

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

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2019



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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 8's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019*. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November 2017.

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 FY19 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.

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## 1. Community Board Information

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## 2. Community District Profile

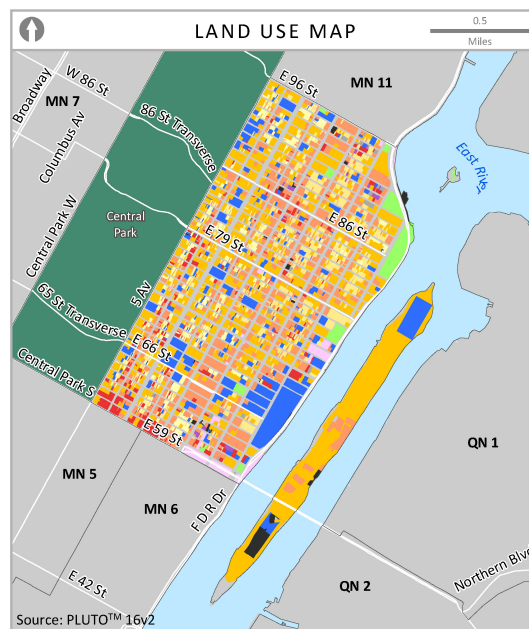
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# Manhattan Community District 8



**Neighborhoods**<sup>1</sup>: Carnegie Hill, Lenox Hill, Roosevelt Island, Upper East Side, Yorkville

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 <sup>2</sup>	2010 <sup>3</sup>	2000-2010
217,063	219,920	+1%
2011-2015 Estimate <sup>4</sup>		220,697
Square Miles		2.0
Population Density		109,960/sq mi



### COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Manhattan Community Board 8 in 2017:

1. Affordable housing
2. Parks
3. Schools

To learn more, please read [Manhattan CD 8's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2018](#).

Website: [www.cb8m.com](http://www.cb8m.com)  
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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	1,040	5%
Multifamily Walk-up	1,219	9%
Multifamily Elevator	974	37%
Mixed Use	1,589	22%
Commercial	275	4%
Industrial	23	<1%
Transportation/Utility	37	2%
Public/Institutional	312	14%
Open Space	10	4%
Parking	35	1%
Vacant	67	2%
Other	17	<1%

Source: PLUTO™ 16v2 [Click here for a more detailed land use map of Manhattan CD 8](#)

## A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS <sup>5</sup>	
Public Schools	30
Public Libraries	5
Hospitals and Clinics	37
Parks	23
<a href="#">Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer</a>	

RENT BURDEN <sup>4, 6</sup>	
Manhattan CD 8	Manhattan
<b>34%</b>	37%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS <sup>7</sup>	
Manhattan CD 8	Citywide Target
<b>95%</b>	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK <sup>4, 8</sup>	
Manhattan CD 8	Manhattan
<b>31</b>	31 minutes
minutes	NYC
	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY <sup>4</sup>	
Manhattan CD 8	Manhattan
<b>6%</b>	16%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE <sup>9</sup>	
Manhattan CD 8	Manhattan
<b>8.8</b>	15.7
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT <sup>4, 10</sup>	
Manhattan CD 8	Manhattan
<b>80%</b>	60%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

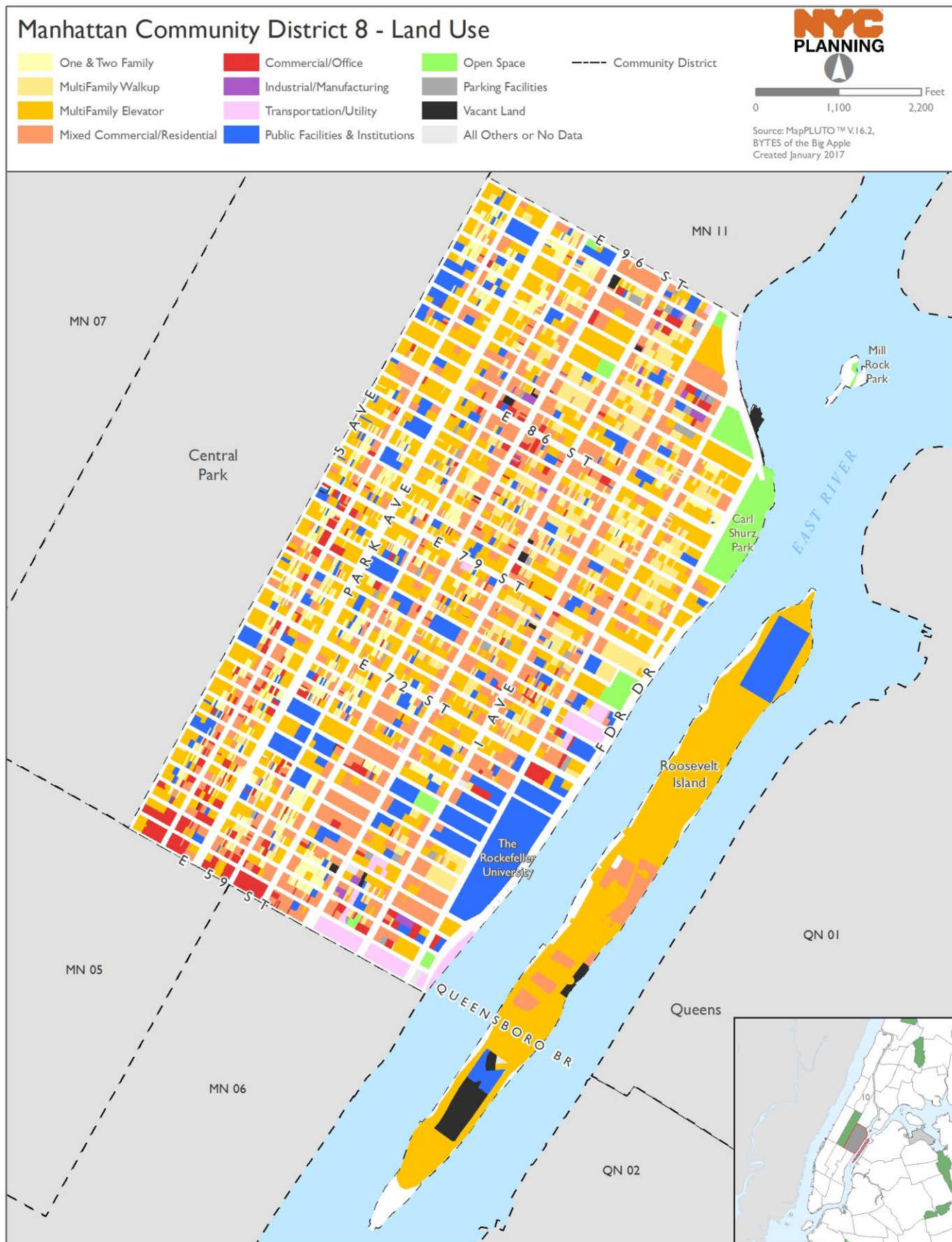
UNEMPLOYMENT <sup>4, 10</sup>	
Manhattan CD 8	Manhattan
<b>4.1%</b>	7.5%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2011 to 2015	NYC
	9.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE <sup>11</sup>	
Manhattan CD 8	Manhattan
<b>7%</b>	14%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the <a href="#">federal poverty rate here</a> .	NYC
	21%

<sup>1</sup>Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. <sup>2</sup>2000 US Census; <sup>3</sup>2010 US Census; <sup>4</sup>American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. <sup>5</sup>NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); <sup>6</sup>Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>7</sup>NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. <sup>8</sup>Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. <sup>9</sup>NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); <sup>10</sup>Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>11</sup>2011-2015 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.



## 2. Community District Land Use



### 3. Overview of Community District

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.



#### 4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Manhattan Community Board 8 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Parks*
- *Schools*

**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 Administration 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.



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

##### *Services to reduce or prevent homelessness*

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. Given the Bloomberg administration's termination of the Advantage program, a top capital priority is increased funding for permanent affordable housing for homeless individuals and families. 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. CB8M continues to support strongly the services and programs aimed at aiding those of our community who are in need;

#### Community District Needs Related to 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. Given the Bloomberg administration's termination of the Advantage program, 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. The absence of the services the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter, Inc. (NCS) provided for almost two continues to be felt and underpins the urgent need for programs that address the needs of the homeless. In addition, we remain disappointed that homeless outreach services were consolidated in one central agency outside our district and outreach to CB8M street homeless individuals is no longer provided by a local organization.

#### Community District Needs Related to 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, including more women and children and families, turning to them to augment their diets. 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 wellbeing. 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. 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.

#### Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

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Community District Needs Related to 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.

**Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/16	DHS	<i>Other request for services for the homeless</i>	<i>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</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
10/16	DFTA	<i>Renovate or upgrade a senior center</i>	<i>We ask the request for kitchen renovation including an industrial dishwasher for Stanley Isaacs be completed as soon as possible.</i>	<i>Stanley Isaacs Senior Center 415 E 93rd St</i>
13/16	DHS	<i>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>Provide funding for air conditioning in all homeless shelters.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

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



### Health Care and Human Services

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/25	DOHMH	<i>Other animal and pest control requests</i>	<i>Increase funding for rodent extermination on city streets</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
7/25	DFTA	<i>Enhance home care services</i>	<i>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</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
9/25	DHS	<i>Expand street outreach</i>	<i>Increase funding for Homeless Services Outreach personnel, especially during the overnight hours and provide DHS with updated information Technology equipment.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
11/25	DOHMH	<i>Other programs to address public health issues requests</i>	<i>Increase funding for the Department of Health Enforcement of all food vendor rules and regulations.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
16/25	DOHMH	<i>Increase health inspections, e.g. for restaurants</i>	<i>Provide funding for enforcement personnel in agencies dealing with general vendors.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
17/25	DFTA	<i>Enhance programs for elder abuse victims</i>	<i>Provide funding for Eviction Prevention Services for At-Risk Senior Citizens.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
24/25	DHS	<i>Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing</i>	<i>Increase funding for permanent housing for homeless people.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
25/25	DFTA	<i>Other senior center program requests</i>	<i>Fund the bathroom repair at Stanley Isaacs.</i>	<i>Stanley Isaacs</i>



### Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

##### *School and educational facilities (Capacity)*

Community Board 8 would like to see more school seats including Pre-K seats in all schools within the district.

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

Community Board 8 applauds the DOE for finding permanent homes for PS 151 and 267, as well as starting a new elementary school PS 527 located in the former Our Lady of Good Council School. 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. Community Board 8 is pleased to have a new middle school located in PS 158, which will open in September 2014. However, the community feels there is a great need for more Middle School seats in Community District 8.

#### Community District Needs Related to 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.

#### Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

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#### **Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/25	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	<i>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.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
3/25	DYCD	<i>Other youth workforce development requests</i>	<i>Increase funding for youth programs in CB8.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
14/25	ACS	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services</i>	<i>Provide additional funding for Children Services, especially programs to prevent abuse and neglect.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



## Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services*Traffic violations and enforcement*

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 venerable as well as Grand Larceny and Pedestrian Safety cases.

Community District Needs Related to 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.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/25	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	Provide funding to maintain current number of Traffic Control agents.	Community Wide
22/25	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Fund additional NYPD Police Officers to provide Quality of Life foot patrols on problematic blocks.	Community Wide





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

##### *Cleanliness/trash collection*

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.

#### Community District Needs Related to 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. The NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) constructed a vertical water supply shaft, Shaft 33B, to bring water from City Tunnel No. 3 to the local water distribution system in East Manhattan and the Upper East Side in Manhattan. Construction of City Tunnel No 3, Stage 2 – Manhattan leg is currently proceeding beneath Manhattan. The shaft would be an unmanned underground facility capable of conveying water from the new City Tunnel No. 3 to the surface distribution system that serves East Midtown and the Upper East Side. The site is located on the northwest corner of E. 59th Street and First Avenue adjacent to the Queensboro Bridge in Community District 8. The Shaft 33B project would also involve water main construction required to connect the new shaft with the existing subsurface water distribution system that serves the East Midtown and Upper East Side areas. Two water main connections are to extend from the Shaft 33B Site beneath the City streets, connecting the shaft to a trunk-main at Third Avenue.

#### Community District Needs Related to 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.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/16	DSNY	<i>Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers</i>	<i>We ask the Dept. of Sanitation work closely with local BID's and neighborhood groups to have more Big Bellies installed in the district. Fund the installation of Big Bellies in CB8.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
15/16	DSNY	<i>Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers</i>	<i>Fund the NYC Department of Sanitation for the placement of "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.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
19/25	DSNY	<i>Other garbage collection and recycling requests</i>	<i>Increase recycling program including solid waste.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



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

##### *Affordable housing programs*

We oppose the taking of any public space for private development making sure that NYCHA, HPD or any other developer program capital needs are met before breaking ground.

#### Community District Needs Related to 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 30-35 story buildings on some avenues, which currently are allowed, strain the infrastructure and municipal services. 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 is a boon for 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.

#### Community District Needs Related to 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.

#### Community District Needs Related to 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.

## 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	Request	Explanation	Location
13/25	DOB	<i>Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)</i>	<i>provide additional DOB inspectors for signage compliance and code enforcement.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
20/25	NYCHA	<i>Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space</i>	<i>Increase funding to ensure all NYCHA community and senior centers remain open.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



## Transportation

### Main Issue Related to Transportation

#### *Roadway maintenance*

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

### Community District Needs Related to 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, noise, pollution, and crowded streets and sidewalks. With only one 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.

### **Capital Requests Related to Transportation**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/16	DOT	<i>Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals</i>	<i>Increase funding for audible accessible crossing signals for intersections in CB8.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/25	DOT	<i>Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)</i>	<i>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.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
12/25	DOT	<i>Rehabilitate bridges</i>	<i>Increase the number of workers to inspect, repair, and preserve the Department of Transportation's infrastructure- (Bridges and Roads)</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



### Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

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

##### *Other/Full Funding of the East River Esplanade and funding to create a year round park at the Queensboro Oval*

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. We oppose public space being taken for private use. Manhattan's populous Upper East Side has among the least parkland of any district in New York City and deprivatizing the Queensboro Oval and opening it to the public full-time would be an important step toward addressing the Upper East Side's severe shortage of public parkland. CB8M passed a resolution in 2015 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—such as soccer, softball, tennis and running—that would benefit a large portion of the public. CB8M wants a deprivatized Queensboro Oval Park to become a multi-use recreation area, available for such active sports as track, soccer, softball and tennis, with seating provided for passive relaxation.

#### Community District Needs Related to 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. In addition, the Committee also has been addressing improvement projects in various parks, including Central Park, Ruppert Park, the Queensboro Oval and the Park Avenue Malls. In just the two years since it began, the Committee's Open Space initiative--designed to identify areas that could be converted to parks--has begun to bear fruit: Last year, at the Committee's urging, Hunter College opened its Poses Park to the public on spring, summer and fall weekends. This year, Hunter followed up by expanding public access to this space.

#### Community District Needs Related to 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. CB8 supports the funding for the expansion of the Roosevelt Island Library branch of the New York Public Library (FY 10 #10 308200704C) and the renovation of the Carnegie Branch Library (FY 09 #7 308200601C). RIOC is discussing alternative spaces with the NY Library, which would be conducive to expansion and more centrally located as the island's population grows. 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 6 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. The system-wide replacement of Checkpoint Book theft Detection System should be completed by 2011 in all branches and central units, costing \$1.2M. Funding should be found to allow libraries to operate at full hours (i.e. 10-5 Monday through Saturday) 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. Since the recession of 2008, the libraries have become a resource to assist person seeking employment.



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



### Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/16	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Provide funding for a ramp at the Yorkville Branch Library.	Yorkville Branch Library
3/16	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Provide funding to repair, restore and design the entire Esplanade including the pilings on the lower level between 60th and 125th Streets.	East River Esplanade
4/16	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Provide funding for new windows, exterior rear facade repair and exterior lighting for East 67th Street Library.	67th Street Library
5/16	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Provide funding for new windows, exterior rear facade repair and exterior lighting at the 67th Street Branch Library.	67th Street Branch Library
6/16	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Providing funding for a new HVAC system at the Webster and Yorkville Branch Libraries.	Community Wide
7/16	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Fund exterior rehabilitation of windows and replace where needed at Webster and Yorkville Branch Libraries.	Community Wide
9/16	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Fund repair of roof at 67th Street Library to protect recent upgrades.	67th Street Library
12/16	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	Install tree guards where missing from or when new trees go in and where needed extend the tree pit where needed.	Community Wide
14/16	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Upgrade electrical system at Webster Branch Library.	Community Wide
16/16	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Fund the return of the Queensboro Oval to the community for year round public use.	York Ave 59th St 60th St
CS	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	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.	East River Esplanade 60th St 63rd St
CS	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Fund the expansion of the Roosevelt Island Branch of the NYC Public Library.	Roosevelt Island Branch Library



## Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Provide funding to repair or reconstruct the 81st Street Bridge over the FDR Drive.	81st Street Pedestrian Bridge

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Preserve funding for year round workers at NYC Parks and Recreation.	Community Wide
6/25	DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	Provide funding for exterminators in all Parks within CB8.	Community Wide
8/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Increase funding for additional Park maintenance staff, tree pruners and tree climbers.	Community Wide
18/25	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Restore Sunday Service to one library in CB8 without cutting weekday hours.	Community Wide
23/25	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Fund additional PEP officers for all CB8 Parks.	Community Wide

## 6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

### Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	DOE	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	<i>Fund Pre-K seats in CB8</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
21/25	DCA	<i>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</i>	<i>Fund additional DCA inspectors for sidewalk cafe and compliance permits regulation enforcement.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

## 7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

### Manhattan Community Board 8 Capital Requests

Manhattan Community Board 8 submitted 16 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/16	DHS	<i>Other request for services for the homeless</i>	<i>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</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
2/16	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Provide funding for a ramp at the Yorkville Branch Library.</i>	<i>Yorkville Branch Library</i>	
3/16	DPR	<i>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</i>	<i>Provide funding to repair, restore and design the entire Esplanade including the pilings on the lower level between 60th and 125th Streets.</i>	<i>East River Esplanade</i>	
4/16	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Provide funding for new windows, exterior rear facade repair and exterior lighting for East 67th Street Library.</i>	<i>67th Street Library</i>	
5/16	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Provide funding for new windows, exterior rear facade repair and exterior lighting at the 67th Street Branch Library.</i>	<i>67th Street Branch Library</i>	
6/16	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Providing funding for a new HVAC system at the Webster and Yorkville Branch Libraries.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
7/16	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Fund exterior rehabilitation of windows and replace where needed at Webster and Yorkville Branch Libraries.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
8/16	DOT	<i>Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals</i>	<i>Increase funding for audible accessible crossing signals for intersections in CB8.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
9/16	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Fund repair of roof at 67th Street Library to protect recent upgrades.</i>	<i>67th Street Library</i>	
10/16	DFTA	<i>Renovate or upgrade a senior center</i>	<i>We ask the request for kitchen renovation including an industrial dishwasher for Stanley Isaacs be completed as soon as possible.</i>	<i>Stanley Isaacs Senior Center 415 E 93rd St</i>	
11/16	DSNY	<i>Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers</i>	<i>We ask the Dept. of Sanitation work closely with local BID's and neighborhood groups to have more Big Bellies installed in the district. Fund the installation of Big Bellies in CB8.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
12/16	DPR	<i>Other street trees and forestry services requests</i>	<i>Install tree guards where missing from or when new trees go in and where needed extend the tree pit where needed.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
13/16	DHS	<i>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>Provide funding for air conditioning in all homeless shelters.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	

## 7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

### Manhattan Community Board 8 Capital Requests

Manhattan Community Board 8 submitted 16 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority /  
Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
14/16	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Upgrade electrical system at Webster Branch Library.	Community Wide	
15/16	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	Fund the NYC Department of Sanitation for the placement of "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.	Community Wide	
16/16	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Fund the return of the Queensboro Oval to the community for year round public use.	York Ave 59th St 60th St	
CS	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	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.	East River Esplanade 60th St 63rd St	
CS	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Provide funding to repair or reconstruct the 81st Street Bridge over the FDR Drive.	81st Street Pedestrian Bridge	
CS	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Fund the expansion of the Roosevelt Island Branch of the NYC Public Library.	Roosevelt Island Branch Library	

## 7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

### Manhattan Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Manhattan Community Board 8 submitted 25 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/25	DOE	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	<i>Fund Pre-K seats in CB8</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
2/25	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	<i>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.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
3/25	DYCD	<i>Other youth workforce development requests</i>	<i>Increase funding for youth programs in CB8.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
4/25	DOHMH	<i>Other animal and pest control requests</i>	<i>Increase funding for rodent extermination on city streets</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
5/25	DPR	<i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>	<i>Preserve funding for year round workers at NYC Parks and Recreation.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
6/25	DPR	<i>Improve trash removal and cleanliness</i>	<i>Provide funding for exterminators in all Parks within CB8.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
7/25	DFTA	<i>Enhance home care services</i>	<i>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</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
8/25	DPR	<i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>	<i>Increase funding for additional Park maintenance staff, tree pruners and tree climbers.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
9/25	DHS	<i>Expand street outreach</i>	<i>Increase funding for Homeless Services Outreach personnel, especially during the overnight hours and provide DHS with updated information Technology equipment.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
10/25	DOT	<i>Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)</i>	<i>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.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
11/25	DOHMH	<i>Other programs to address public health issues requests</i>	<i>Increase funding for the Department of Health Enforcement of all food vendor rules and regulations.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
12/25	DOT	<i>Rehabilitate bridges</i>	<i>Increase the number of workers to inspect, repair, and preserve the Department of Transportation's infrastructure-(Bridges and Roads)</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	



## 7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
13/25	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	provide additional DOB inspectors for signage compliance and code enforcement.	Community Wide	
14/25	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services	Provide additional funding for Children Services, especially programs to prevent abuse and neglect.	Community Wide	
15/25	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	Provide funding to maintain current number of Traffic Control agents.	Community Wide	
16/25	DOHMH	Increase health inspections, e.g. for restaurants	Provide funding for enforcement personnel in agencies dealing with general vendors.	Community Wide	
17/25	DFTA	Enhance programs for elder abuse victims	Provide funding for Eviction Prevention Services for At-Risk Senior Citizens.	Community Wide	
18/25	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Restore Sunday Service to one library in CB8 without cutting weekday hours.	Community Wide	
19/25	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests	Increase recycling program including solid waste.	Community Wide	
20/25	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	Increase funding to ensure all NYCHA community and senior centers remain open.	Community Wide	
21/25	DCA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	Fund additional DCA inspectors for sidewalk cafe and compliance permits regulation enforcement.	Community Wide	
22/25	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Fund additional NYPD Police Officers to provide Quality of Life foot patrols on problematic blocks.	Community Wide	
23/25	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Fund additional PEP officers for all CB8 Parks.	Community Wide	
24/25	DHS	Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing	Increase funding for permanent housing for homeless people.	Community Wide	
25/25	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	Fund the bathroom repair at Stanley Isaacs.	Stanley Isaacs	