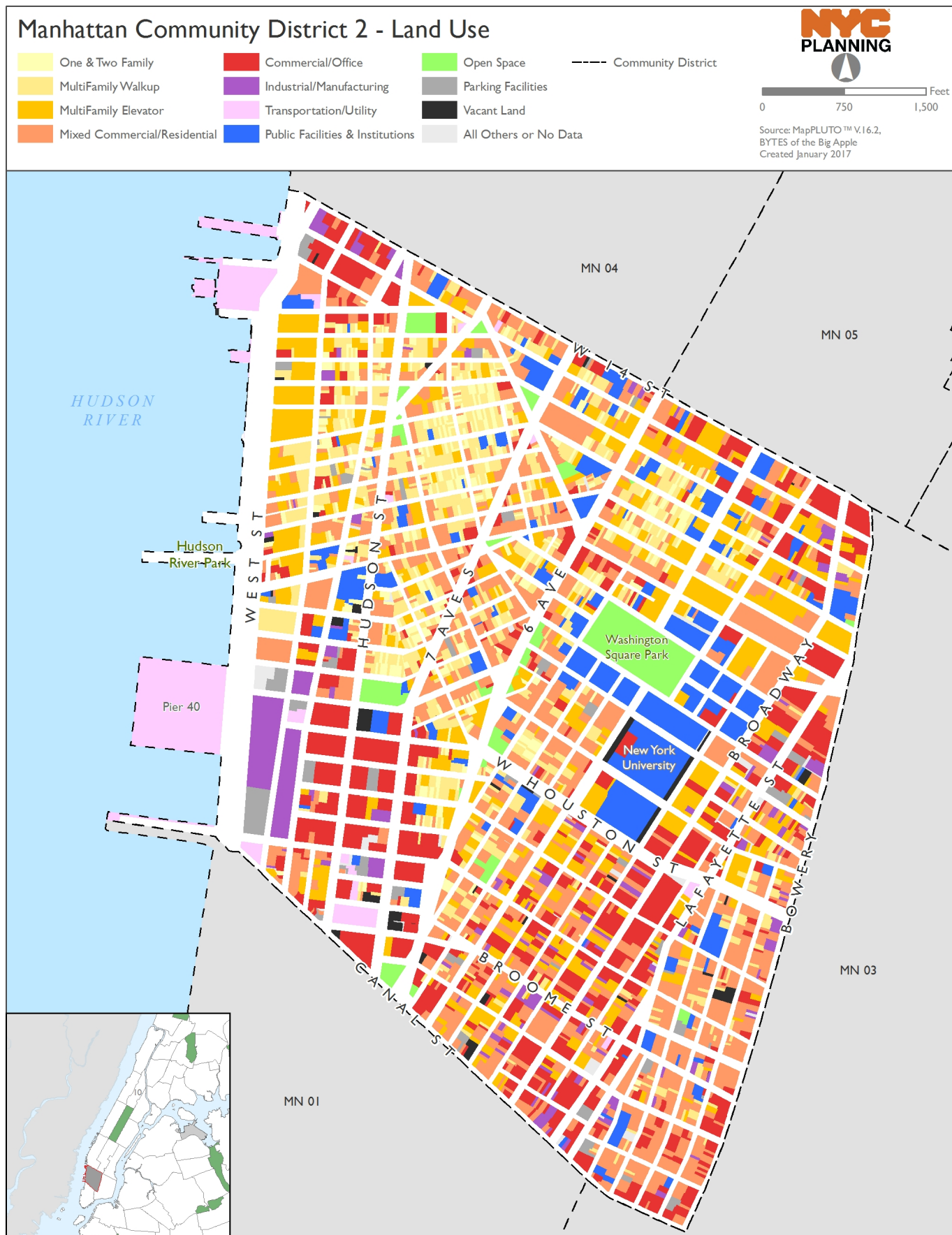
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2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

PREFACE

Community Board 2 Manhattan (“CB2”) continues to be greatly concerned that the City has minimized the impact of the district’s rapid changes and has neglected to adequately respond to the need to increase the ancillary services that such changes require. During these years of exponential residential growth in NoHo, SoHo, Chinatown and our Hudson River waterfront, planners have not provided for the necessary amenities that make for a healthy and growing residential community, e.g., public schools, open space and parks, access to health care, adequate public transit opportunities and public transit access, affordable retail space, and general services such as sanitation, police and fire.

Each year, CB2 receives many applications for residential conversions and re-zonings. The complaints and requests that come to CB2 reflect the concerns of this new residential population. Our budget priorities for the past few years have continued to focus on servicing these new arrivals to the district, as well as our long-time residents. More specific assessments of services will be set forth throughout this Statement.

I. DISTRICT OVERVIEW

A. Geography

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

B. Population

Although the population in Community Board 2 has decreased slightly since the 2000 census, the recent rezoning of Hudson Square and the construction of a new residential complex on the site of the St. John’s Terminal will increase our population by several thousand residents in the coming years. In addition, we have five major universities - New York University, the New School, the Cooper Union, Hebrew Union College, and Cardozo Law School - that add a substantial non-permanent population to our neighborhoods. Several of these institutions are currently in the midst of expansion, with proposals to add many thousand more undergraduate residents to our district, along with additional full time faculty and classrooms that will increase the number of day visitors. While the students that join us every year are welcome, it is clear that the city needs to consider their numbers when looking to allocate services to District 2.

C. Income structure

Much of the architecture and history of our district has been maintained by residents who are determined to preserve the middle class, live-work, merchant and artisan atmosphere of our neighborhoods, past and future, but socioeconomic patterns are changing drastically. Median income for Districts 1 and 2 combined for the period 2007-2009 was \$104,305.

D. Housing

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

E. Tourism/Visitors

3. Overview of Community District

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

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

Our street trash baskets are often overflowing, especially on the weekends, and it is up to our citizens and merchant associations to supplement the Department of Sanitation pick-ups. We require more police presence to manage the crowds. The parks in our district require more maintenance because they are not just the outdoor space for our residents, but also appeal to visitors who are looking for a pleasant stop on their way through our district. The High Line Park alone has attracted millions of visitors since its opening.

Tourists are extremely welcome in our neighborhoods. They provide a significant clientele for our small businesses and cultural institutions. However, the influx of thousands of people on a daily basis puts a severe strain on our infrastructure and resources, and these additional needs are not adequately addressed in the budget allocations.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

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

- *Neighborhood preservation (development trends)*
- *Parks*
- *Schools*

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

SCHOOLS: Although overall population in our district has decreased slightly, there has been an explosion of children in our public schools, all of which are over capacity and have more kindergartners than 5th graders. We are thrilled that in March 2014, NYC finally took possession from NYS of the building at 75 Morton St. for conversion to a public middle school and a much smaller self-contained school for children who need special education. It was scheduled to open in September 2017, but due to the recent discovery of significant water damage, it will now open in September 2018. CB2 also is committed to ensuring that the NYC SCA exercises its option to build a school on the Bleecker St. site. Per CB2's demographic analysis and projections developed, we have shown a strong need for 600 public school seats at this site. Finally, the rezoning of Hudson Square and the residential development at the St. John's Terminal site will require additional school seats. While there are plans to build a school at Duarte Square, it may accommodate only the new residents of the rezoning and would not alleviate the preexisting dearth of school seats in the District.

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



Health Care and Human Services

Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services*Programs, services or facilities for seniors*

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

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
8/23	DFTA	<i>Facilities for seniors</i>	<i>Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/29	DFTA	<i>Services for homebound older adults</i>	<i>Other services for homebound older adults programs</i>	
10/29	DHS	<i>Facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>Provide new homeless shelters or SROs</i>	
14/29	DFTA	<i>Services for homebound older adults</i>	<i>Other services for homebound older adults programs</i>	
19/29	DFTA	<i>Services for homebound older adults</i>	<i>Increase transportation services capacity</i>	
29/29	DHS	<i>Services for the homeless</i>	<i>Improve safety at homeless shelters</i>	



Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Community Board 2 is committed to ensuring that the NYC School Construction Authority exercises its option to build a school on the Bleecker Street site. To ensure that this happens, the School Election Notice needs to be reinstated to the original date of 2025 through an amendment to the Restrictive Declaration of Large-Scale General Development for the NYU LSGD, ("Restrictive Declaration".) Under NYU's plan certified in January 2012, the City's School Construction Authority was given the option to build a public school on the Bleecker Street site through 2025. Both the Borough President and City Planning Commission retained this option in their modifications to NYU's application. While the Restrictive Declaration added a community facility provision in the event a school is not built, the School Election Date was moved to 2014. CB 2 believes that the 2014 date is too early in light of the fact that: 1. There is a push to fund significant school construction needs in the Financial District and Battery Park City in the Department of Education's five-year capital plan for FY 2015-2019 ("DOE's Capital Plan"), 2. While there is flexibility to modify the DOE's Capital Plan, the Bleecker School is currently not funded in it and certainly could not possibly be funded by December 31, 2014 regardless of need, and 3. Plans for several new downtown schools to open in the near term, including Foundling in Fall 2014, the Trinity School and 75 Morton, may impact what type of school is needed at Bleecker Street. Thanks to a generous grant from Councilmember Margaret Chin for demographic analysis, CB 2 is confident that a strong case can be made for a new school, we simply need more time. The demographic analysis looks at a Study Area that includes the zones for PS 3, 41, 11, 130 and 340. Preliminary results show that our community continues to see high growth in the under five population and birth rates. In the Study Area, from 2000 to 2010, the under five population grew 31% vs. less than 1% in Manhattan. During the same period, the birth rate in the Study Area grew 21% vs. a decline of 5% in Manhattan. This high growth will continue to strain our already overcrowded schools. In the 2013-2104 school year, all three CB 2 elementary schools were over capacity, PS 3 at 111%, PS 41 at 124% and PS 130 at 104%. As full-day pre-kindergarten seats are added, this capacity will be further constrained. Currently, in Community District 2, there is only capacity for about 25% of the kindergarten cohort to attend free pre-K and all but one of these classes are half-day. Meanwhile, the rapid pace of residential construction, particularly of family-sized apartments, continues in CD 2 as well as other surrounding community boards. Based on trend analysis, a strong case can be made for a new school.

Supporting Materials:

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5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/23	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>Bleecker Street School 509 LaGuardia PLace</i>
5/23	DOT	<i>Pedestrian Safety</i>	<i>Allocate funds for parking and intersection alignment improvements, including sidewalk extensions, high visibility crosswalks and signalization changes on Greenwich Ave. from Bank St. to W. 12th St. and on W. 12th St. from Greenwich Ave. to the midblock e</i>	<i>Greenwich Avenue Bank Street West 12th Street</i>
12/23	DOT	<i>Pedestrian Safety</i>	<i>Allocate funds to install corner sidewalk extensions at the northeast corner of Houston and West Sts., to widen the median on West St. at Houston, and change the traffic light signal phasing to a full split phase cycle at that intersection.</i>	<i>West Street Houston Street Houston Street</i>
13/23	DOT	<i>Traffic Safety</i>	<i>Allocate funds for traffic safety measures, such as painted neckdowns and flexible delineators, speed humps, Stop signs and traffic light screens on Bedford St. between 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) and Carmine St.</i>	<i>Bedford Street 6th Avenue Carmine Street</i>
14/23	DPR	<i>Renovation of Existing Park</i>	<i>Allocate funds for the redesign and redevelopment of Minetta Triangle and the plaza at 6th Avenue and Bleecker Street</i>	<i>Minetta Triangle</i>
16/23	DOT	<i>Traffic Safety Improvements</i>	<i>Allocate funds to install traffic safety improvements, such as added crosswalks and striping, bollards, planters, a speed hump and street re-grading, on W. 4th St. approaching 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas), including Cornelia St., and change the traffic</i>	<i>West 4th Street 6th Avenue Cornelia Street</i>
17/23	DOT	<i>Traffic Safety</i>	<i>Allocate funds to install a speed hump on Washington St. between Gansevoort and Horatio Streets and daylight the northeast and northwest sides of Washington St. at Horatio St.</i>	<i>Washington Street Gansevoort Street Horatio Street</i>
CS	DPR	<i>Upgrade Existing Park</i>	<i>Allocate funds for the redevelopment of SoHo Square</i>	<i>SoHo Square</i>
CS	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate site component</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
4/29	DYCD	<i>Outreach to LGBTQ Youth</i>	<i>Fund Outreach to LGBTQ Youth by Increasing Programatic Funding for The Door</i>	<i>The Door 555 Broome Street</i>
6/29	LPC	<i>Increase staffing levels at Landmarks Preservation Commission</i>	<i>Increase staffing levels at Landmarks Preservation Commission</i>	
8/29	TLC	<i>Taxi and For-Hire Car Enforcement</i>	<i>Allocate funds to hire additional enforcement agents to address taxi and car-for-hire violations in CD2.</i>	
16/29	DOE	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	
18/29	DCA	<i>Sidewalk Cafe Enforcement</i>	<i>Allocate funds to hire additional inspectors to work nights and weekends</i>	



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services*Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances)*

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

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
15/29	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional traffic enforcement officers</i>	
24/29	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)</i>	<i>Bleecker Street LaGuardia Place Sixth Avenue</i>
25/29	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Other NYPD staff resources requests</i>	
27/29	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional traffic enforcement officers</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

Noise pollution

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

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
7/29	DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Other cleaning requests	
17/29	DEP	Environmental protection	Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs	
23/29	DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	
28/29	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Zoning review and enforcement

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

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

Supporting Materials:

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[529 Broadway \(11-2-16\)](#)

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

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[2 February 2016 Affordable Housing Development](#)

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/29	HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Other affordable housing programs requests</i>	<i>Block 581, Lot 45</i>
5/29	DOB	<i>Building code and zoning enforcement</i>	<i>Expand code enforcement</i>	
11/29	DOB	<i>Building code and zoning enforcement</i>	<i>Expand code enforcement</i>	
13/29	DOB	<i>Zoning and land use</i>	<i>Other zoning and land use requests</i>	
20/29	DOB	<i>Building code and zoning enforcement</i>	<i>Expand code enforcement</i>	
21/29	HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Other affordable housing programs requests</i>	



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Traffic safety

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

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

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[Traffic & Transportation FY 18](#)

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/23	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Waverly Place Christopher Street Grove Street
6/23	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	7th Avenue South Carmine Street Clarkson Street
11/23	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	West 4th Street Subway Station
15/23	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Broadway 14th Street Canal Street
18/23	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	West 14th Street 9th Avenue Route 9A
19/23	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Gansevoort/Little West 12th Sts Route 9A 8th Avenue
20/23	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	
23/23	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	Avenue of the Americas 14th Street Houston Street

**Transportation****Expense Requests Related to Transportation**

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/29	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	
12/29	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Install streetscape improvements</i>	



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Park access and park facility access

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

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

With only about .58 acres of parkland per 1000 residents, our district has one of the lowest ratios of public open space in the city, and with its fully built up high-value land, the City standard of 2.5 acres is an unobtainable goal. But important progress has been made in recent years. Along with the development of the Hudson River Park and the Highline, there has been a steady and ongoing stream of improvements to the quality and condition of our parks with recently completed renovations at Washington Square and JJ Walker and the Jane Street Triangle, along with needed repairs at the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center. Last year, the new park at St. Vincent's Triangle finally opened to the public and the community looks forward to the ribbon-cutting for the AIDS Memorial at the northwest corner of the site. In addition, funding is in place for open space at Duarte Square, and for streetscapes within Hudson Square. Funding and design work has progressed for upgrades at Father Fagan Park and DeSalvio Playground. Funding has been obtained from a variety of sources for improvements at Pier 40, Little Red Square, Jackson Square, and SoHo Square. These initiatives will make our parks more attractive and safer, thereby providing more people a better park experience. These additions and improvements are critical, but they have not been sufficient because the population of families with young children continues to rise in our district, increasing the overcrowding of our active play spaces. In addition, several large-scale development projects and major rezoning proposals have been approved during the last year, which will add to the pressure on our parks and the need for more open space, particularly those in which active recreation will be possible. Whereas the focus of our efforts over the last few years has been on the preservation and improvement of the existing parks, we now see a need to strive to take advantage of every opportunity to create new open space. We thank our elected officials and City agencies for their support and we urge them to continue to help us protect, preserve and improve the public open space while we ask that they work with us to pursue every opportunity for creating new open space in our district. Continuing Upgrade of Parks and Playgrounds and Facilities While most of our parks are in good condition, there are still some that need renovation. DeSalvio Playground, at the corner of Prince and Mulberry Streets, was last renovated in 1996. The park is now run down, uninteresting, and underused despite its location in an area with no other parks and a growing population of families with young children. An energetic group of parents has launched a drive to get the park rebuilt and the council member has allocated some of the required funds. Father Fagan Square is also in the process of being renovated. An active group of local residents has been engaged for several years, funds have been allocated by the City Council, a design has been created, reviewed, revised and recently presented to the community. It received a warm response, so we urge all involved parties to proceed with this project. Trees As an area with very few large parks and burdened by high vehicular traffic, our district greatly values the benefits of streets trees. We support the citywide effort to plant one million new trees. We passed a resolution urging the Parks Department to make the replacement of trees the highest priority for tree plantings in our district and we have seen some replacements. We also requested a policy change whereby tree and stump removals automatically generate a high priority request for a new tree without the need for a second 311 request.



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

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[01 Elizabeth Street Gardens 2014](#)

[2 February 2016 Affordable Housing Development](#)

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/23	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Block 493, Lot 30
4/23	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Dapolito Recreation Center
7/23	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
9/23	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Hudson Park Library
10/23	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Passannante park
21/23	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Duarte park
22/23	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Plant new street trees	
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Corporal Seravalli Playground
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DeSalvio Playground
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Jackson Square Park
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Father Fagan Park

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
9/29	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	
22/29	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	
26/29	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Minetta Triangle. Golden Swan

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Additional Documents

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Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
5/23	DOT	<i>Pedestrian Safety</i>	<i>Allocate funds for parking and intersection alignment improvements, including sidewalk extensions, high visibility crosswalks and signalization changes on Greenwich Ave. from Bank St. to W. 12th St. and on W. 12th St. from Greenwich Ave. to the midblock e</i>	<i>Greenwich Avenue Bank Street West 12th Street</i>
12/23	DOT	<i>Pedestrian Safety</i>	<i>Allocate funds to install corner sidewalk extensions at the northeast corner of Houston and West Sts., to widen the median on West St. at Houston, and change the traffic light signal phasing to a full split phase cycle at that intersection.</i>	<i>West Street Houston Street Houston Street</i>
13/23	DOT	<i>Traffic Safety</i>	<i>Allocate funds for traffic safety measures, such as painted neckdowns and flexible delineators, speed humps, Stop signs and traffic light screens on Bedford St. between 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) and Carmine St.</i>	<i>Bedford Street 6th Avenue Carmine Street</i>
14/23	DPR	<i>Renovation of Existing Park</i>	<i>Allocate funds for the redesign and redevelopment of Minetta Triangle and the plaza at 6th Avenue and Bleecker Street</i>	<i>Minetta Triangle</i>
16/23	DOT	<i>Traffic Safety Improvements</i>	<i>Allocate funds to install traffic safety improvements, such as added crosswalks and striping, bollards, planters, a speed hump and street re-grading, on W. 4th St. approaching 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas), including Cornelia St., and change the traffic</i>	<i>West 4th Street 6th Avenue Cornelia Street</i>
17/23	DOT	<i>Traffic Safety</i>	<i>Allocate funds to install a speed hump on Washington St. between Gansevoort and Horatio Streets and daylight the northeast and northwest sides of Washington St. at Horatio St.</i>	<i>Washington Street Gansevoort Street Horatio Street</i>
CS	DPR	<i>Upgrade Existing Park</i>	<i>Allocate funds for the redevelopment of SoHo Square</i>	<i>SoHo Square</i>

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
4/29	DYCD	<i>Outreach to LGBTQ Youth</i>	<i>Fund Outreach to LGBTQ Youth by Increasing Programatic Funding for The Door</i>	<i>The Door 555 Broome Street</i>
6/29	LPC	<i>Increase staffing levels at Landmarks Preservation Commission</i>	<i>Increase staffing levels at Landmarks Preservation Commission</i>	
8/29	TLC	<i>Taxi and For-Hire Car Enforcement</i>	<i>Allocate funds to hire additional enforcement agents to address taxi and car-for-hire violations in CD2.</i>	
18/29	DCA	<i>Sidewalk Cafe Enforcement</i>	<i>Allocate funds to hire additional inspectors to work nights and weekends</i>	

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/23	DPR	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Allocate funds for the permanent preservation of the Elizabeth Street Garden, in its entirety, on land owned by the NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services, on a through lot on Elizabeth and Mott Streets, between Prince and Spring Streets. Only if Elizabeth Street Garden is preserved in its entirety as a New York City park.</i>	<i>Block 493, Lot 30</i>	<i>Friends of Elizabeth Street Garden</i>
2/23	DOE	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>Allocate funds for the Bleecker Street School. Under a July 24, 2012 Restrictive Declaration by New York University (NYU) and amended by a letter from NYU to Councilmember Chin on October 21, 2014, the NYC DOE has the option to build a 100,000 square foot elementary and/or intermediate public school at 509 LaGuardia Place in Greenwich Village on NYU-owned land. To exercise this option, the DOE must fund the school by December 31, 2018 and start</i>	<i>Bleecker Street School 509 LaGuardia Place</i>	
3/23	DOT	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	<i>Allocate funds for traffic safety improvements at the intersection of Waverly Pl., Christopher and Grove Sts., including neckdowns, sidewalk extensions, daylighting, stop signs, and improved directional signage. Lack of visibility, wide crossings, illegal parking, and pedestrians crossing in multiple paths create danger and confusion for both pedestrians and drivers at this complex, irregular intersection. This area now encompasses the Stonewall National Monument, attracting increased crowds, pedestrian activity, tour buses and other vehicular movement, calling for swift attention to improving safety here.</i>	<i>Waverly Place Christopher Street Grove Street</i>	
4/23	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i>	<i>Allocate funds to renovate the Tony Dapolito Recreation Center. The Dapolito Center is a hub of activity and is well-used by young and old alike. Rather than partial measures to address recurring problems, Community Board 2 requests that funds be allocated to repair, renovate and re-imagine uses for the center.</i>	<i>Dapolito Recreation Center</i>	

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5/23	DOT	<i>Allocate funds for parking and intersection alignment improvements, including sidewalk extensions, high visibility crosswalks and signalization changes on Greenwich Ave. from Bank St. to W. 12th St. and on W. 12th St. from Greenwich Ave. to the midblock e</i>	<i>Broad, oddly angled intersections, long, badly marked crosswalks (or none), shortage of traffic controls and wide street beds endanger the increasing number of pedestrians crossing on Greenwich Ave. between W. 11th and W. 12th Sts. and on W. 12th St. between Greenwich and 7th Aves., heading to the new park, the subway and to school, particularly hazardous at Bank St. and at the intersection of Greenwich Ave. and W. 12th St.</i>	<i>Greenwich Avenue Bank Street West 12th Street</i>	
6/23	DOT	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	<i>Allocate funds to study and institute safety improvements at 7th Ave. S., Carmine, Varick and Clarkson Sts. intersection, including neckdowns, traffic signal changes and repositioning, daylighting, lane reconfiguration, and other geometric improvements. Excessively long pedestrian crossings, poor visibility, motorists driving on the sidewalk, gridlock, blocked crosswalks, hazardous turning movements, intermittent speeding, irregularly angled design and chaotic Holland Tunnel-bound traffic create exceptionally dangerous conditions for the many pedestrians (residential, working, tourists/seniors and children) using this area. A promised improvement plan presentation is awaited.</i>	<i>7th Avenue South Carmine Street Clarkson Street</i>	<i>Hudson Square BID</i>
7/23	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Request for funds to be allocated for resiliency efforts to shore up the west side of Community District 2 along the Hudson River Park to prevent another disaster like in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.</i>		
8/23	DFTA	<i>Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors</i>	<i>Allocate funds for an adult day care center in Community District 2 for elders with dementia. This is particularly important for the Chinese elders because families are especially hesitant to bring to residential care even the poorest and oldest elders who are no longer able to care for themselves (especially those with Alzheimer and other dementias). Day care is often provided by people who are elderly themselves or by children and youth. A day care center would benefit family members of all ages, as well as seniors and reduce elder abuse and institutionalization among this vulnerable group.</i>		

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9/23	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Allocate funds to provide ADA accessibility to the landmark-quality Hudson Park branch from the 7th Avenue South entrance, including the creation of an interior ramp and vestibule, installation of a new elevator, modernization of toilet facilities, and modifications to mechanical and electrical system components required for the installation of the new elevator.	Hudson Park Library	
10/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funds to renovate Passannante Ballfield on 6th Avenue between Houston and West 3rd Streets. The ball field is showing signs of wear and tear. Portions of the fence are missing. Portions of the fence are in disrepair. Additional fencing is needed to protect neighbors' property.	Passannante park	
11/23	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Allocate funds to refurbish walls, floors and ceilings in the West 4th Street subway station. This station, the ninth busiest in the City and a major hub for seven subway lines, suffers from peeling walls, leaky ceilings, and broken wall tiles. These conditions not only affect local and transient users but also have negative impacts on Greenwich Village's role as an important center of business, tourism and major institutions and needs to be quickly addressed by the MTA's Station Renewal	West 4th Street Subway Station	Village Alliance
12/23	DOT	Allocate funds to install corner sidewalk extensions at the northeast corner of Houston and West Sts., to widen the median on West St. at Houston, and change the traffic light signal phasing to a full split phase cycle at that intersection.	Numerous cars and trucks turn left rapidly from Houston St. onto West St. going north, while vehicles turn east from West onto Houston, all at the same time pedestrians are crossing West St., endangered by the fast-turning traffic and often getting stuck in the narrow West St. median. A separate green light phase for pedestrians and shortened crossings are needed to safeguard the many people traversing West St. to Pier 40 and the Hudson River Park. NYC DOT is urged to work together with NYS DOT on signalization and geometric improvements.	West Street Houston Street Houston Street	

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13/23	DOT	<i>Allocate funds for traffic safety measures, such as painted neckdowns and flexible delineators, speed humps, Stop signs and traffic light screens on Bedford St. between 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) and Carmine St.</i>	<i>Speeding vehicles, sharp curves and varied lane sizes with abrupt turns and changes, an unusually wide entrance from 6th Ave., obscured sight lines (in particular at Downing St.), insufficient signage and markings make Bedford St. exceptionally hazardous for the many pedestrians using these neighborhood streets as well as for motorists.</i>	<i>Bedford Street 6th Avenue Carmine Street</i>	
14/23	DPR	<i>Allocate funds for the redesign and redevelopment of Minetta Triangle and the plaza at 6th Avenue and Bleecker Street</i>		<i>Minetta Triangle</i>	
15/23	DOT	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	<i>Allocate funds to improve the pedestrian environment, minimizing vehicular use and using a more holistic approach to integrating bus priority, walking, and bicycling through design and construction on Broadway between 14th Street and Canal Street. A less piecemeal approach aimed at reducing traffic and integrating alternate transportation modes can create a more functional, people-friendly and less congested corridor. A study and development of a plan and implementation are needed.</i>	<i>Broadway 14th Street Canal Street</i>	
16/23	DOT	<i>Allocate funds to install traffic safety improvements, such as added crosswalks and striping, bollards, planters, a speed hump and street re-grading, on W. 4th St. approaching 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas), including Cornelia St., and change the traffic</i>	<i>W. 4th St. is highly irregular approaching 6th Ave. from the west, flaring out after Jones St. and endangering crossing pedestrians, with confusion and danger compounded on the way by traffic feeding in from Cornelia St. and considerable ponding. When vehicular traffic turns left from W. 4th St. onto 6th Ave., it seriously threatens the safety of pedestrians crossing 6th Ave. at the same time (since both have the green light), exemplified by a left-turning tour bus recently striking and seriously injuring a man crossing with the light on 6th Ave.</i>	<i>West 4th Street 6th Avenue Cornelia Street</i>	

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17/23	DOT	<i>Allocate funds to install a speed hump on Washington St. between Gansevoort and Horatio Streets and daylight the northeast and northwest sides of Washington St. at Horatio St.</i>	<i>Speeding vehicles at all times of day and blocked visibility threaten the safety of the ever-increasing number of pedestrians who regularly use this street, including families with children, tourists and visitors, working people, and an ever-growing population of neighborhood residents.</i>	<i>Washington Street Gansevoort Street Horatio Street</i>	
18/23	DOT	<i>Repair potholes (resurface roads)</i>	<i>Allocate funds to repair the area between 9th Avenue and Route 9A on 14th Street with Belgian blocks. The restoration of these streets would be in keeping with the historic nature of the area. Belgian blocks should be restored where they are missing and/or damaged. Current condition is hazardous to pedestrians. The agency previously said it would try to accommodate within existing resources.</i>	<i>West 14th Street 9th Avenue Route 9A</i>	
19/23	DOT	<i>Repair potholes (resurface roads)</i>	<i>Allocate funds to repair Gansevoort and Little West 12th Streets between 9A and 8th Avenue with Belgian blocks. (This Action Should Be Coordinated With the Capital Phase of the 9th Avenue Pedestrian Project.) The restoration of these streets would be in keeping with the historic nature of the area. The Gansevoort, Greenwich Street, Little West 12th Street convergence represents one of the few remaining artistically paved, large Belgian block areas that can best be described as a New York City "Piazza". We are hoping to restore the Belgian blocks, where they are missing and/or damaged, to this historically important area. Current condition is hazardous to pedestrians. The agency previously said it would try to accommodate within existing resources.</i>	<i>Gansevoort/Little West 12th Sts Route 9A 8th Avenue</i>	
20/23	DOT	<i>Repair potholes (resurface roads)</i>	<i>Allocate funds to reset Belgian blocks in and around streets in all of CD2's historic districts. This priority is in conformance with Section 693B-3.0 of the NYC Administrative Code. Current conditions are not only a blight to the historical area, but also hazardous to pedestrians. The agency previously said it would try to accommodate within existing resources.</i>		<i>Perry Street Block Association</i>

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21/23	DPR	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Allocate funds to develop open space in the vicinity of the new school near Duarte Square. The rezoning of Hudson Square will attract thousands of additional residents to the area. The rezoning included a commitment to build a new school adjacent to Duarte Square. Funds should be allocated to develop additional open space in the area to for recreation by the children attending the school.</i>	<i>Duarte park</i>	
22/23	DPR	<i>Plant new street trees</i>	<i>Allocate funds to plant three hundred trees in tree pits where trees are missing or dead on streets and in parks and playgrounds within Community District 2. Trees are very important to the quality of life along our heavily trafficked streets. Many trees have died over the years and have not been replaced. This causes trip hazards to pedestrians and creates an unmanaged appearance. Property owners eventually remove the pits causing the loss of a valuable tree location and an additional cost to the City when the tree is replanted.</i>		
23/23	DOT	<i>Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps</i>	<i>Allocate funds for capital replacement of Bluestone and brick pavers on the Avenue of the Americas from Houston to West 14th St. (excluding the Jefferson Market Library and Ruth Wittenberg blocks) with tinted concrete, along with new granite curbs and uniform tree pit treatment. Twenty-six years ago, DOT fully funded a capital improvement project at this locale, including 3-ft. bluestone pavers, curbs, tree pits, storm water catch basins, ramps and other amenities, intending to maintain them, but this was not done. At this point, the bluestone and pavers have severely deteriorated. They are not only unattractive, but with many loose and missing pieces, highly dangerous to pedestrians and obstructive to the conduct of business.</i>	<i>Avenue of the Americas 14th Street Houston Street</i>	<i>Village Alliance BID</i>
CS	DPR	<i>Allocate funds for the redevelopment of SoHo Square</i>		<i>SoHo Square</i>	
CS	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Allocate funds to renovate the comfort station in Corporal Seravalli Playground on Horatio Street to ensure compliance with ADA accessibility standards. CB2 supports the accessibility of all our public spaces, including the restrooms in our parks and playgrounds.</i>	<i>Corporal Seravalli Playground</i>	<i>Disabled in Action of Metropolitan New York</i>

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CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funds to renovate Jackson Square Park, Including upgrading the pavers, lighting and repainting the fence. Despite significant amounts of money raised by the Jackson Square Alliance to maintain the park, there has been serious deterioration that can only be remedied with a capital upgrade. Some of that includes: insufficient electricity for the holiday lights (at times, an extension cord must be run into nearby buildings); the fountain has a large crack that must be repaired; the drinking fountain and benches are not ADA accessible; the Belgian block pavers have deteriorated creating a tripping hazard; and the perimeter fence is rusting and needs to be repainted.	Jackson Square Park	Jackson Square Alliance
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funds to renovate DeSalvio Playground at the corner of Mulberry and Spring Streets. The pavings in the park are in poor condition. The play equipment is outdated. A population shift in the neighborhood has brought many families with young children to the area.	DeSalvio Playground	Friends of DeSalvio Playground
CS	DOE	Renovate site component	Allocate funds for NYC iSchool Green Roof Program.		
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate Funds to Renovate Father Fagan Park. The Department of Parks and Recreation has already shown the community preliminary designs for this park. We fully support the renovation.	Father Fagan Park	

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1/29	HPD	<i>Other affordable housing programs requests</i>	<i>Allocate funds to study construction of affordable housing at a City-owned lot (prior water tunnel shaft construction site) on the east side of Hudson Street between Clarkson and West Houston Streets.</i>	<i>Block 581, Lot 45</i>	
2/29	DOT	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Allocate funds to complete a comprehensive study providing recommendations for improving baseline traffic and pedestrian safety conditions, with particular focus on Varick Street below Bleecker, Houston and Spring Streets.</i>		
3/29	DFTA	<i>Other services for homebound older adults programs</i>	<i>Allocate funds for programs that allow the elderly to age in place and more proactively identify seniors who may be victims of abuse and more aggressively educate out senior population and the general population about services that are available.</i>		
4/29	DYCD	<i>Fund Outreach to LGBTQ Youth by Increasing Programatic Funding for The Door</i>	<i>Thousands of LGBTQ youth find our neighborhood more accepting than most, and many need help with HIV and other problems that they are unable or unwilling to secure in their home neighborhoods. In addition, educational and vocational needs are often unmet, resulting in hostility and distress among the youth as well as our residents. Increased support for groups that help these youth is needed. We applaud DYCD's Family Therapy Intervention Pilot.</i>	<i>The Door 555 Broome Street</i>	
5/29	DOB	<i>Expand code enforcement</i>	<i>CB2 requests that the Department of Buildings allocate funds to initiate a transparent review of its policies and procedures regarding approvals of stores exceeding 10,000 square feet in the M1-5A and M1-5B districts.</i>		
6/29	LPC	<i>Increase staffing levels at Landmarks Preservation Commission</i>	<i>Allocate funds to increase staffing levels so the Landmarks Preservation Commission can respond more efficiently and expeditiously to the concerns and needs of our many landmarked and historic areas. Approximately two-thirds of Community District 2 is designated as historic or landmarked. We recognize and applaud the hiring of six additional staff last year, but request that additional funds be allocated to increase staffing levels even more to facilitate the review of applications and effectively monitor compliance with approvals and check on violations and complaints.</i>		
7/29	DSNY	<i>Other cleaning requests</i>	<i>Allocate funds to study the quantity and condition of trash containers and evaluate pick-up schedules and adjust them as necessary to reduce overflowing containers, especially in high-traffic areas not serviced by the BIDs. Many parts of Community Board 2 attract large numbers of visitors. Collecting trash in sidewalk containers and picking up trash from those containers is a major concern both for maintaining a clean appearance and discouraging rodents. Regularly, containers overflow, especially in the most trafficked areas.</i>		

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8/29	TLC	Allocate funds to hire additional enforcement agents to address taxi and car-for-hire violations in CD2.	There are many areas in Community District 2, including the Meatpacking District, the Bleecker Street area, SoHo, NoHo, Little Italy and Chinatown, that attract a large amount of taxi traffic. We have seen a dramatic increase in the number of complaints about taxi cabs blowing their horns, especially late at night and in the early morning hours, as they cruise the Meatpacking District in search of passengers leaving the late-night clubs. We need more TLC enforcement agents on the street to target violations, particularly noise violations, that adversely impact area residents.		
9/29	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Manhattan Community Board 2 recommends retaining the current level of library funding and baselining it to preserve system-wide enhancements, including more librarians, hours, programs and books.		
10/29	DHS	Provide new homeless shelters or SROs	Allocate funds for a homeless youth shelter, particularly those who are LGBTQ, where they are safe, respected, counseled, and cared for, becoming healthy and productive adults. LGBT youth need a shelter where they are safe from those who would harm them.		
11/29	DOB	Expand code enforcement	Allocate funding for the research and drafting of proposed standards and code revisions that would mitigate the negative effects of roof-top and other exterior mechanical equipment. Community Board 2 receives numerous complaints when exterior mechanical equipment is installed that creates unacceptable noise levels in surrounding residences and businesses. More often than not, the problem is discovered only after the equipment is installed, and recourse is complicated and costly. NYC codes should establish standards and procedures, so that the potential negative impacts of such equipment are identified and appropriate solutions are found during the design process and before permits are issued, be they through equipment standards and/or sound attenuation treatments.		
12/29	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	Allocate funds to study heavy traffic areas frequented by the elderly and the disabled for the purpose of designating areas for benches.		
13/29	DOB	Other zoning and land use requests	Allocate funding for a study of illuminated interior retail and merchandising displays and signage to determine and implement appropriate illumination limits, made necessary due to the introduction of technologies such as large LED panels, LCD screens and other display mechanisms used to project images and messages far from their point of origin, often across public sidewalks and streets, and intruding through nearby windows and into residential units.		

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14/29	DFTA	<i>Other services for homebound older adults programs</i>	<i>Allocate funds for programs that allow the elderly to function in the community, such as senior centers, daily meal delivery, Village Visiting Neighbors, Assisted Living, etc. These programs result in happier and healthier seniors, as well as save hospital and nursing home costs. Current cuts have short-changed the needs of our elderly. Reorganization and strategic prioritizing of city/state/federal agencies may be needed.</i>		<i>Village Visiting Neighbors</i>
15/29	NYPD	<i>Assign additional traffic enforcement officers</i>	<i>Allocate funds to increase traffic enforcement in CD 2 (e.g. traffic policing near the Holland Tunnel, enforcement of idling engine laws and enforcement of motor vehicle laws for trucks and enforcement of distracted driving rules vs. calling and texting on cell phones). CB 2 is hopeful at the prospect that the agency (NYPD) will try to accommodate this enforcement need within existing resources. The need for enforcement near the Holland Tunnel (whose entrance is reported to have the highest concentration of particulate matter in the City) continues to be of great concern, as it is throughout CD 2, in terms to both alleviate congestion (and thereby air pollution) and avoid pedestrian/vehicular, as well as vehicular/vehicular conflicts.</i>		
16/29	DOE	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>Allocate funds for increased arts education, faculty and classrooms in our service area's public schools. Two recent studies, one by the NYC Comptroller ("State of the Arts") and the other by the Manhattan Borough President ("ArtsForward"), identified deficiencies in arts programs in public schools. While some funds were allocated in FY 2015, we ask the City to baseline that and provide additional funding to hire more dedicated arts faculty and provide adequate infrastructure for arts</i>		
17/29	DEP	<i>Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs</i>	<i>Allocate funds to hire additional enforcement agents to respond to the growing number of noise complaints. Community Board 2 has the second highest number of noise complaints in Manhattan. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) needs to hire additional enforcement agents so they can do more than respond to a call made to "311." When a hot spot is identified, DEP should proactively send enforcement agents into the area to address the problem.</i>		

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18/29	DCA	<i>Allocate funds to hire additional inspectors to work nights and weekends</i>	<i>A major weakness in the enforcement of the sidewalk cafe rules by the Department of Consumer Affairs is the lack of inspectors working regular shifts on the weekends and at night when many violations occur. These are peak sidewalk caf times and it is imperative that DCA has inspectors in the field at these times. Many of the complaints we receive regarding sidewalk cafes pertain to illegal activity at these times.</i>		
19/29	DFTA	<i>Increase transportation services capacity</i>	<i>Allocate funds to provide supplemental transit for senior citizens who need to get to a hospital. With the closing of St. Vincent's Hospital, an additional burden has been placed on residents of Community District 2 to get to a hospital when necessary. This burden falls most heavily on our senior citizens. We feel that funds should be allocated to transport these individuals to hospitals in non-emergency situations (i.e. when an ambulance should not be called), but when Access-A-Ride would not be a viable option.</i>		
20/29	DOB	<i>Expand code enforcement</i>	<i>Allocate funds to increase the number of inspectors employed by the Department of Buildings. Approximately two-thirds of Community District 2 is landmarked. We believe there is a need for additional DOB inspectors to respond to complaints about illegal alterations made without proper approvals by the Landmarks Preservation Commission and complaints about violations of the Building Code.</i>		
21/29	HPD	<i>Other affordable housing programs requests</i>	<i>Allocate funds for a study for the creation of low to moderate income housing for LGBT families in Manhattan Community District 2. This type of housing is already in other cities, such as Philadelphia, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Portland. Affordable housing should be available to all our residents.</i>		
22/29	DPR	<i>Improve trash removal and cleanliness</i>	<i>Allocate funds to increase litter patrol and basket pick-up in CD 2. Keeping the parks and playgrounds clean should be a primary goal of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Consequently, CB 2 strongly urges the Department to allocate funds to increase the litter patrol and basket pick-up throughout the district, especially on the weekends.</i>		
23/29	DSNY	<i>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</i>	<i>Allocate funds to increase litter patrol and basket pick-up in CD 2. Keeping the streets clean is a primary goal of the Department of Sanitation. Consequently, CB 2 strongly urges the Department to allocate funds to increase the litter patrol and basket pick-up throughout the district, especially on the weekends.</i>		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Manhattan Community Board 2 Expense Requests

Manhattan Community Board 2 submitted 29 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
24/29	NYPD	Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	Allocate funds to provide an increased and continuous police presence along the Bleecker Street Corridor (between LaGuardia Place and Sixth Avenue) and in the Gansevoort/14th Street area during the late evening and early morning hours. CB 2 is concerned about quality-of-life issues stemming from the increase in nightlife activity in these areas. In particular, there has been a steady stream of noise complaints from problem bars along Bleecker and Macdougall Streets.	Bleecker Street LaGuardia Place Sixth Avenue	
25/29	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	Allocate funds to improve training for traffic enforcement agents to make pedestrian safety their highest priority.		
26/29	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Allocate funds for the installation of benches in Minetta Green, Minetta Triangle, and Golden Swan. These three lush oases of green amid our asphalt jungle would be enhanced by benches that allow pedestrians to sit and relax in these enclosures. Some benches have already been installed and have proven very popular. Our request is that more benches be installed.	Minetta Triangle. Golden Swan	
27/29	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	Allocate funds to conduct a pilot program using marked and unmarked police motorcycles and scooters to enforce distracted driving laws. Distracted driving, including inattention from increased mobile phone calling, texting and use of other electronic devices while driving, has become one of the major causes of auto collisions, injuries and fatalities. A Western Australian Police program utilizing marked and unmarked motorcycles moving easily through congested traffic reports significant success in ticketing drivers using mobile phones, reduction in mobile phone use while driving, and catching other driving offenses		
28/29	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	Allocate funds to expand the program for residential and commercial composting in Community District 2. Residents of CD2 were pioneers in the recycling movement, and Community Board 2 urges the Department of Sanitation to expand its composting program in our district.		
29/29	DHS	Improve safety at homeless shelters	Fund a "Safe Space" Shelter Program for homeless transgender individuals in the NYC Shelter System. Transgendered individuals are special targets for abuse and violence within the shelter system as constituted now and require separate facilities.		

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



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

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



529 Broadway (11-2-16)

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=AAE12944-94A8-47A3-8C0D-C1B1A163E356>

2 February 2016_Affordable Housing Development

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Transportation



Traffic & Transportation FY 18

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=291D5328-D4F7-4109-AF36-BBFA8CDF4584>

Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities



01 Elizabeth Street Gardens 2014

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=F8062CBA-3FDE-468E-974C-01A33D654198>

2 February 2016_Affordable Housing Development

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Additional Information and Requests

District Needs FY 18

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=75C91AD3-9B28-4114-8883-CCCB5C959CE7>