

***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 7'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

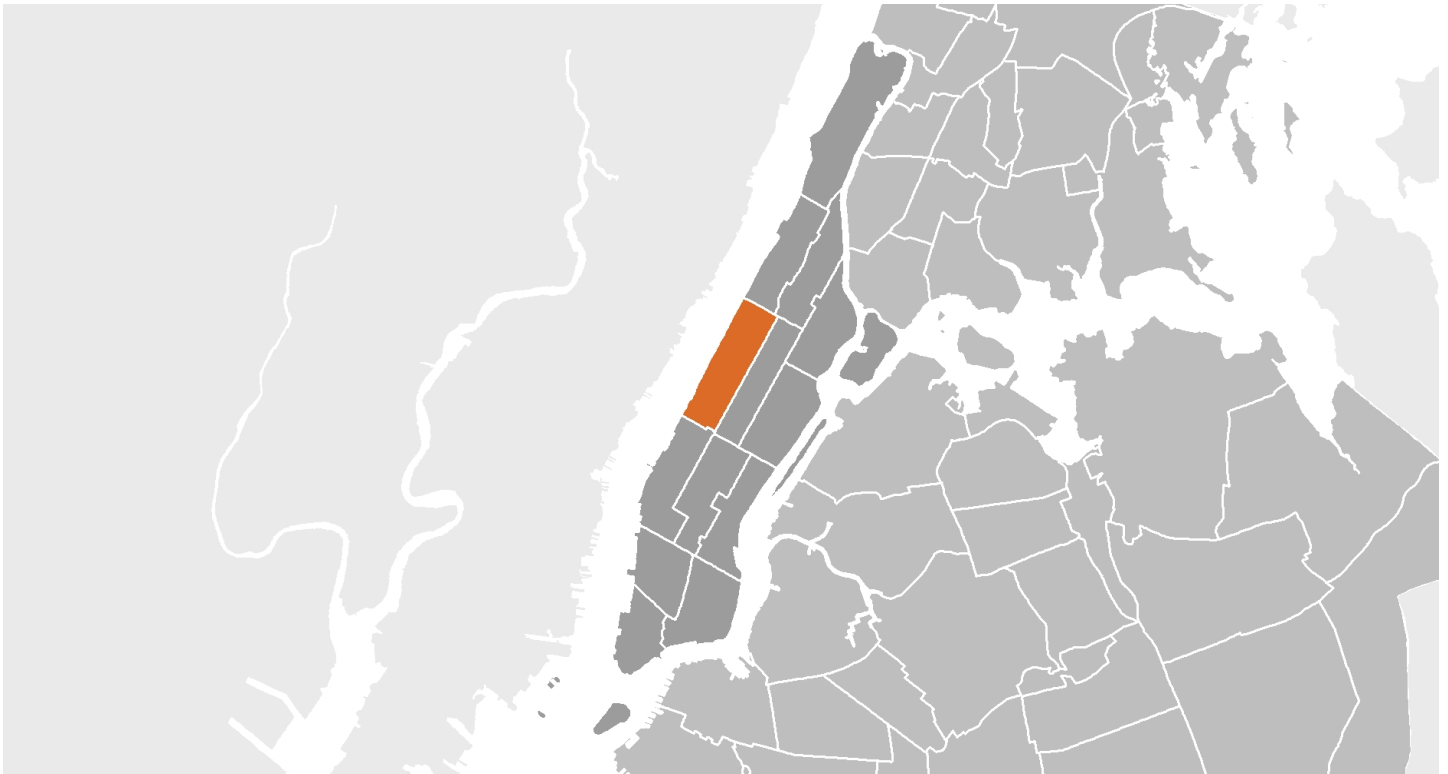
Sections 1 – 4 provide an overview of the community district and the top three pressing issues affecting this district overall as identified by the community board. Any narrative provided by the board supporting their selection of their top three pressing issues is included.

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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Budget Requests: Listed for informational purposes only. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests and budget request responses.

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.

District Needs Statement
Community Board 7/Manhattan
FY2018

October 10, 2016



Manhattan Community Board 7 (“MCB7”) serves the residents, institutions, businesses, visitors, and other stakeholders of Manhattan’s Upper West Side. We hold as our guiding context the following core principles:

INCLUSION: valuing diversity, consideration of others, and promotion of the common good.

QUALITY OF LIFE: pursuing the availability and continuous improvement of resources, infrastructure, public space, programs, services, and economic, socio-cultural, and educational opportunities that foster safe and active healthy living for all.

SUSTAINABILITY: respecting those who came before us, and those who have yet to arrive; promoting policies and practices that are economically, environmentally, and socially sustainable for generations to come.

INTERDEPENDENCE: understanding our place in the world, recognizing that our interests, resources, and actions connect us with communities and ecosystems across the globe; embracing policies and practices that allow all communities to thrive.

PARTICIPATION: fostering honest, transparent, responsive, and democratic governance, collaborative engagement, and the right of every person to be informed and heard, even in the context of respectful disagreement.

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1. Community Board Information

Manhattan Community Board 7

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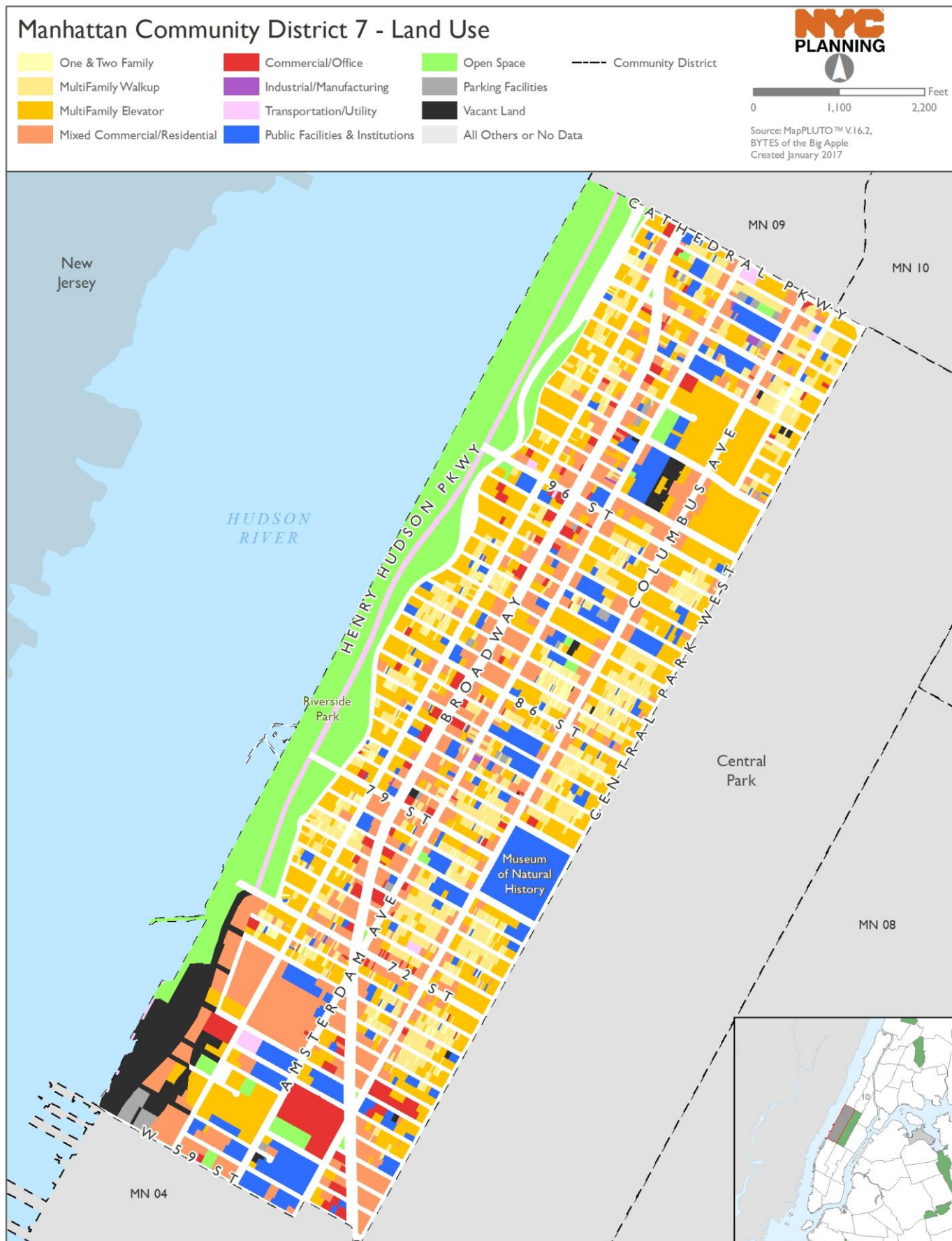
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District Manager: Ms. Penny Ryan

Community Board Officers:

Penny Ryan

2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Manhattan Community Board 7 (“MCB7”) serves the people of Manhattan’s Upper West Side. We strive to uphold the core principles of inclusion, quality of life, interdependence, sustainability, and public participation.

1.0 Geography and Demographics

Manhattan Community District 7 encompasses Manhattan’s Upper West Side, from 59th Street to 110th Street, Central Park West to the Hudson River, and includes approximately 1.9 square miles (1222 acres) of prime New York City real estate. The district is home to 211,073 people, supporting approximately 50% more people per acre than the average for Manhattan, and four times more people per acre than the average for New York City.

In addition to the residents who live in District 7, the Upper West Side attracts millions of visitors each year who come to enjoy its cultural institutions, parks, retail offerings, and architectural diversity. Central Park, the American Museum of Natural History, Lincoln Center, Time Warner Center, New-York Historical Society, and Riverside Park are popular destinations.

1.1 Population Density

Although population has remained fairly stable over four decades, the geographic distribution of residents has shifted. According to census tract data, approximately 6% fewer people live in the central part of the district (74th St. to 96th St.), while new development in the southern and northern ends of the district has attracted enough new residents to counter-balance that loss. Reliance on census data carries with it concerns relating to populations traditionally under-counted, which correlate with the perceived areas of population claimed to have been lost in the last decennial census. Almost half (49%) of the occupied units in the district are one-person households.

Total Population	1980	1990	2000	2010
# of Residents	206,671	210,993	207,699	211,073
% Change	--	2.1	-1.6	1.6

1.2 Population Distribution

Although population has increased a modest 1.6% over the past decade, notable shifts occurred in the socioeconomic mix of the neighborhood.

Race. The decade saw an increase in the proportion of Caucasian residents (66% to 75%) and Asian residents (5.5% to 6.9%), while the proportion of Black residents decreased (9% to 6%) and Latino residents dropped (17% to 11%).

Age. Similarly, there was a significant shift in age distribution. Overall, adults of working ages 20-64 decreased by 6%, while children under 20 increased by 10%, and seniors over 65 increased a whopping 27% since 2000. In fact, Community District 7 has the second highest concentration of residents over 65 in all of New York City.

Income. By far the most significant demographic shift occurred in the area of household income. Over the past decade, New York City has seen:

- The largest income gap in the US -- top 20% earn \$371,754, bottom 20% earn \$8,844.
- A 52% increase in homelessness from 31,000 to over 54,600.
- An increase in the poverty rate from 18% in 2007 to 21% in 2012.

In Community District 7, growth in the income gap is even more pronounced, with the proportion of top earning residents nearly doubling over the past decade. In 2012, median household income was estimated at \$99,000 for the Upper West Side, \$68,000 for Manhattan, \$52,000 for New York City, and \$58,000 for New York State. However,

3. Overview of Community District

despite the increase in average income, most residents would also confirm observable differences in income disparity, homelessness, and growing pockets of poverty.

2.0 Countervailing Trends: Rapid Development and Growing Pockets of Need

During the economic upsurge of the mid-90's and early-00's, developers seized the opportunity to develop housing for a seemingly insatiable demand. Several factors, including easy access to transit (Subways 1,2,3,A,B,C,D and multiple bus lines), proximity to parks (Central Park and Riverside Park among others), strong public schools, and engaging street life make the district especially attractive to families, seniors, and people who want a short commute to Manhattan's business centers downtown.

Low-density buildings were replaced by luxury towers. Multi-apartment brownstones were consolidated into single-family homes. Vacant lots (what few remained) were purchased and developed into large-scale, mixed-use complexes. Most recently, plans were approved in December 2010 to develop the last open lot in the district (at 59th and 11th Avenue) into Riverside Center, a 3 Million SF mixed-use complex with 2500 residential units, a hotel, commercial facilities, playgrounds, and a 100K SF school, which will likely increase district population by 3-4% (not reflected in this report). In certain areas, the average price per square foot increased from \$300/SF in 1990 to more than \$1000/SF.

Despite rapid development and related improvements, many areas throughout the district continue to languish. So called "pockets of poverty" make up approximately 10% of the population and experience unemployment rates over 10%, high school graduation rates under 10%, high instances of obesity, diabetes, and other health problems, and a disproportionate rate of crime (10% vs. 25%).

Furthermore, as budget pressures increase at Federal, State, and City levels, efforts to reduce debt and cut discretionary expenditures have resulted in fewer real funds for pre-schools, senior centers, and support for those living in poverty and/or challenged by illness. Similarly, municipal personnel (teachers, police, fire, sanitation) that not only ensure quality of life, but provide a safety net for vulnerable populations, have also been reduced. These general service reductions are exacerbated by the fact that "pockets of poverty" located within the high-income zip codes of the Upper West Side are systematically overlooked.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Manhattan Community Board 7 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Schools*
- *Traffic*

Over the past two decades, the influx of high income residents with children has increased the demand for market rate housing as well as quality public schools. Every public school in the district is either at or over capacity. In turn, higher real estate prices have driven up the cost of living and reduced the availability of low and middle-income housing. A broad range of housing options is essential to maintaining diversity and preserving neighborhood character. Finally, high volume commercial and automotive traffic continues to endanger pedestrians and cyclists, especially children and seniors. Achieving Vision Zero is a top priority for CB7.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Health Care and Human Services

Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Programs, services or facilities for seniors

The UWS has an increase in older adults, many longtime residents who have aged in place. Despite improvements made through three NORCs, older members of the community continue to face challenges:

- Senior Centers have had to cut offerings of food, recreation, and transportation.
- Extended In-Home Services to the Elderly Program, which provides homemaking for vulnerable homebound seniors not eligible for Medicaid, has been drastically cut.
- Adult Social Day Services program, which provides therapeutic environments for disabled seniors (many with Alzheimer's) and respite for family caregivers, has been eliminated.
- Elder Abuse Prevention Programs and Geriatric Mental Health Initiatives have been cut.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

While the Upper West Side is often seen as a high-income neighborhood, it contains several "pockets of poverty" in which residents are often overlooked, especially in the areas of hunger, homelessness, healthcare, and other social services.

Supporting Materials:

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[DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.HealthHuman](https://www.dnsmc.org/710/Oct16/HealthHuman)

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
5/34	DFTA	Facilities for seniors	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Douglas Houses

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
8/31	HRA	Services for vulnerable New Yorkers	Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers	
12/31	DFTA	Services to support low-income New Yorkers	Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP	
19/31	DOHMH	Developmental, mental health and substance abuse prevention programs	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	Ryan Community Health Center
23/31	DHS	Homelessness prevention programs	Expand homelessness prevention programs	
27/31	DOT	Services for vulnerable New Yorkers	Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers	



Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

Overcrowding of public elementary schools in our District is now a chronic condition. One school, PS 199, completed the admissions cycle for the 2014-15 school year with 58 families who reside in its zone to whom the school could not offer admission – effectively falling short by two full sections of students, making it among the most overcrowded zoned schools Citywide in two of the past four years. Nearly every other elementary school in our District continues to be a chronic condition, with the only question being which school(s) will it most affect this year. For most of the last five years, one school, PS 199, has led the district (and at times the entire City of New York) in having the longest in-zone Kindergarten waiting list, with as many as 100 families residing in its catchment zone unable to secure admission. The shortfall in capacity amounts to as much as two to three full sections of Kindergarten students. The shortfall in prior years led to adding new sections of Kindergarten to PS 199 or 87 that are not sustainable long term, and place severe burdens on the capacity of the schools to accommodate enrollment at those levels, and heightened concerns about safety. Nearly every other elementary school in the District, including PS 452, 87, 9, 166, 84, 145 and 165 operates at or above 100% capacity. This overcrowding persists despite the opening in 2010 of PS 452, a new elementary school that repurposed middle school space to alleviate elementary overcrowding. The DoE confirmed that the overcrowding trend on the Upper West Side is not temporary, and is expected to continue into the foreseeable future. school in the District, including PS 452, 87, 9, 166, 84, 75, 163, 145 and 165 operates at or above 100% capacity. This overcrowding persists despite the opening in 2010 of PS 452, a new elementary school that repurposed middle school space to alleviate elementary overcrowding.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Overcrowding is of primary concern in the district. See attached DNS.

Supporting Materials:

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[DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.Youth](#)

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

Summer Youth Employment Program. Summer Youth Employment Programs serve several compelling needs. They provide alternatives to gang influence for at-risk youth; provide models and pathways to employment; develop positive work habits and self-esteem; and virtually every dollar earned is spent in the community. In addition, without the availability of this work force, community-based organizations serving children and youth cannot meet their adult-to-child ratios, making those programs less effective. SYEP was all but decimated in serial cuts to its budget from 2009 through 2012. Other than a one-year stimulus grant in 2009, the number of funded positions dropped from a high of 52,000 in 2008 to approximately 17,000 for several years. The reversal of the trend began in Summer 2012, when 29,000 positions were filled, and continued with 39,000 in Summer 2013, and 47,000 in Summer 2014 (FY15). After school and Out of School Programs Maintain and increase baseline funding for after-school and OST programs in public school and in neighborhood CBOs in MCD7. Afterschool programs ensure that children are safe in the hours between the end of school and the end of their families' work day, when they would otherwise be most vulnerable, and provide opportunities for remedial instruction, enrichment, and safe play. For the first time in several budget cycles, \$71MM in funding for core programs was baselined in the FY15 budget, with a significant portion allocated to out-of-school time (OST) programming. The baselining of funding for these programs allows service providers to plan in a rational manner to meet these important needs, and allows families to plan work, education and other adult schedules with confidence.



Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
7/31	DYCD	<i>After school programs</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	
10/31	DOE	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	
16/31	DYCD	<i>Youth workforce development</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	
24/31	DOE	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	
29/31	DOITT	<i>Community board facilities and staff</i>	<i>Data Integration/Accessibility</i>	

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

Emergency service delivery (including rapid response)

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

Supporting Materials:

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[DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.PublicSafety](#)

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
4/31	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional uniformed officers	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Environmental concerns affecting citizens

The 311 system can be helpful, but it is inadequate to address our constituents' environmental concerns. 311 has proved inadequate –and unsuited – to address transitory environmental violations such as illegal motor idling, littering, smoking in parks and overflowing garbage containers. Also, 311 responses are often delayed and erratic, with serious environmental effects. CB7's budget priorities for F/Y 2016 include funding for (1) dedicated recycling bin collection and increased basket collection service; (2) more traffic enforcement officers; (3) more pest control personnel; (4) dedicated anti-idling personnel; and (5) more PEP, precinct and PSA officers.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Supporting Materials:

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[DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.Environment](#)

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Supporting Materials:

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[DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.PublicSafety](#)

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/31	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling infrastructure	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	
9/31	DEP	Environmental protection	Address air quality issues	
20/31	DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	

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

Affordable housing programs

Housing resources, support systems, and opportunities for youth, seniors, and low- to middle-class residents have actually declined. Of 110,246 occupied units, 34,555 (31.3%) are owned and 75,691 (68.7%) are rented, of which 66% (or 50,078 units) are subject to some form of rent regulation. As housing values have increased, so has the income of the occupants. In 2010, median household income had risen to \$93,260, with average household income at \$164,244 (approximately 35% higher than the average for Manhattan, and 116% higher than the average for New York City). Interestingly, despite high incomes, a significant number of both renters and owners spend more than 50% of their income on rent or maintenance fees.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

Rapid development over the past 20-25 years warrants better protections for neighborhood character and community resources. See DNS.

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[DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.LandUse](#)

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

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[DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.Housing](#)

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Supporting Materials:

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[DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.Commerce](#)

Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
13/34	HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless</i>	
20/34	NYCHA	<i>Public housing upgrades or renovations</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade public housing developments</i>	<i>Douglass Houses</i>

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
5/31	NYCHA	<i>Public housing upgrades or renovations</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade public housing developments</i>	
31/31	SBS	<i>Business regulatory assistance</i>	<i>Assist with on-site business compliance with City regulations</i>	



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Traffic safety

Street Safety. Four pedestrian deaths in CD7 in the first six months of 2014 focused unprecedented attention on the continuing danger on our streets and the urgent need for thoroughfares that are safe for all users. The deaths were clustered between 95th and 97th streets west of Amsterdam Avenue. In response, the Department of Transportation has implemented safety upgrades at two intersections and is proposing changes to a number of intersections along West End Avenue, including implementing proposals included in recommendations forwarded to DOT by MCB7 in 2013. These tragedies underscore the necessity for DOT to proactively redesign streets and intersections throughout our district so that future calamities are impossible or far less likely. To achieve the goals of the mayor's Vision Zero initiative. MCB7 recommends the use of various tools that would improve safety, including: curb extensions, pedestrian islands, mid-block bulb-outs, raised crosswalks, protected bike lanes, split-phase signals, leading pedestrian intervals, left-turn bans, narrowed lanes, and abrupt changes in road surface. The DOT should consider deploying these tools district-wide to prevent the two leading causes of pedestrian deaths – speeding and failure to yield.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Traffic safety is a top priority of the district. See DNS.

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[DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.Transportation](#)

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Heavily used transit systems, including bus service and subways, require more funding. See DNS.

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[DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.Transportation](#)

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Transportation

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/34	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	
8/34	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	
11/34	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	
12/34	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	Riverside Drive 104 110
14/34	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Central Park
17/34	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	
18/34	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	
21/34	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	
23/34	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	
31/34	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	
34/34	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
14/31	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	
30/31	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Park care and maintenance

CB7 always lists numerous funding requests for park maintenance in its district as budget priorities. Vehicles out of DPR service because they are broken or have been diverted for DOS use are a chronic problem that seriously impairs DPR's operations. Other relevant prioritized funding needs include increases in (1) permanent DPR staffing in Districts 7 and 14 (Riverside Park); (2) pest control; (3) PEP officers; (4) repair of synthetic turf and (5) tree pruning.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Maintenance of precious open space and recreational facilities is a high priority for the district. See DNS.

Supporting Materials:

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[DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.Parks](#)

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

Supporting Materials:

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[DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.Youth](#)

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

CB7 provides tremendous value to the district, employing a staff of 3 people and the work of 50 dedicated volunteer board members to improve lives on the Upper West Side.

Supporting Materials:

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[CB7.ExpenseFY18](#)

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[CB7.CapitalFY18](#)

[DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.Admin](#)



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/34	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	Riverside Park
2/34	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Riverside Park
4/34	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Cherry Walk Riverside Park
6/34	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Riverside Park
7/34	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Riverside Park
9/34	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Soldiers and Sailors Monument
10/34	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Anibal Aviles Playground
15/34	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Performing Arts Library
16/34	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Dinosaur Playground
19/34	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Rotunda Riverside Park
22/34	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Riverside Park
24/34	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Sol Bloom Playground
25/34	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Gertrude Ederle Rec Center
26/34	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Frederick Douglass Playground
27/34	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Booker T. Washington Playground
28/34	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Verdi Park
29/34	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Happy Warrior Playground
30/34	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Matthew Sapolin Playground
32/34	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Central Park
33/34	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Riverside Park



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/31	OMB	Community board facilities and staff	Other community board facilities and staff requests	
2/31	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	Verdi Park
6/31	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	
11/31	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Provide better park maintenance	Riverside Park
13/31	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Riverside Park
15/31	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	
17/31	DPR	Park programming	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	
18/31	DPR	Park programming	Other park programming requests	Gertrude Ederle Rec Center
21/31	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	
22/31	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Provide better park maintenance	
25/31	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	
26/31	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	
28/31	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Additional Documents

[CB7.CapitalFY18](#)

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29/31	DOITT	<i>Community board facilities and staff</i>	<i>Data Integration/Accessibility</i>	

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1/34	DPR	<i>Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting</i>	<i>Cherry Walk, Riverside Park, 100th to 129th Streets, at the Hudson River, Path lighting (\$250K) The path was built several decades ago without lighting, and it is now very heavily used by cycling commuters, by other cyclists and by many pedestrians. In non-daylight hours, the outline of the path is difficult to discern, and it is often difficult for users to see other cyclists, etc., posing a hazard for commuting cyclists and all users. Illuminate at least the two linear edges of the path but ideally the entire width of the path: several free-standing solar-powered lights; lights attached to existing DOT poles used to illuminate the Henry Hudson Parkway (with DOT coordination); reflective paint; or new glow in the dark road surfacing materials,</i>	<i>Riverside Park</i>	
2/34	DPR	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Kayak Dock, 72nd Street at Hudson River (\$250K) The kayak dock at 72nd Street and the Hudson in Riverside Park needs to be repaired in order to restore the free kayaking program that it serves. Over 90,000 people have participated in the free kayaking program. The program encourages New Yorkers to engage with the river, is a great source of free active recreation and is a natural site for education about safe boating and waterfront ecology. In the spring of 2016, one of the docks pilings failed, making the launching site unusable, and the free kayaking program had to be suspended pending restoration of the dock and its underwater infrastructure.</i>	<i>Riverside Park</i>	
3/34	DOT	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	<i>Fund street-scape safety improvements. Safety at many street intersections could be improved by simple-to-build street improvements. Bulb-outs with sidewalk extensions help decrease the turning radius to slow turning vehicles and shorten the crossing distance for the pedestrian. Starting with those improvements identified in CB7s Nelson-Nygaard study of the West 90s, reviewed and approved by CB7- traffic islands, curb extensions, and simple traffic guiding changes should be implemented to make this area safer.</i>		

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4/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Reconstruct Cherry Walk, Riverside Park, 100th to 129th Streets, (DPR) \$5M The Cherry Walk is part of the Hudson River Greenway. Since it was constructed a couple of decades ago, and particularly as other sections of the Greenway to the north and south of this segment have been opened, the number of cyclists using the Cherry Walk, both commuters and recreational cyclists, has exploded. The Cherry Walk is also heavily used by walkers and runners. It was built without lighting, which makes it dangerous after dark. Furthermore, it has suffered substantial deterioration because of its vulnerable location, unusual storms and its heavy use.	Cherry Walk Riverside Park	
5/34	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Space and renovation of the senior center at Douglas Houses to be run by DFTA. This could be the seed of a NORC in a community where there are more than 1000 underserved seniors. (DFTA)	Douglas Houses	
6/34	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Equipment. Two crew cab pickup trucks with plow (\$50K each) and a mini-packer for garbage collection (\$110K) for District 7, and a pickup with plow (\$50K) for Riverside Park. These vehicles are necessary for the park operations. They will permit far more efficient deployment of the limited number of staff personnel, reduce or eliminate waiting times for existing shared vehicles to become available and/or to be repaired, and reduce unnecessary use of fuel.	Riverside Park	
7/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Reconstruct basketball courts, active recreation and ramped stairs at W1102nd Street in Riverside Park. \$1M Work will include the reconfiguration of the area of existing active recreation located at W102nd Street. The existing basketball courts will be resurfaced and additional areas of active recreation will be added to complement the pending completion of the 102nd Street Field House and Riverside Park Conservancy Sports Camp. The existing ramped stairs, connecting the Promenade with the 102nd Street soccer field and Field House, have recently been closed to the public because of a significant deterioration in the condition resulting in extremely hazardous conditions. Park users now have to take a much longer route to reach the recreation area.	Riverside Park	

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8/34	DOT	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Fund Street and Curb lane Resurfacing (DOT) \$200K/lane mile Capital There are 193.6 lane miles of paved streets in CD7, slightly more than 10% of the lane mileage of all of Manhattan. The huge increase in street cuts for utility work, including fiber optics and cable, and construction has left CD7s streets in dire shape. Side streets and intersections are particularly rutted. Many blocks on Broadway, Amsterdam Avenue and Columbus Avenue have ruts as deep as 6 inches in the parking lanes near the curbs.		
9/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Restore Soldiers and Sailors Monument, West 89th Street (DPR) \$1.5M Stabilize, windows, roof and interior marble, as well as a conditions survey of this magnificent but badly deteriorated monument.	Soldiers and Sailors Monument	
10/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Renovate Anibal Aviles Playground, West 108th Street (DPR) \$1.5M Capital Renovate the playground, including new play equipment, safety surface, drinking fountain, lighting, fencing and landscaping.	Anibal Aviles Playground	
11/34	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	Install signals for visually handicapped pedestrians (DOT/Accessibility) TBD, Capital Those of our community with handicaps, are frequently unable to share in a quality of life open to others and a free access to the world outside their homes. Moving along the streets, the visually handicapped have no way of knowing if it is safe to cross the street We are recommending that audible signals be developed by DOT to indicate red lights.		
12/34	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Riverside Drive, West 104th-110th Streets (DOT/DEP) \$2.95M Capital An inter-agency effort has mitigated serious drainage problems on Riverside Drive from West 104th -110th Street. Full reconstruction is needed to improve drainage, replace catch basins that do not meet current standards, increase the curb reveals, and repair unsafe medians affected by subsidence.	Riverside Drive 104 110	
13/34	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless	CB7 requests funds to create permanent supportive housing and prevent evictions due to attrition of existing affordable units. (HPD) Supportive housing is permanent housing that also provides on-going programs for people in residence.		West Side Federation of Senior Housing (WSHFSH); Goodard Riverside

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14/34	DOT	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	<i>Pedestrian-initiated traffic crossings in Central Park. Electric and other infrastructure, and programming capacity, to coordinate traffic signals in Central Park electronically, including providing the ability for pedestrian walk signals to be activated by "push buttons" when pedestrians want to cross the Drives. The traffic signals in Central Park were installed decades ago, essentially to govern private motor vehicle traffic, which has increasingly been prohibited in the Park. CB7 supports, at a minimum, a trial period during which all private motor vehicles would be prohibited from using the Drives at all times. But currently, regardless of time of day and the amount of motor traffic and other conditions in the Park, the signals on the Drives can only be governed manually.</i>	Central Park	
15/34	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Renovate the Performing Arts Library (Lincoln Center) \$5.5M The Performing Arts Library serves both local and City-wide needs. It is ideally located within the Lincoln Center campus, an easy walk from Carnegie Hall, LaGuardia High School and the Special Music School among many other public schools, and Fordham; is a short commute from the Manhattan School of Music, Mannes College of Music, and other colleges and conservatories. The Performing Arts Library boasts a vigorous circulation and is heavily used. Renovation would include a system-wide structural renovation, waterproofing; sidewalk replacement and drainage management; safety and security upgrades, and HVAC upgrades.</i>	Performing Arts Library	
16/34	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i>	<i>Renovate Dinosaur Playground, West 97th Street, (DPR) \$3.5M Capital Reconstruct the playground, including new play equipment and swings, safety surface, update of bathrooms in the adjacent comfort station, which would be made accessible for people with disabilities.</i>	Dinosaur Playground	

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17/34	DOT	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	Replace Curb Cuts (DOT) TBD, Capital DOT does not have funding to repair existing curb-cuts/pedestrian ramps. CB7 is conducting a survey of all curb-cuts in the district. Phase One of the survey covering 57 curb-cuts from West 60th-89th Streets identified the following conditions: 10 super-bad; i.e.: basically impassable, require immediate fix; 23 severe cases; definitely high-priority and should be repaired as soon as possible; 15 bad but not yet terrible, yet if allowed to deteriorate would probably become severe cases; 9 not great but not good; bear watching.		
18/34	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Fund Speed Cameras (DOT) TBD, Capital Speeding near schools continues to be a problem throughout the district, with some areas, such as West 95th/West 96th Street-with nearby entrances/exits to the Henry Hudson Parkway, a particular concern. Strategically placed speed cameras would make the areas close to schools much safer for children and all pedestrians.)		
19/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	The Rotunda, West 79th Street in Riverside Park \$100M Federal, State and City funding are needed for the DPR portion of the restoration of the Rotunda, located at W79th Street in Riverside Park. The entire structure is in poor and structurally compromised condition. This joint DOT/DPR project will involve reconstructing the existing roadbed at the traffic circle at W79th Street, and the underlying vaulted ceiling, addressing significant drainage problems and other structural issues. Lighting and drainage infrastructure will be improved throughout the structure, and the inner and outer parapet walls will be reconstructed to meet current safety codes. The DPR portion of the work includes providing ADA access and restoration of park facilities.	Rotunda Riverside Park	
20/34	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Plumbing and sewer systems (\$25M) Allocate funding to upgrade plumbing and sewer systems at Wise Consolidation Housing Complexes and Douglass Houses. 38 brownstones at Wise are using outdated Cooper B Union Shower Bodies long past their 60-year expiration. (New)	Douglass Houses	

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21/34	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Fund Red Light Cameras (DOT) TBD, Capital Failure to yield & running red/amber lights with the resultant vehicular/pedestrian accidents resulting in serious injury and/or loss of life - continues to be a serious concern throughout the district. The placement of red light cameras - particularly in areas known to be at a high risk for vehicular/pedestrian conflicts - would send a strong message to operators of vehicles that speeding and improper/illegal movements will not be tolerated, and violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.		
22/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Build the Green Outlook, Riverside Park (DPR) \$2.8M Capital Build the "Green Outlook" facility on the no longer needed south parking lot near the 96th Street tennis courts, including a landscaped overlook, a solar-powered comfort station using state-of-the-art compost technology and a sustainable parks maintenance building. This project would serve thousands of Greenway users, tennis players and other park users. This project would green a currently paved space and dedicate it to park users.	Riverside Park	
23/34	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Pilot variable traffic signal timing Many intersections have variable crowd conditions depending on time of day - for instance, when schools let out, the PM rush hour, the AM rush, etc. DOT has said they cannot at this time program traffic signals by time of day. We believe this technology is important for safety, and must be pursued.		
24/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Renovate Sol Bloom Playground (West 91st-92nd Streets) (DPR) \$1.5 Capital Renovate the schoolyard, which serves P.S. 84 and the adjacent community, into a multi-purpose play area with a track, mini-soccer field and basketball courts that can be fully utilized by the students during the school day and neighborhood youths after school and on non-school days.	Sol Bloom Playground	
25/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Upgrade Gertrude Ederle Recreation Center, West 60th Street, (DPR) \$500K Capital Replace roof and skylight in the old portion of the building.	Gertrude Ederle Rec Center	
26/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Renovate Frederick Douglass Playground, West 102nd Street (DPR) \$2.3M Replace the synthetic turf field, which has outlived its life span, and repave the handball courts.	Frederick Douglass Playground	

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27/34	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Booker T. Washington Playground, West 107th Street to West 108th Street Phase 2 of reconstruction, consisting of replacement of synthetic turf and hand ball court. (New as to Phase 2; Phase 1 was funded.) (New)	Booker T. Washington Playground	
28/34	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Verdi Park, West 72nd-73rd Streets at Broadway/Amsterdam Avenue Verdi Park is overrun with rats. It has an extremely high ratio of food consumption to square footage. Its benches attract a large number of homeless people, and its current plantings facilitate the establishment of rat burrows. Rather, they were held to be deployed as partial funding for a reconstruction of Verdi Park that would address the problems leading, among other things, to the heavy rat infestation. If more immediately available funds are not made available to purchase solar compactors for Verdi Park, such compactors, the unit cost of which is now less than in the past, should be part of the more complete renovation of the park that is the subject of this request. (New)	Verdi Park	
29/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Repair Happy Warrior Playground, West 99th Street, PS163 (DPR) \$2.55M Repave the multi-purpose play area; rebuild and expand the park house as a district headquarters for M&O; and add a storage facility.	Happy Warrior Playground	
30/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Repair Matthew Sapolin Playground, West 70th Street, PS199 (DPR) TBD, Capital Upgrade the playground, including resurfacing the pavement around spray shower, replacing the safety surface, and replacing the backboards.	Matthew Sapolin Playground	
31/34	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Fund a speed/red light camera pilot to enforce TLC violations (DOT) TBD, Capital Pending a check of the legality of such a program, this would catch TLC-licensed vehicles who are speeding or running red lights, or other illegal movements.		
32/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Restore perimeter sidewalk (DPR) \$400K/block Capital The Parks perimeter sidewalks along Central Park West have buckled and present tripping hazards. Hex pavers, curbs and benches would be replaced. With the completion of the reconstruction of Columbus Circle and Frederick Douglass Circle, the Central Park West sidewalk in CD7, which connects the two locations, would complete the improvements.	Central Park	

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33/34	DPR	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Phase 3 of Restoration of West 69th Street Transfer Bridge in Riverside Park. The West 69th Street Transfer Bridge in Riverside Park off of West 69th Street is a unique relic of the industrial history of the Riverside Park South area as a major freight rail yard. The plans for Riverside Park South have always included restoration of the Transfer Bridge. Phase 2 of the restoration is fully funded and is in the final design phase. Phase 3 would connect the Transfer Bridge with the adjacent Esplanade, allowing members of the public to access the Transfer Bridge itself for recreational and educational uses. (FY17#29)</i>	<i>Riverside Park</i>	
34/34	NYCTA	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>Working elevators and escalators in subways. Elevators should be included in all subway renovations.</i>		

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1/31	OMB	<i>Other community board facilities and staff requests</i>	<i>Increase Community Board budgets (OMB) Community boards have not received a budget increase for non-personnel costs in more than twelve years. Meanwhile, costs and demands for services have increased dramatically. In 2014, DC37 agreed to a contract that modestly increases salaries of its members. Following the usual pattern, salaries of other unions and management will increase by the same amounts as DC37s. Board budgets, which are currently baselined at \$233,911, must be increased to reflect increasing OTPS costs. (FY08#4; FY09#6; FY10#1; FY11#1, FY12#1; FY13#1; FY14#1; FY15#1; FY16#1;FY17#1)</i>		
2/31	DPR	<i>Improve trash removal and cleanliness</i>	<i>Solar trash compactors for Verdi Park (\$21K) Verdi Park is overrun with rats. It has an extremely high ratio of food consumption to square footage. Its benches attract a large number of homeless people, and its current plantings facilitate the establishment of rat burrows. Then-Council Member Brewer allocated \$50,000 in capital funds several years ago for the purchase of 10 solar trash compactors for Verdi Park, but those funds were never deployed. Six solar compactors purchased immediately as expense budget items at at approximately \$3500 per unit would substantially improve the rat situation in Verdi Park, without regard to other future capital renovations also addressed to reducing the rat infestation. (New)</i>	Verdi Park	
3/31	DSNY	<i>Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Funding for a dedicated collection truck to service the street recycling cans. Green and blue recycling cans have been added to street corners in MCD7. DSNY services them once a week. In budget consultations, DSNY said they do not have funds for additional service. The recycling is overflowing and the cans are left open by people collecting cans. MCD7 is the pilot for this program, which is not working well given the lack of service. Service is needed at least 3 times a week, if not daily.</i>		
4/31	NYPD	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>Restoration of the number of police officers in precincts and PSAs. The number of uniformed officers in our precincts and housing developments was modestly increased in FY2016. CB7 seeks 15 uniformed patrol officers to enforce traffic regulations in CD7 and restoration of the overall headcount to 50,000 and the number of uniformed patrol officers to 40,000, which would fully staff Vision Zero, community policing, sector patrols, enforcement of traffic and bicycle regulations, and special units.</i>		

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5/31	NYCHA	<i>Renovate or upgrade public housing developments</i>	<i>Add Skilled Trades Personnel for Public Housing Repair (NYCHA) TBD, Expense NYCHA developments in CD7 have a significant backlog of repair requests in residents apartments. Repairs are made when there are enough of them to warrant the issuance of a contract. Having skilled trades (plumbers, electricians, carpenters) do the work at these developments would result in timely repairs, a reduction of the backlogs and increased well-being for the residents. Furthermore, more resources need to be put into training NYCHA residents to fill the jobs that should be directed at addressing the backlog of repair requests.</i>		
6/31	DPR	<i>Improve trash removal and cleanliness</i>	<i>Pest control personnel. \$50K Parks has only two exterminators for all of Manhattan. The rodent population in parks has exploded in recent years. In District 7, Verdi Square, Strauss, Theodore Roosevelt and Riverside Parks, the Broadway Malls, and several playgrounds have had extreme rodent infestations. An additional exterminator would allow Parks to address infestations through a variety of systematic and sustainable measures.</i>		
7/31	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	<i>Increase baseline funding for after-school and OST programs in MCD7. Afterschool programs ensure that children are safe in the hours between the end of school and the end of their families' work day, when they would otherwise be most vulnerable, and provide opportunities for remedial instruction, enrichment, and safe play. Certain of these same programs continue to provide these same safe and affirming environments during school breaks in the summer. While the FY15 purported to baseline funding for these programs at a sustainable level, funding for these programs was slashed between the release of the Mayors Preliminary and Executive Budget.</i>		
8/31	HRA	<i>Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers</i>	<i>Funding for hunger - food insecurity outreach HRA administers \$3 billion in federal money for SNAP, which does not go through city budget. Since 2012 the number of applications has been down, with a reduction of 6% in 2014. The new Foodhelp.nyc program reaches out through CBOs and kiosks around town to enroll SNAP (Food Stamp) recipients, especially seniors and legal immigrants. Single adults without dependents now qualify for SNAP, and fingerprinting is no longer necessary. Faith based food pantries and community kitchens continue to feed the homeless with volunteer help and funding from their congregants and community. Community kitchens such as WSCAH also administer SNAP outreach, job training, and government funded benefits.</i>		

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9/31	DEP	Address air quality issues	Dedicated enforcement staff for anti-idling law The NYC idling law is intended to reduce pollution that harms our health. It also is addressed to limiting the use of non-renewable fossil fuels. The Upper West Side is particularly vulnerable to asthma and other health problems from pollution because of our high population density and the continued use of polluting fossil fuels for heating our buildings. DEP has no funds budgeted for enforcement of the anti-idling law, nor does NYPD or Traffic Enforcement.		
10/31	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Increase Funding Early Learn Programs, including UPK and Head Start (ACS) Adequate childcare is a necessity for working families. The Mayor's initiative to expand all-day pre-K, together with expanded Head Start programming, is funded under the Early Learn initiative, are proven drivers of achievement in school for years to come as well as stability for working families.		
11/31	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Park Enforcement Personnel for Riverside Park and District 7. \$625K Community District 7 is covered by the eight city funded PEP that report out of North Meadow in Central Park. These PEP cover both the east and west sides of Manhattan from 59th Street to 115th Streets, and Riverside Park. They also help cover other calls that fixed post officers (there are ten fixed post officers in Central Park funded by the Central Park Conservancy) in Central Park cannot cover. In addition four fixed-post officers, who are paid for under dedicated funding, patrol Riverside Park South and are available in Riverside Park only for emergency conditions.	Riverside Park	
12/31	DFTA	Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP	Meals on Wheels Increase funding for Meals on Wheels for the growing number of homebound elderly. This saves money by helping seniors age in place. (New)		
13/31	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Add permanent staff for Riverside Park Districts #7 and #14 (DPR) Parks full-time workforce is responsible for park maintenance and cleanliness. While the FY15 budget provided funding for increased staff (Associate Park Service Workers, City Parks Workers, and Gardeners), additional funds are needed to rebuild the agency's permanent, year-round workforce, which has been substantially reduced because of budget cuts from its former baseline.	Riverside Park	
14/31	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Thermoplastic street markings With many lane markings fading, as well as lane alignments shifting, it is vitally important for safety that the Department of Transportation have the requisite funds in their budget for painting and maintaining lane markings, pedestrian crossings, and no-parking zones. (New)		

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15/31	NYPL	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	<i>While the operation of branch and research libraries have been stabilized, and 6-day service at most locations has been restored, after the drastic cuts to the NYPL operating budget in prior years, those restorations were made by the City Council, and were not baselined. In addition, only in the last one- to two years have branches begun to have sufficient budget room to begin to replace the professional staff lost to reductions and attrition during the lean years. It is therefore critical that the lifeline that branch libraries represent to the entire community, from early childhood, struggling students, teens needing a safe environment outside school time, and adults learning skills or looking for work.</i>		
16/31	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	<i>Increase the number of Positions Available through the Summer Youth Employment Program Summer Youth Employment Programs serve several compelling needs. They provide alternatives to gang influence for at-risk youth; provide models and pathways to employment; develop positive work habits and self-esteem; and virtually every dollar earned is spent in the community. In addition, without the availability of this work force, community-based organizations serving children and youth cannot meet their adult-to-child ratios, making those programs less effective.</i>		
17/31	DPR	<i>Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers</i>	<i>Playground Associates appx \$8,500 per assistant Six playground assistants would provide valuable programming and supervision for children from July through Labor Day in Bloomingdale Playground (West 104th/Amsterdam), Frederick Douglass Playground (West 100th/Amsterdam), Happy Warrior Playground (West 98th/Amsterdam), Sol Bloom Playground (West 91st/Columbus), Tecumseh Playground (West 77th/Amsterdam), Bennerson Playground (West 64th/Amsterdam Houses), Neufeld Playground (West 76th/Riverside Park), and Dinosaur Playground (West 97th/Riverside Park).</i>		
18/31	DPR	<i>Other park programming requests</i>	<i>Add Staff to Gertrude Ederle Recreation Center on West 60th Street (DPR) TBD, Expense Reinstatement two playground associates and two recreation specialists to run various programs, including programs for teens and adult fitness. Attrition policies resulted in the elimination of these staff lines and cuts in programming. It is essential that this new and thriving center be fully staffed. .</i>	<i>Gertrude Ederle Rec Center</i>	

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19/31	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	Mental Health Training (\$11K) William F. Ryan Community Health Center is offering Mental Health First Aid training for community to learn how to listen and lead people with emotional problems to help. Books and a trainer from the National Council on Behavioral Health will cost \$1100 for a full day or two half day class of 20. (FY17#15)	Ryan Community Health Center	
20/31	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Fund additional basket service at night and on weekends and holidays (DSNY) TBD, Expense CD7s 1,000 litter baskets are never empty and often they are overflowing. DSNY cut a Sunday basket truck, making it impossible to service all of the districts baskets. Additional basket service is needed from 4PM to midnight on Sundays and from midnight to 8AM on weekdays.		
21/31	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Increase Staff for Tree Pruning and Stump Removal (DPR) \$2M Citywide, Expense DPR has more than 8,400 street trees in District 7, not including does Central and Riverside Parks. Funding for emergency pruning and a 10-year pruning cycle would make it possible for Parks to respond more rapidly to requests for tree pruning and stump removal, and would reduce safety concerns.		
22/31	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Street Tree Bed Maintenance DPR has more than 8,400 street trees in District 7. This does not include the trees in Central and Riverside Parks. While DPR looks to adjacent building owners to maintain, including voluntary plantings, the beds of street trees, DPR itself does not have any service to maintain the tree beds. In many tree beds, the soil becomes so compacted that water and air cannot reach the tree roots. Parks planted the last of One Million Trees in October of 2015, and it should have a service that assures that this major investment will thrive. A program in MCD7 would demonstrate the importance of tree stewardship; the diversion of rain water away from sidewalks and sewers; and the value of disrupting rat borrows.		
23/31	DHS	Expand homelessness prevention programs	NY/NY4 City and State need to fund together NY/NY4 to provide more supportive housing, especially permanent supportive housing, with long term funding for support services. People are homeless due to disabilities requiring support services or financial difficulties that require monetary and employment help. Supportive housing is by far the most successful way to end homelessness for individuals and families living with physical and mental disabilities and other challenges. Providing housing first, gets homeless people back on their feet and allows them to pull their lives together more quickly. Research has shown a 50% decrease in alcoholism when homeless are housed.		

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Manhattan Community Board 7 Expense Requests

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24/31	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Increase funding for Physical Fitness Programs (DOE) \$55K/school Expense Regular exercise is acknowledged as necessary for both physical and mental well-being. School overcrowding and scheduling changes to accommodate curriculum requirements have reduced gym and recess time. CB7 advocates keeping at least two playgrounds open after school hours for children to play.		
25/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Synthetic Turf Repair DPR has installed synthetic turf fields as part of several playground restorations, all of which experience heavy use throughout the year, as well as the effects of several severe winters. CB7 recommends that DPR contract for regular service to repair and maintain these synthetic surfaces to extend their useful lives and prevent injuries to the youth and adults who use them.		
26/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Synthetic Turf Field Installations (\$250K) Provide funds to purchase materials so that Parks staff can install synthetic turf fields, as was done last year at the Lions Gate Field in Sara D. Roosevelt Park. Installation by Parks staff has the potential to cost significantly less than installation by private contractors. (New)		
27/31	DOT	Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers	Accessibility. Compliance with the ADA needs to be monitored. All West Side residents should be able to enjoy its resources. All agencies should have staff insuring that: Traffic lights should reflect the pace at which the elderly and disabled are able to move. They should also alert the visually handicapped to red lights. Stores and public buildings should be accessible to wheelchairs. ADA compliance needs to be enforced. Resources for seniors and the disabled should be widely publicized. Playgrounds in schools and parks should include facilities for the disabled.		
28/31	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Inclusive Playgrounds Playgrounds in schools and parks should consider children with disabilities in planning and building. Funding is needed to design play space that is inclusive, not just accessible. (New)		

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29/31	DOITT	<i>Data Integration/Accessibility</i>	<i>Responsible agency: Department of Information Technology and Telecommunication (DoITT) TBD, Capital Since passage of the open data law in 2012, New York City agencies are now required to make data relevant to the public available online. The potential to use this data to inform public policy is enormous. However, much of the data is not in searchable format, nor can it be combined effectively with data from other departments. CB7 would like funds allocated to update and integrate data so it is searchable and useful in identifying trends and analyzing city policy. Priority #26. Tracking number 307201702E.</i>		
30/31	DOT	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	<i>Fund placement of safety signage. (DOT) TBD, Expense There is a lack of signage where the Henry Hudson Parkway exits on to West Side streets, at the 79th Street & 95th-96th Street exits. As this may be the first place vehicles are actually on NYC streets from their point of origin, it is essential that New York City's rules & regulations be visible to motorists who may not be aware of them. "NYC Law-no right on red", "NYC Speed Limit 25mph unless otherwise posted" are especially important. Additionally, there is a paucity of speed limit signage throughout the West Side.</i>		
31/31	SBS	<i>Assist with on-site business compliance with City regulations</i>	<i>Coordinate City Regulations/Services for Small Businesses (\$2M) Small businesses face a myriad of regulatory inspections each year, all managed by different city departments. Fees and fines are inconsistent. Schedules are not coordinated, so businesses are often interrupted by random visits. Coordination of these regulations would go a long way to improving NYC as a fertile environment for small business to grow.</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.

Health Care and Human Services



DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.HealthHuman

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=50E9B565-1096-4954-9E49-2F19352E41D9>

Youth, Education and Child Welfare



DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.Youth

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=C1C45C80-B6F9-4151-9B42-2E3406142341>

Public Safety and Emergency Services



DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.PublicSafety

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=3BC48CA8-1CC9-4A6B-A05C-27A4110853B8>

Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency



DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.PublicSafety

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=927B7BDB-8EF0-4001-8C1F-2FF54116C628>

DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.Environment

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=DC3BE984-6065-4DEB-9521-1A22CEA8FFFE>

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.Housing

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=1DC7B43E-7C3C-4B68-8085-068D6C83DF5D>

DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.Commerce

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=61751DC1-1966-4120-BEC4-5147654E5D01>

DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.LandUse

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=BE3FA292-0255-4207-A030-A904A5E429F8>

Transportation



DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.Transportation

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=673D48FA-AC0C-4283-93C5-C5CEC668CADC>

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DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.Transportation

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=35AD9639-AAC3-4FA3-90ED-2820DCAEB4BB>

Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities



DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.HealthHuman

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=CCDB368D-3E0A-457D-A64E-8E883B6ABEB3>

DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.Parks

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DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.Youth

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CB7.ExpenseFY18

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CB7.CapitalFY18

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DNS.MCB7.10Oct16.Admin

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=D23E8A93-A618-4635-BD0C-EEF75B6C7431>

Additional Information and Requests

CB7.ExpenseFY18

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