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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Budget Committee**

*Monday, September 30, 2024 - 6:30 PM
Conducted remotely via Zoom*

Please note: The resolution contained in the committee minutes are recommendations submitted by the committee co-chairs to the Community Board. At the monthly full board meeting, the resolution is discussed and voted upon by all members of Community Board 8 Manhattan.

Resolutions for Approval:

Item 1: FY26 DNS

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Gayle Baron, Michele Birnbaum, Felice Farber, Bradley Hershenson, Sahar Husain, Barbara Rudder, Judy Schneider

Approximate Public Attendance: 8

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

Item 1: PUBLIC HEARING: Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2026 Statement of District Needs and Budget Priorities

The committee reviewed the budget priority requests and the district needs statement in preparation for FY2027. District Manager Will Brightbill provided an update on the results from the community survey.

The committee reviewed each budget priority line-by-line.

The committee reviewed the District Needs Statement and agreed that the top 3 pressing issues for the district are Affordable Housing, Parks and Open Space, and Quality of Life/Safety and Security Issues.

The top ten capital priorities identified by the committee are:

1. Provide more affordable housing for all income levels in the district including funding for essential repairs to NYCHA housing
2. Upgrade and make repairs to the 19th Precinct Station House
3. Repair or replace the accessible lift at the 67th Street Library
4. Fund phase 3 of Andrew Haswell Green Park
5. Fund the construction of new 3K and Pre-K seats in Community District 8
6. Install call boxes every ten blocks along the East River Esplanade and install markings identifying the cross street on the Esplanade.
7. Provide funding to renovate the restroom at 87th Street in Carl Schurz Park
8. Provide funding to convert one handball court in John Jay Park to a regulation size Pickleball Court
9. Fund new air conditioners and the upgrade of the auditorium at the Julia Richman Educational Complex
10. Provide funding to renovate or reconstruct Samuel Seabury Playground

The top ten expense budget priorities identified by the committee are:

1. Increase funding for all community boards
2. Fund additional police officers for the 19th Precinct and the Central Park Precinct
3. Fund additional Parks Enforcement Patrol officers

4. Increase funding for additional traffic enforcement agents near the Queensboro Bridge and in the East 60s to enhance safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. This funding should also support the enforcement of rules for bicyclists and electric scooter users, ensuring the safety of all road users.
5. Increase the frequency of sanitation pick up and street sweeping
6. Increase funding for mental health and other outreach personnel (at 86th Street and Lexington Avenue, 72nd Street and Second Avenue, and Second Avenue between 86th and 87th Streets)
7. Fund additional 3K and pre-K seats
8. Provide increased funding for summer youth employment programs, learning to work programs, and other youth workforce development programs
9. Provide increased funding for senior programming at community parks, and senior centers
10. Fund after school programs

The district needs statement priorities as discussed were approved by a unanimous vote 5-0-0. (G. Baron, F. Farber, M. Birnbaum, B. Rudder, J. Schneider)

Respectfully submitted, Gayle Baron and Felice Farber, Co-Chairs