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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Budget Committee
Tuesday, October 9, 2018 - 6:30PM
CB8 Board Office
505 Park Avenue (59-60), Suite 620
Conference Room**

Attendance: Chocky, Camp, Birnbaum, Shimamura, Baron, Feather, Schneider, Hartzog

The Committee approved the FY20 priorities and statement by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed.

FY2020 District Needs and Budget Priorities

FY 2020 Capital Budget Priorities

1. Request: Other request for services for the homeless

Explanation: DHS should work closely with HPD to fund much needed housing for the most vulnerable of our residents. We ask this request be given the necessary funding and highest priority in the Five Year Plan

Responsible Agency: Department of Homeless Services

2. Request: Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

Explanation: Provide funding for a ramp or other means of accessibility at the Yorkville Branch Library.

Responsible Agency: NYPL

Location: Yorkville Branch

3. Request: Other Park facilities and access requests

Explanation: Provide funding to repair, restore, and design the entire Esplanade including the piling on the lower level between 60th and 125th Street, and install belowground infrastructure to expand water access along the entire Esplanade.

Responsible Agency:

4. Request: Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

Explanation: Provide funding for rooftop repairs for the East 67th Street Library.

Responsible Agency: NYPL

5. Request: Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

Explanation: Provide funding for new HVAC systems at the 67th Street Branch Library.

Responsible Agency: NYPL

6. Request: Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

Explanation: Providing funding for a new HVAC system at the Webster and Yorkville Branch Libraries.

Responsible Agency: NYPL

7. **Request:** Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library
Explanation: Fund exterior rehabilitation of windows and replace where needed at the 96th Street Branch Library.

Responsible Agency: NYPL

8. **Request:** Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals

Explanation: Increase funding for audible accessible crossing signals for intersections in CB8.

Responsible Agency: DOT

9. **Request:** Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Explanation: Provide funding to redesign and renovate John Jay Park as a whole.

Responsible Agency: Parks

10. **Request:** Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers

Explanation: Fund the NYC Department of Sanitation for the placement of larger "rat-proof" garbage containers with lids in CB8, preferably solar powered compactor baskets. We ask the agency to work closely with neighborhood groups and local BID's to find funding for this request.

Responsible Agency: DSNY

11. **Request:** Other street trees and forestry services requests

Explanation: Install tree guards where missing from or when new trees go in and extend the tree pit where needed.

Responsible Agency: Parks

12. **Request:** Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless

Explanation: Provide funding for air conditioning in all homeless shelters.

Responsible Agency: Department of Homeless Services

13. **Request:** Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

Explanation: Upgrade electrical system at Webster Branch Library.

Responsible Agency: NYPL

14. **Request:** Other requests for park, building, or access improvements

Explanation: Fund the return of the Queensboro Oval to the community for year round public use.

Responsible Agency:

15. **Request:** Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Explanation: Provide funding to redesign and renovate Ruppert as a whole, including the installation of new irrigation to improve and expand planting areas.

Responsible Agency: Parks

16. **Request:** Other affordable housing programs requests

Explanation: Provide more affordable housing for all income low and middle income New Yorkers.

Responsible Agency: HPD

17. **Request:** Renovate or upgrade a senior center

Explanation: Fund the bathroom repair at Stanley Isaacs..

Responsible Agency: Department for the Aging

Location: Stanley Isaacs Senior Center

Address: 415 East 93rd Street

Capital Projects Continued Support:

Request: Renovate or upgrade a senior center

Explanation: We ask the request for kitchen renovation including an industrial dishwasher for Stanley Isaacs be completed as soon as possible.

Responsible Agency: Department for the Aging

Location: Stanley Isaacs Senior Center

Address: 415 East 93rd Street

Request: Other park facilities and access requests

Explanation: Fund a fully built Park along the East River between 60th and 63rd Streets on the Esplanade including future phases 2B & 3 of Andrew Haswell Green Park.

Responsible Agency: Parks

Request: Other requests for park, building, or access improvements

Explanation: Provide funding to repair or reconstruct the 81st Street Bridge over the FDR Drive.

Responsible Agency: Parks

Request: Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

Explanation: Fund the expansion of the Roosevelt Island Branch of the NYC Public Library.

Responsible Agency: NYPL

FY2020 Expense Budget Priorities

1. **Request:** Other educational programs requests

Explanation: Fund Pre-K seats in CB8

Responsible Agency: DOE

2. **Request:** Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students

Explanation: Fund Out of School Time and DayCare programs for all children who go to school in CB8 or who have parents that work in CB8.

Responsible Agency: DYCD

3. **Request:** Other youth workforce development requests

Explanation: Increase funding for youth programs in CB8.

Responsible Agency: DYCD

4. **Request:** Other animal and pest control requests

Explanation: Increase funding for rodent extermination on city streets

Responsible Agency: DOHMH

5. **Request:** Other park maintenance and safety requests

Explanation: Preserve funding for year round workers and Associate Parks and Recreation Workers (APSW's) at NYC Parks and Recreation.

Responsible Agency: Parks

6. **Request:** Improve trash removal and cleanliness

Explanation: Provide funding for exterminators in all Parks within CB8.

Responsible Agency: Parks

7. **Request:** Enhance home care services

Explanation: Increase funding for services to Older Adults including Personal and Home Care, Transportation Services, Meals-On-Wheels, Senior Congregate Care Meal Programs and Case Managers

Responsible Agency: Dept for the Aging

8. **Request:** Other park maintenance and safety requests

Explanation: Increase funding for additional roving Park maintenance staff, tree pruners and tree climbers

Responsible Agency: Parks

9. **Request:** Expand street outreach

Explanation: Increase funding for Homeless Services Outreach personnel, especially during the overnight hours and provide DHS with updated information Technology equipment.

Responsible Agency: Dept of Homeless Services

10. **Request:** Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)

Explanation: Provide funding to NYC DOT for necessary materials and personnel to repair potholes and repave avenues curb to curb and major cross town streets more frequently than every 10 years within CB 8.

Responsible Agency: DOT

11. **Request:** Other programs to address public health issues requests

Explanation: Increase funding for the Department of Health Enforcement of all food vendor rules and regulations

Responsible Agency: DOHMH

12. **Request:** Rehabilitate bridges

Explanation: Increase the number of workers to inspect, repair, and preserve the Department of Transportation's infrastructure-(Bridges and Roads)

Responsible Agency: DOT

13. **Request:** Expand building inspector training programs

Explanation: Hire additional DOB inspectors for signage compliance and code enforcement.

Responsible Agency: DOB

14. **Request:** Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services and community based alternatives for youth

Explanation: Provide additional funding for Children Services, especially programs to prevent abuse and neglect.

Responsible Agency: ACS

15. **Request:** Assign additional traffic enforcement officers

Explanation: Provide funding to increase the current number of Traffic Control agents.

Responsible Agency: NYPD

16. **Request:** Increase health inspections, e.g. for restaurants

Explanation: Provide funding for inspectors and enforcement personnel in agencies dealing with restaurants and food trucks.

Responsible Agency: DOHMH

17. **Request:** Enhance programs for elder abuse victims

Explanation: Provide funding for Eviction Prevention Services for At-Risk Senior Citizens.

Responsible Agency: Dept for the Aging

18. **Request:** Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs

Explanation: Restore Sunday Service to one library in CB8 without cutting weekday hours.

Responsible Agency: NYPL

19. **Request:** Other garbage collection and recycling requests

Explanation: Increase recycling program including solid waste.

Responsible Agency: DSNY

20. **Request:** Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space

Explanation: Increase funding to ensure all NYCHA community and senior centers remain open.

Responsible Agency: NYCHA

21. **Request:** DCA Inspectors

Explanation: Fund additional DCA inspectors for sidewalk cafe and compliance permits regulation enforcement.

Responsible Agency: Dept of Consumer Affairs

22. **Request:** Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness

Explanation: Provide more health and building inspectors for NYCHA facilities

Responsible Agency: NYCHA

23. **Request:** Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)

Explanation: Fund additional PEP officers to enforce parks rules in all CB8 parks.

Responsible Agency: Parks

24. **Request:** Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing

Explanation: Increase funding for permanent housing for homeless people.

Responsible Agency: Dept of Homeless Services

25. **Request:** Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments

Explanation: Provide more funding for water testing in all public water sources.

Responsible Agency: DEP

Fiscal Year 2020 District Needs Statement

Section 1: District Overview and Narrative

Roosevelt Island and the Upper East Side of Manhattan, from the north side of East 59th Street to the south side of East 96th Street between Fifth Avenue and the East River, comprise Manhattan Community District 8. In addition to our diverse population, we are home to dozens of diplomatic residences, world famous hospitals, medical research centers, and world-renowned museums.

According to the 2010 census, 229,688 people live on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, a 6.0% increase from 1990. Prosperous economic times and a major building boom that began during the 1990's have added thousands of new dwelling units to the district. Today, the district continues to grow at an amazing pace. The 1999 median household income for the District was \$74,134. Based on data from the 2000 census 6.5% of the individuals in the district live below the poverty level.

There is also a large segment of the population with special needs. More than 14% of CB8's residents are senior citizens, with a high number of frail elderly. There is also a number of working poor living in the district. With affordable housing becoming increasingly scarce, commercial rent escalating, and the prices of goods and services dramatically rising, our middle

class residents are struggling to meet their budgets. The influx of new residents, shoppers, and tourists has strained the delivery of municipal service.

Section 2: Most Pressing Issues Overall

Affordable Housing, Parks, and School

Affordable housing-In response to New York City's (NYC) and the district's lack of sufficient affordable housing units; the board has voiced its overall support of retaining and increasing affordable housing in the district. Additionally, the board recommends rescinding the NYC Administrative Code §26-511, C, 9 of the NYC Rent Stabilization Law of 1969, a law that has increased institutional expansion within the district.

Parks-The aging East River Esplanade in the CB8M district has been crumbling, creating a dangerous situation for its many users. Repairing it is an urgent necessity. And by implementing the existing, proposed designs for the Esplanade's repairs and improvements, the City can create a vital and long-lasting public amenity.

Schools-We need Pre-K, elementary, middle and high school seats because our district is woefully lacking in these now, and we are being overwhelmed with new high rise construction featuring 3,4, and 5 bedrooms, thus encouraging families to purchase. The increase in the number of school children in our district will further overwhelm the system and the crowding in the existing schools will diminish the quality of the education for everyone. Also, a good school system keeps families from moving out of the city, and these families form our tax base which is desperately needed so as to provide the other services that the city requires. School funding is a necessity in our district and will determine the fate of the city.

Section 3: Health Care and Human Services

CB8M remains strongly in favor of continued support for homeless services, mental health and substance abuse services, environmental health issues, senior services, domestic violence and elder abuse victims, and supports public and private sector efforts to assist the diverse population in our community.

We are particularly concerned that with the city's homeless population at record setting levels.

CB8M continues to support strongly the services and programs aimed at aiding those of our community who are in need.

Section 3a: Health Care Facilities and Programming

The main programs for seniors are offered by Lenox Hill Neighborhood House (partially funded by the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center (a NYCHA facility), Carter Burden Center for the Aging, Roosevelt Island Senior Center, and Search and Care. CB8M has advocated for maintaining NYCHA social service programs, including the NYCHA senior centers at Lenox Hill and Stanley Isaacs, congregate meal programs, and the youth, family, and after school programs.

CB8M remains strongly in favor of continued support for homeless services and supports public and private sector efforts to assist the diverse homeless population in our community. A top capital priority is increased funding for permanent affordable housing for homeless individuals and families.

We support the efforts of the faith-based organizations to maintain their homeless shelter beds and of the food pantries in and out of our district to continue their work of feeding our hungry.

Overall, the area of homeless services continues to be one of loss and insufficiency. There is an urgent need for additional programs that address the root causes of homelessness.

Section 3b: Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers

The population of our district includes the largest percentage of older adults, 60+, in Manhattan (20.8%). A significant percentage of these (21.5%) live below the poverty level, or are frail, or both. Contrary to popular perception, it also includes a varying but seemingly growing number of individuals without shelter. In addition, soup kitchens, food pantries, and other food programs are seeing growing numbers of people.

A primary and consistent concern for our board is protecting the senior centers and programs that provide services to seniors regardless of income. These centers and programs provide older members of the community with social interaction and nutrition, two elements vital to maintaining their long-term health and well-being. It is imperative that senior center budgets be included in the Mayor's budget, and we urge that in the future critical senior programs such as case management and elder abuse prevention be treated as essential budget items.

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Section 3c: Facilities and Services for the Homeless

We are particularly concerned that with the city's homeless population at record setting levels, the Department for Homeless Services saw fit to promulgate, and persists in its attempts to implement, new shelter eligibility rules deemed likely to further swell the numbers of homeless single individuals.

Section 3d: Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

CB8M continues to support strongly the services and programs aimed at aiding those of our community who are in need; they remain critically important. CB8M urges the city to respond strongly to this growing segment of our city's population.

Section 4: Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Community Board 8 would like to see more school seats including Pre-K seats in all schools within the district, after school programming, youth workforce development and summer employment, adolescent substance abuse, child welfare, adoption and foster care, mental health services for youth, etc.

Section 4a: Educational Facilities and Programs

Community Board 8 is extremely concerned about the cutback in capital and expense funding which results in: overcrowding in our community district; conversion of cluster rooms to regular class rooms and a lack of specialty teachers for art, music etc. for the schools in our district.

The community feels there is a great need for more Middle School seats in Community District 8.

Section 4b: Services for Children and Child Welfare

The Board also recognizes the importance of providing adequate day care and after school facilities for our children. There are many Community Board 8 residents, especially single working parents, who need affordable day care and after school programs, but whose income

slightly surpasses eligibility requirements. Additional affordable programs are essential. We continue to request increased funding for childcare and after-school programs, including infant care.

An important issue yet to be adequately addressed is the need for programs to prevent abuse and neglect. Community Board 8 feels that there is a need for strong evidence-based programs to provide intensive support to at-risk families. Such therapies will increase family functioning while reducing the need for unnecessary and costly out of home care.

Section 4c: Youth and Community Services and Programs

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Section 5: Public Safety and Emergency Services

CB8 maintains a close working relationship with the 19th Precinct, Manhattan North, the Central Park Precinct, and the 114th Precinct, which serves Roosevelt Island from Queens.

CB8 continues to be concerned about bike enforcement and the number of scams and fraud against the elderly and vulnerable as well as Grand Larceny and Pedestrian Safety cases.

Section 5a: Policing and Crime

CB8 supports full funding for all fire and emergency medical services in our district and citywide. CB8 is particularly concerned about the loss of fire marshals in recent years, and we have requested the restoration of funding for these personnel.

Section 5b: Emergency Services

CB8 supports the maintenance of emergency response capacity. The Board supports provision of ambulances with a mobile stroke treatment units.

Section 6: Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Community Board 8 (CB8) is responsive to residents' concerns about sanitation and the environment. We receive numerous complaints and are trying to be responsive to our residents and businesses about sanitation and the environment. We continue to be concerned about the lack of corner baskets and request additional baskets which should be emptied on a more frequent basis. We strongly urge additional enforcement of commercial property owners who fail to clean their sidewalk 18 inches from the curb into the street with emphasis on East 86th Street between Lexington and Second Avenues. We also need more garbage collections and street cleanings in an integrated approach to a cleaner community. We support more frequent sanitation inspections and efforts to consistently maintain presentable clean-swept sidewalks and streets.

Section 6a: Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

With regards to drinking water, CB8 passed a resolution in February 2012 in favor of DEP's proposal to build a bypass tunnel to facilitate repair of the Delaware Aqueduct in order to ensure that DEP can continue to deliver high quality drinking water every day to NYC, and further resolved that this support is contingent DEP minimizing and mitigating potential environmental

impacts in the areas where the work is to be performed, and upon DEP having an adequate plan in place to supplement the water supply with high-quality drinking water during the shut-down phase of up to 6 to 15 months of the Delaware Aqueduct.

CB8 supports additional inspections for flooding complaints, storm catch basins, and sewers. The board supports additional resources for cleaning and maintenance of sewers and catch basins.

Section 6b: Sanitation Services

Community Board 8 (CB8) is responsive to residents' concerns about sanitation and the environment. The cleanliness of our streets and neighborhoods is of great importance to our community and is related to successful business operations, to our well-being, and to the quality of life. In an integrated approach to a cleaner community, we support frequent sanitation inspections and efforts to consistently maintain presentable clean-swept sidewalks and streets. We support the Adopt-a-Basket program, and additional resources for education related to this program.

Section 7: Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

We oppose the taking of any public space for private development, while we recognize the need for additional affordable housing in our district.

Section 7a: Land Use

Zoning changes including R8-B enacted within the past fifteen years to protect the midblock, from massive structures and R10-A governing use of the plaza bonus and towers on a base for avenues and cross-town streets have only slightly moderated development. New tall story buildings on some avenues, which currently are allowed, strain the infrastructure and municipal services, and reduce access to light and air. The board supports a height limitation of 210 feet for new developments on Third, Second, First and York Avenues.

CB8 and local civic groups have urged the Department of City Planning to review the Community Facility provisions of the Zoning Resolution. CB8 is the only district where community facilities are entitled to a 5.1 FAR in the R8B mid-blocks. CB8 has proposed modifications to the Department of City Planning to change the current community facility in R8B areas from a 5.1 to a 4.0 FAR.

CB8 seeks to preserve the Upper East Side's residential character. The C1 and C2 zoning (Local Retail Use) control commercial signage in the District. CB8 seeks to maintain a careful balance to prevent new buildings from detracting from CB8's historic districts. CB8 believes that new and more effective regulations, coupled with increased enforcement, would ease this problem.

Roosevelt Island is undergoing major change with the addition of the Cornell Tech graduate center. The campus will occupy most of the southern part of the island. The graduate center benefits the community and city, but the quality of life of the residents must be protected while the island undergoes major construction for the years to come.

Section 7b: Housing Needs and Programming*

Community District 8 is home to 161,142 households. Of those households 42,487 are owner households and 79,622 are renter households. Over 98 percent of owner households live in housing types classified as either a cooperative or a condominium. The Upper East Side rental vacancy rate is 2.8 percent. Approximately 52 percent of renter households pay rent in excess of 30 percent of their income; another 23 percent of renter households pay more than 50 percent of their income toward rent. The median monthly gross rent in 2009 was \$1,735. The

district encompasses a wide range of housing forms including condominiums, cooperatives, market rate and rent regulated housing. Of renter households, 35 percent live in market rate. Regulated housing includes rent stabilization (54 percent of renter households), Mitchell-Lama, public housing, and rent control.

Section 7c: Economic Development

CB8 works with the Madison Avenue Business Improvement District, the East Midtown Partnership and the DOE Fund on a range of issues. CB8 efforts on traffic and quality of life are critical to our local businesses. We support city programs that promote the retention and growth of local businesses.

Section 8: Transportation and Mobility

The streets are unsafe in their present condition for pedestrians, motorist and cyclist.

Section 8a: Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Community Board 8 has consistently ranked funding for street repair and maintenance high on its list of priorities, and we applaud the NYC Department of Transportation's Manhattan Highway Maintenance Division on the job they do managing this substantial task, especially in light of its need for an additional pothole gang, that the Board strongly supports.

Traffic Congestion has become an increasing problem in Community Board and will get worse with the additional hospital construction projects and the proposed Marine Transfer Station. We request that the proposed traffic study for the full length of York Avenue (paid for by CUNY MSK) be carried out as soon as possible.

Large numbers of residents, daily workers and visitors contribute to traffic congestion, for hire vehicles, noise, pollution, and crowded streets and sidewalks. Even with a second subway line traveling the East Side, public transit continues to be overwhelmed. The MTA/NYC Transit must work with commuters and the Board to address service issues such as punctuality, bus bunching and dwell times.

Section 8b: Transit Services

We support the need of more buses servicing bus lines in our district. The 4,5,6, and Q lines need additional service. We support full funding of the Fast Forward program, including enhanced technology to improve service.

Section 9: Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

The aging East River Esplanade in CB8M has been crumbling, creating a dangerous situation for its many users. Repairing it is an urgent necessity. By implementing the existing proposed designs for the Esplanade, the city can create a vital and long-lasting public amenity. CB8M has among the least amount of parkland of any district in NYC. Preserving and enhancing our vital parks and open space is a critical priority. CB8M needs additional funding to redesign some of our most used parks, including John Jay, Ruppert, and phase 3 of Andrew Haswell Green. Additionally, we must protect other public space that is currently being taken for private use. CB8M passed a resolution strongly urging the City to return the Queensboro Oval Park to the public full-time and in conjunction with the Upper East Side community, has identified uses for a deprivatized Oval that would benefit a large portion of the public.

Section 9a: Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

The population density of Community Board 8 makes our parks and greenery a precious commodity. Although our district is adjacent to Central Park, open space in CB8M is woefully inadequate. According to results of a survey by the organization, New Yorkers for Parks, Manhattan's Upper East Side has among the least amount of open space of any New York City district.

CB8M's Parks Committee has been working to protect and expand the community's limited parkland. Its on-going major projects include its Open Space initiative, launched in 2013 with a public forum on the Need for Open Space on Manhattan's Upper East Side, and its East River Esplanade project, to renovate and beautify the Esplanade.

Section 9b: Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming

We support cultural programming and the use community facilities to enhance the quality of life in our district.

Section 9c: Library Facilities and Programming

For more than a century, the New York Public Library has provided quality service to all New Yorkers. The branch libraries are an important public resource for local residents, especially senior citizens and students.

The library budget must be maintained. CB8 urges the Mayor and the City Council to maintain funding for the operating costs to allow the continuation of 7 day a week service at all branches. We also urge increased funding for infrastructure, technological improvements and library materials, particularly increased funding for books, periodicals, and other information resources in all our branch libraries.

Funding should be found to allow libraries to operate at full hours (i.e. 10-5 Monday through Sunday) and expanded evening hours at least twice a week.

As sources of information have evolved, the Library has kept pace, offering one of the only free points of access to the internet in New York City. CB8 believes that all New Yorkers should have free opportunities to use electronic resources. We support the restoration and enhancement of libraries in their use as a community facility.

Section 9d: Community Boards

We support strengthening the ability of community boards to provide vital services to our districts.

Section 10: Additional Information and Other Requests

Fund additional DCA inspectors for sidewalk cafe and compliance permits regulation enforcement.

Barbara Chocky, Chair