

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

Fiscal Year
2026

**Manhattan
Community District**

November 2024

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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 the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. 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, 2024.

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:

1. **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.

2. **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.

3. **Community Board Budget Requests**

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY24 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. 2020 CENSUS DATA

The following two pages contain data from the most recent 2020 Decennial Census, which includes basic demographic and housing characteristics for New York City, the borough, and this community district. The data also includes a view of change over time since 2010.

New York City

| | 2010 | | 2020 | | Change, 2010-2020 | | |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Percentage Point |
| AGE | | | | | | | |
| Total population | 8,175,133 | 100.00 | 8,804,190 | 100.00 | 629,057 | 7.7 | 0.0 |
| Total persons under 18 years | 1,768,111 | 21.6 | 1,740,142 | 19.8 | -27,969 | -1.6 | -1.8 |
| MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN | | | | | | | |
| Total population | 8,175,133 | 100.0 | 8,804,190 | 100.0 | 629,057 | 7.7 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic/Latino (of any race) | 2,336,076 | 28.6 | 2,490,350 | 28.3 | 154,274 | 6.6 | -0.3 |
| White non-Hispanic | 2,722,904 | 33.3 | 2,719,856 | 30.9 | -3,048 | -0.1 | -2.4 |
| Black non-Hispanic | 1,861,295 | 22.8 | 1,776,891 | 20.2 | -84,404 | -4.5 | -2.6 |
| Asian non-Hispanic | 1,028,119 | 12.6 | 1,373,502 | 15.6 | 345,383 | 33.6 | 3.0 |
| Some other race, non-Hispanic | 78,063 | 1.0 | 143,632 | 1.6 | 65,569 | 84.0 | 0.6 |
| Non-Hispanic of two or more races | 148,676 | 1.8 | 299,959 | 3.4 | 151,283 | 101.8 | 1.6 |
| HOUSING OCCUPANCY | | | | | | | |
| Total housing units | 3,371,062 | 100.0 | 3,618,635 | 100.0 | 247,573 | 7.3 | 0.0 |
| Occupied housing units | 3,109,784 | 92.2 | 3,370,448 | 93.1 | 260,664 | 8.4 | 0.9 |
| Vacant housing units | 261,278 | 7.8 | 248,187 | 6.9 | -13,091 | -5.0 | -0.9 |

Manhattan

| | 2010 | | 2020 | | Change, 2010-2020 | | |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Percentage Point |
| AGE | | | | | | | |
| Total population | 1,585,873 | 100.00 | 1,694,251 | 100.00 | 108,378 | 6.8 | 0.0 |
| Total persons under 18 years | 234,435 | 14.8 | 232,511 | 13.7 | -1,924 | -0.8 | -1.1 |
| MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN | | | | | | | |
| Total population | 1,585,873 | 100.0 | 1,694,251 | 100.0 | 108,378 | 6.8 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic/Latino (of any race) | 403,577 | 25.4 | 402,640 | 23.8 | -937 | -0.2 | -1.6 |
| White non-Hispanic | 761,493 | 48.0 | 793,294 | 46.8 | 31,801 | 4.2 | -1.2 |
| Black non-Hispanic | 205,340 | 12.9 | 199,592 | 11.8 | -5,748 | -2.8 | -1.1 |
| Asian non-Hispanic | 177,624 | 11.2 | 219,624 | 13.0 | 42,000 | 23.6 | 1.8 |
| Some other race, non-Hispanic | 7,882 | 0.5 | 16,112 | 1.0 | 8,230 | 104.4 | 0.5 |
| Non-Hispanic of two or more races | 29,957 | 1.9 | 62,989 | 3.7 | 33,032 | 110.3 | 1.8 |
| HOUSING OCCUPANCY | | | | | | | |
| Total housing units | 847,090 | 100.0 | 913,926 | 100.0 | 66,836 | 7.9 | 0.0 |
| Occupied housing units | 763,846 | 90.2 | 817,782 | 89.5 | 53,936 | 7.1 | -0.7 |
| Vacant housing units | 83,244 | 9.8 | 96,144 | 10.5 | 12,900 | 15.5 | 0.7 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

Manhattan Community District 8

| | 2010 | | 2020 | | Change, 2010-2020 | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Percentage Point |
| AGE | | | | | | | |
| Total population | 219,920 | 100.00 | 231,983 | 100.00 | 12,063 | 5.5 | 0.0 |
| Total persons under 18 years | 30,678 | 13.9 | 33,594 | 14.5 | 2,916 | 9.5 | 0.6 |
| MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN | | | | | | | |
| Total population | 219,920 | 100.0 | 231,983 | 100.0 | 12,063 | 5.5 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic/Latino (of any race) | 15,563 | 7.1 | 18,517 | 8.0 | 2,954 | 19.0 | 0.9 |
| White non-Hispanic | 173,711 | 79.0 | 170,406 | 73.5 | -3,305 | -1.9 | -5.5 |
| Black non-Hispanic | 7,098 | 3.2 | 6,257 | 2.7 | -841 | -11.8 | -0.5 |
| Asian non-Hispanic | 18,847 | 8.6 | 26,536 | 11.4 | 7,689 | 40.8 | 2.8 |
| Some other race, non-Hispanic | 833 | 0.4 | 1,789 | 0.8 | 956 | 114.8 | 0.4 |
| Non-Hispanic of two or more races | 3,868 | 1.8 | 8,478 | 3.7 | 4,610 | 119.2 | 1.9 |
| HOUSING OCCUPANCY | | | | | | | |
| Total housing units | 136,751 | 100.0 | 138,922 | 100.0 | 2,171 | 1.6 | 0.0 |
| Occupied housing units | 120,193 | 87.9 | 122,565 | 88.2 | 2,372 | 2.0 | 0.3 |
| Vacant housing units | 16,558 | 12.1 | 16,357 | 11.8 | -201 | -1.2 | -0.3 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

Statement on Data Accuracy

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau is legally bound to protect the privacy of individuals participating in the decennial census. To adhere to the law and to avoid the disclosure of information about individual respondents, the Census Bureau has historically applied a host of techniques, such as top- and bottom-coding, imputation, table- and cell-suppression, and data swapping. The Census Bureau is employing a new technique with the 2020 Census, referred to as the Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS), based on differential privacy. With this approach, the Census Bureau “infuses noise” systematically across census data and sets a quantified disclosure risk, referred to as the Privacy Loss Budget (PLB).

While the new DAS approach may diminish the risk of disclosure concerns, it comes at a cost to data accuracy. Consequently, 2020 Census data users should be aware that all sub-state counts, except for housing units (which are unaffected by the DAS), may be adjusted to protect the privacy of Census participants and may be subject to reduced accuracy. Because DAS noise infusion is randomized, it is impossible for data users to know the degree to which any individual statistic is altered. However, it is possible to say that in general the relative size of errors decreases as counts increase. Consequently, data users should have greater confidence in the accuracy of the data as counts get larger. Further, an evaluation of a Privacy-Protected Microdata File (PPMF), treated with a Disclosure Avoidance System like the one applied to 2020 redistricting data, showed that counts of 300 or more rarely have sizable errors (error beyond +/- 10% of the count). Therefore, while data users need to be cognizant of data accuracy limitations, they should have confidence in conclusions based on sizable counts, which are relatively unaffected by the Census Bureau’s latest disclosure avoidance method.

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Manhattan Community District 8 (CD8) comprises the Upper East Side (UES) of Manhattan and Roosevelt Island. Boundaries stretch from the north side of 59th Street to the south side of East 96th Street between Fifth Avenue and the East River. Well known neighborhoods within the district include Lenox Hill, Carnegie Hill and Yorkville. The district, which is a mix of residential and commercial uses, is home to world famous hospitals, medical research centers, museums, art galleries, shopping and

restaurants.

According to a 2022 NYU Furman profile of the neighborhood, the Upper East Side is the city's fourth largest neighborhood by population, with an estimated 206,975 residents of which 11.5% identified as Asian, 8.9% identified as Hispanic, 3.6% identified as black and 72% identified as white. The total number of people living on the Upper East Side declined from a high of 231,983 identified in the 2020 census. Even with this reduction in population, the UES remains one of the densest districts in the nation

facing challenges including scarce affordable housing, quality of life issues including delivery of municipal services, inadequate green space, crowded schools and taxed social services.

A construction boom continues unabated, but the majority of units are in large scale luxury residential towers. According to the 2022 Furman study, over 22% of residents are rent burdened spending over 50% of household income on rent. Median gross rents on the UES increased from \$2,310 in

2006 to \$2,710 in 2022, a 17.3% increase over this period. Only 1.9% of the rental units were public housing units. CB8 has advocated for affordable housing including preservation of walkup residences on the avenues which tend to have more affordable rents and have been the target for demolition resulting in high rise luxury towers.

Small businesses have closed as a result of the Second Avenue subway construction followed by the pandemic. On East 86th Street and neighboring blocks, over 70% of the building stock is now residential. The district hosts two business improvement districts which advocate for businesses and community economic development. These entities are the Madison Avenue Business Improvement District and the East Midtown Partnership.

The serious crime rate, including property and violent crime types was 10.7 serious crimes per 1,000 residents in 2023, compared to 14.2 serious crimes per 1,000 residents citywide. However, the number of sexual assaults increased by 44% in the past two years

The median household income on the UES in 2022 was \$148,520 compared to 1999's median income for the district of \$74,134. Despite the comfortable current median income, the poverty rate on the UES was 7.1%.

Additionally, an estimated 20% of the population is aged 65 or older, with a median age of 44 in Community District 8. This demographic balance highlights the ongoing need for adequate social and public services, particularly for seniors facing challenges such as food insecurity, social isolation, and housing instability.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Manhattan Community Board 8

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable Housing

Affordable Housing – The need for affordable housing continuously rates as a top issue in surveys of community residents and has long been a priority for Community Board 8. A recent report from Columbia University found that between 2010 and 2021, the Upper East Side gained a net of only 101 housing units, one of the lowest citywide. The trend in the district is towards tearing down older buildings and replacing them with larger luxury buildings that include fewer housing units. The result has exacerbated the affordable housing challenges in our district. The loss of inventory is making it harder for people on lower incomes or young professionals to get a toe-hold in the neighborhood. 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 and recommends additional units in new developments be set aside as affordable units. 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. The Board further recommends additional investments in NYCHA housing to bring the apartments up to a state of good repair.

Parks and open space

Parks and open spaces are vital for CD8, serving as essential resources for community well-being, recreation, and environmental sustainability. As one of the most densely populated areas in the city, access to green spaces provides residents with vital opportunities for physical activity, relaxation, and social interaction, contributing to improved mental and physical health. Furthermore, parks serve as crucial ecological havens, supporting local biodiversity and enhancing urban resilience against climate change. Prioritizing the enhancement and maintenance of parks not only enriches the quality of life for residents but also fosters a sense of community, making the Upper East Side a more vibrant and livable environment for all. Parks are not a luxury; they are a necessity and should therefore be funded as such. The Parks Department lacks the resources to properly maintain our parks and keep our parks safe with adequate levels of parks maintenance staffing and PEP officers. Additional expense funds are critically needed to allow the Parks Department to hire additional maintenance and security staff to keep our parks in good condition and safe. Capital funding is needed for Phase 3 of Andrew Haswell Green Park, to rehabilitate the restroom in Carl Schurz Park at 87th Street; to reconstruct Samuel Seabury Playground, to install new seating and lighting at Stanley Isaacs Playground; to reconstruct the Park House in John Jay Park, and to install call boxes along the Esplanade to protect public safety. Equally as critical, the Parks Department must also ensure that funded projects such as the reconstruction of Rupert Park, the installation of restrooms in Rupert Park, the reconstruction of St. Catherine's Park, and the rehabilitation of 24 Sycamores Park move forward expeditiously.

Quality of life issues (noise, graffiti, petty crime, etc.)

A recent survey of CD8 residents revealed that public safety and quality of life concerns topped the list of the most important issues facing the community. While these are separate topics in the district needs statement, they reflect growing community concerns about safety, security and cleanliness. Despite a decrease in some crime statistics compared to last year, there has been a notable increase in incidents of rape, assault, and hate crimes. Residents consistently voiced concerns about safety and security in both neighborhoods and parks throughout the survey. Additionally, issues related to cleanliness, such as litter, overflowing trash cans, and rodent problems, were frequently mentioned, underscoring the community's desire for a cleaner, safer environment.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Manhattan Community Board 8

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

In a survey of district residents, issues related to homelessness was ranked a significant concern among a third of all respondents. Community Board 8 Manhattan remains strongly in favor of continued support for homeless services, mental health and substance abuse services, environmental health solutions, senior services, and domestic violence and elder abuse victim services, 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, 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.

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Coler Hospital on Roosevelt Island provides critical services rehabilitation, long term skilled nursing care, specialized care and medically complex services, and memory care for dementia and Alzheimer's. This critical community facility is understaffed and in need of additional funding to support the recruitment and retention of skilled nursing staff.

Needs for Older NYs

According to the NYC Department of Aging, in 2023 CD8 was home to 214,194 seniors ages 60-85+. Manhattan, at large, had 1,607,157 seniors. CD8's population 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. Seniors are a group needing additional support specifically related to housing, finances, technology, food insecurity, transportation needs and social services.

According to City Harvest 1.6 million New Yorkers of all ages experience food insecurity. Visits to NYC pantries and soup kitchens are up 69% since 2019. Food prices are rising at the fastest rate in decades. Increased funding for food pantries and soup kitchens is essential to support the food insecure in our community.

In addition, 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. 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.

Needs for Homeless

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 and supportive housing for homeless individuals and families. One out of four New York City children experience homelessness by the fifth grade. 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.

Needs for Low Income NYs

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.

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Priority | Agency | Title |
|----------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| 17 / 17 | DHS | Other capital budget request for DHS |

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Priority | Agency | Title |
|----------|--------|---|
| 6 / 35 | DHS | Expand street outreach |
| 13 / 35 | HRA | Expand, or enhance Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) |
| 14 / 35 | DOHMH | Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations |
| 18 / 35 | DFTA | Enhance programs for elder abuse victims |
| 20 / 35 | DOHMH | Other programs to address public health issues requests |
| 22 / 35 | DFTA | Increase funding for services for older adults, including personal and home care, transportation services, meals-on-wheels, senior congregate care meal programs and case managers. |
| 23 / 35 | HHC | Coler Hospital |
| 28 / 35 | HRA | Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing |

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Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

Most Pressing Issue: School and educational facilities, afterschool programs, youth workforce development and summer youth employment

Manhattan geographic priority for high school admissions to address concerns of families in District 2

In 2024, members of the public brought up concerns about the changes made during the de Blasio administration to the high school admissions process for applicants who are residents of District 2. They described long commute times for their students traveling to non-specialized public high schools in New York City since many 8th-grade students in District 2 and Manhattan are not receiving matches for non-specialized public high schools in New York City from their selection list. This meant that students in certain districts (including District 2) had a lower likelihood of admission to a school on their selection list, while all or almost all high schools in other boroughs give geographic priority to residents of that borough.

We know from news reports based on NYC Department of Education data that only about 55% of District 2 students got an admissions offer at one of their top three high school choices last year, making it the lowest rate of any district in the city. It is also our understanding that 13% of D2 families did not receive a match to a school on their list last year, which was the highest % of all districts Citywide. We find this troubling and unacceptable for the families in our community.

Given these community concerns, CB8M supports the public statement of the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education (DOE) to restore District 2 priority to schools that previously provided this preference. However, we recognize that this action does not address the needs of District 2 students who may be in lower academic priority groups or the needs of residents of other Manhattan districts and further that this action will result in less diversity at these schools. As such, CB8M urges the Chancellor and the DOE to provide Manhattan borough residents priority admission to all non-specialized Manhattan high schools and to fully fund and develop a long-term plan that provides admissions priority to one or more local schools to all students citywide – which could include local district or borough priority for a portion of seats at all or almost all high schools citywide -- while also maintaining priorities to ensure socioeconomic diversity in selective public high schools. We request increased city funding to implement this.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

Early childhood programs, including but not limited to 3K seats in District 2

CB8M would like to see more early childhood programs in the district, including more 3-K childhood seats in the district and adequate daycare facilities. As more family-size apartments are being constructed in the district, there is a need for more early childhood 3-K seats. Similarly, CB8M is concerned about the lack of early childhood seats in the district. We continue to request increased funding for 3-K seats and after-school childcare programs. A glance at data by zip codes in the CB8M district (including Roosevelt Island) shows that there were approximately 300+ more applicants than seats available for 3-K last year.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

After school programs

The final results of our FY26 District Needs Survey yielded after-school program needs as a top priority for our district. CB8M recognizes the importance of providing adequate after-school facilities for our children. There are many CD8 residents, especially single working parents, who need affordable daycare and afterschool programs, but whose income slightly surpasses eligibility requirements. Additional affordable programs are essential.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Priority | Agency | Title |
|----------|--------|--|
| 6 / 17 | SCA | Fund the construction of 3K and Pre-K seats in Community District 8 |
| 7 / 17 | SCA | Provide a new or expand an existing high school |
| 11 / 17 | SCA | Fund new Air Conditioners and the upgrade of the auditorium at the Julia Richman Educational Complex |

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Priority | Agency | Title |
|----------|--------|--|
| 7 / 35 | DOE | Other educational programs requests |
| 8 / 35 | DYCD | Other youth workforce development requests |
| 10 / 35 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5) |
| 12 / 35 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services |
| 31 / 35 | ACS | Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services and community based alternatives for youth |

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Manhattan Community Board 8

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

Most Pressing Issues: General Crime, crime prevention programs and traffic violations and enforcement.

In a recent survey of community residents, crime and safety 2/3rds of respondents ranked general crime, crime prevention programs and traffic enforcement as a priority to be addressed.

The 19th Precinct is located in a landmarked building at 153 East 67th Street that dates back to the 1880's. For a number of years, a temporary air conditioning system has been parked on 67th Street in front of the 19th Precinct taking up three parking spots, generating noise, vibrations, and pollution, and creating an eyesore on the street. To enable the 19th Precinct to protect our community, the Board supports efforts to upgrade and repair the building that houses the 19th Precinct. We implore the City and the Police Department to prioritize this capital project.

The 19th Precinct also requires additional funding to support the hiring of new police officers. When CB8M surveyed residents to ascertain their district priorities, crime and public safety topped the list. While some crime statistics have declined others have increased, and the perception of the lack of safety and an increase in crime is exacerbated by the increase in homelessness and people with mental issues on the streets. The Board strongly supports an increase in community policing in our neighborhoods and in our parks to address this critical issue.

CB8M also continues to be concerned about bike/electric bicycle/scooter enforcement and seeks additional funding for traffic enforcement agents in the district to enforce all traffic rules and protect pedestrian, bicycle, and motorist safety, as well as the number of scams and fraud against the elderly and vulnerable. We are deeply concerned about the dangers caused by e-bikes that are not licensed and have not obeying the rules of the road leading to accidents and severe injuries of pedestrians and bicyclists. CB8M would also like to see an increase in street vending enforcement as unlicensed food vendors are popping up around construction sites and siphoning business away from law-abiding, tax paying small businesses.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

CB8M supports increased funding for the police to support the hiring of additional police officers for the 19th Precinct. CB8M also supports full funding for all fire and emergency medical services in our district and citywide.

Needs for Emergency Services

CB8M supports the maintenance of emergency response capacity. The Board supports provision of ambulances with a mobile stroke treatment units.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Priority | Agency | Title |
|----------|--------|--|
| 3 / 17 | NYPD | Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses |

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Priority | Agency | Title |
|----------|--------|--|
| 2 / 35 | NYPD | Fund additional police officers for the 19th Precinct and the Central Park Precinct |
| 4 / 35 | NYPD | Fund additional traffic enforcement agents by the Queensboro Bridge and in the East 60s, and to bike and electric scooter rules to protect pedestrians and cyclists. |
| 32 / 35 | NYPD | Hire additional traffic enforcement agents |
| 34 / 35 | NYPD | Hire additional traffic enforcement agents |

Manhattan Community Board 8

Most Important Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Cleanliness/trash collection

Community Board 8 Manhattan is responsive to residents' concerns about sanitation and the environment. Nearly 50 percent of respondents to a survey of district needs rated cleanliness/trash collection as their top city service issue. Attendees of local street fairs have also commented community board members about the increased litter and trash on the streets and the need to address this problem. 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 increase in litter on the streets, the lack of big belly garbage bins to help control the rat population, as well as the condition of existing bins. We further request garbage bins be emptied on a more frequent basis, including composting bins, to ensure that there is capacity in the bins to support community interest in composting. We strongly urge additional enforcement of commercial property owners who fail to clean their sidewalk and 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 Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

With work continuing on efforts to repair and reconstruct the tunnels and water mains that supply the City's clean drinking water, the Community Board supports continued efforts to increase the resiliency of our water infrastructure. The Community Board also supports protecting our waterways and that includes support of the City's sewer infrastructure including the construction of more green and gray infrastructure, upgrading and cleaning of catch basins, and incentivizing rainwater capture in new building construction.

The Community has been asking for a catch basin to be installed at the northwest corner of 72nd Street and Second Avenue since 2016. Rainwater regularly pools at this location after every rain, sometimes more than 7 to 8 feet beyond the curb at the crosswalk into Second Avenue and 72nd street. The lack of drainage forces people to access the sidewalk by crossing in the middle of Second Avenue between 72 and 73rd streets. The lack of drainage presents a serious traffic safety issue for everyone and especially those who are mobility impaired. The conditions have steadily worsened over the years with the increased frequency and severity of rain storms we have experienced; it can sometimes take a week or more for large pools of water to disappear, and it does not take much rain to render the corner inaccessible. The conditions are also terrible in winter when we experience snow, with large pools of slush and water making the intersection impassable and hazardous. This condition has been noted in District Needs statement for many years and remains unresolved.

Needs for Sanitation Services

CB8M 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. The number of reported rat sightings continues to be high and complaints about street cleanliness/increase in litter ranked high in the survey of district needs and in comments from residents at local street fairs. In an integrated approach to a cleaner community, we support frequent sanitation inspections and efforts to consistently maintain presentable clean-swept sidewalks and streets. CB8M is concerned about the reduction in the frequency of street sweeping and the resulting increase in dirty streets and the increase in the rat population. CB8M is also concerned about the quality of garbage bins installed on street corners and the frequency with which the latch to the bins break. The

community needs more garbage bins that do not break and more rat patrols and other rat control efforts, especially of empty lots and buildings. We support the Adopt-a-Basket program, and additional resources for education related to this program.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Priority | Agency | Title |
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| 16 / 17 | DEP | Other capital budget request for DEP |

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Priority | Agency | Title |
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| 5 / 35 | DSNY | Increase the frequency of sanitation pick up and street sweeping |
| 26 / 35 | DSNY | Catch Basin Cleaning |
| 29 / 35 | DSNY | Other garbage collection and recycling requests |

Manhattan Community Board 8

Most Important Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Affordable housing creation

Affordable housing creation, land use and zoning and neighborhood preservation were rated the top issues by community residents in response to a survey of district needs. As low-rise tenements are torn down to make way for ever larger apartment towers that replace affordable housing units with expensive market-rate units, many residents are being priced out of the district and those that grew up in the neighborhood cannot afford to stay. CB8 strongly supports financial and other incentives to encourage the construction of affordable housing in the district. CB8M calls on the Department of City Planning to conduct a detailed analysis of the potential to convert specific blocks in CD8 that are currently zoned M1-4 or C8-4 with the goal of rezoning some or all of these blocks to residential use and any new developments subject to mandatory inclusionary housing requirements.

Needs for Housing

See budget requests.

Community District Needs Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Needs for Land Use

CB8M seeks to preserve the Upper East Side's residential character and to maintain a careful balance to prevent new buildings from detracting from CD8's historic districts. CB8M believes that new and more effective regulations, coupled with increased enforcement, would ease this problem. Zoning changes including R8-B and R10-A were enacted to protect the midblock from massive structures and to govern use of the plaza bonus and towers on a base for avenues and cross-town streets but have not significantly moderated over-development in the district. In fact, new residential development in the district almost exclusively consists of market-rate and luxury apartments with little or no local retail space. The influx of very tall as-of-right buildings along the eastern avenues (Third through York, inclusive) strains the infrastructure and municipal services, reduces access to light and air, and threatens the character of the surrounding mid-blocks. The Board initiated and continues to vigorously advocate for the establishment of two Zoning Special Districts (Lenox Hill and Yorkville). Their features will include a height limit of 210 feet for buildings on York, First, Second, and Third Avenues. At the heart of the proposed Special Districts is the preservation of existing affordable housing and existing small-scale local retail in existing tenement buildings along the avenues in question. CB8M and local civic groups have urged the Department of City Planning to review the Community Facility provisions of the Zoning Resolution. CD8M is the only district where community facilities are entitled to a 5.1 FAR in the R8-B mid-blocks. CB8M has proposed to the Department of City Planning modifications to the Zoning Resolution to change the current community facility bulk regulations in R8-B areas from a 5.1 to a 4.0 FAR. Current C1 and C2 zoning (Local Retail Use) theoretically controls commercial signage in the district, but enforcement is lax. Roosevelt Island has undergone major change with the addition of the Cornell Tech graduate center. The campus occupies most of the southern part of the island, with further expansion planned. While the graduate center benefits the community and city, the quality of life of the residents must be protected while the island undergoes further construction.

Needs for Housing

Needs for Housing

Community District 8 has a larger percentage of renters (37.5%) compared to rest of Manhattan (23%) and New York City (32%). Residents of Community District 8 pay more for rent than the rest of Manhattan and New York, indeed, median rent in CD8 was \$2,480/month in 2019, the 3rd highest of all community districts in New York City - \$1,380/month. Conversely, median "asking rent" in Community District 8 was lower (\$2,799) than in Manhattan (\$3,195) or the City (\$2,800).

However, the difference between "asking rents" and "median rents" was closer in Community District 8 (\$509) than the rest of Manhattan (\$1,505) or New York City (\$1,420). The percentage of rent-burdened residents (i.e., paying more than 30% of income for rent) was lower in Community District 8 (41.5%) than either Manhattan (45.9%) or New York City (53.5%) – although 19.5% of the district's residents were paying over 50% of their income on rent. The district also has a smaller share of affordable units to low-income households than Manhattan or the City. Specifically, 12.5% of available units were affordable to households earning 80% of AMI, 4.7% for households earning 50% of AMI and 2.1% for households at 30% of AMI. In terms of rent regulated units, Community District 8 has a smaller share (33%) of units than Manhattan (44%) or the City (45%). Community District 8 has a higher median income (\$119,261) than Manhattan (\$79,077) or the City (\$60,008) and a lower share of "low-income" (below 80% AMI) residents (27%) than Manhattan (47%) or the City (61%). The District also has a smaller share of residents living in poverty (6.5%) than Manhattan (17.3%) or New York City (18.9%). It does however, have a larger share of seniors (18.1%) than Manhattan (14.9%) or the City as a whole (13.5%). Overall, the district offers disproportionately few housing opportunities for low-income New Yorkers and needs much more affordable housing developments to meet the City's affordable housing need and fair housing obligations. As new market rate developments have proliferated in recent years, the District's senior and fixed income residents face ever-challenging conditions in which to find affordable housing.

Needs for NYCHA Housing

There are three NYCHA developments located in Community Board 8: Holmes Towers, Isaacs Houses and Robbins Plaza. Together these developments contain over 1300 residential housing units. All three developments need timely repairs to apartments, heat and hot water systems, and elevators. In addition, increased extermination is needed to address infestations of mice and roaches in certain dwellings due to the lack of repairs from water damage in the bathrooms and kitchens. At Holmes Towers and Isaacs Houses there is a need for a children and adolescent after school program. There is also a need for youth activities in the evenings for our children to thrive, maintain good grades and stay out of trouble. There should be trainings offered directly to the young people of these two developments. Working parents and non-working parents should be able to have their children in an afterschool program. Our older youth should be able to utilize our community centers for activities such as learning, tutoring, arts, crafts, drama, dance, chess and so forth. A strong community invests in its own.

Needs for Economic Development

CB8M works with the Madison Avenue Business Improvement District, the East Midtown Partnership and the DOE Fund on a range of issues. CB8M's 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.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Priority | Agency | Title |
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| 1 / 17 | HPD | Other capital budget request for HPD |
| 2 / 17 | NYCHA | Renovate or upgrade public housing developments |

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Priority | Agency | Title |
|----------|--------|---|
| 17 / 35 | SBS | Provide or expand business recovery assistance after an emergency |
| 24 / 35 | DOB | Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings |
| 27 / 35 | NYCHA | Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness |

Manhattan Community Board 8

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Bicycle network (bike lanes, signage, bike safety, etc.)

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility: Bicycle network and traffic safety and enforcement.

Enforcement of traffic rules for all modes of transportation have been raised at numerous community board meetings and in community responses to a survey of district needs. The transportation network serving Community District 8 should be resilient, safe, convenient and reliable for all users, including persons who travel on foot, by bus, subway, car, bike, or other mode. At the same time, enforcement of traffic rules for all modes of transportation are critically important to ensure the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. Moreover, in the event congestion pricing is restarted, it must be done in such a way as to minimize the detrimental impacts on New Yorkers living within and outside the congestion zone.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

See budget requests.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Though congestion disappeared for a brief time during 2020 as Covid-19 peaked in New York City, it has recovered to levels comparable to pre-pandemic years, with peak travel times now being more evenly distributed throughout each day creating longer periods of congestion. There is also higher vehicle ownership in Community District 8 as a result of Covid-19, and more reliance on e-commerce that has resulted in more competition for street space; this has also had a detrimental impact on congestion caused by double parking, truck unloading and warehousing activities that illegally take place in moving lanes, parking lanes and on sidewalks, and increased presence of bicycles, mopeds, and scooters. Given these changes, and the yet-to-be-determined impacts that may occur upon the start of central business district tolling, the need for a proposed comprehensive study of York Avenue traffic operations between 59th Street and 79th Street that includes cross streets that impact York Avenue's traffic conditions is critical and should be carried out as soon as possible.

Other ancillary traffic studies to prepare our district for any shifts in traffic that congestion pricing may produce are also needed. Manhattan 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. Continued swift and proactive attention to maintenance needs such as regular resurfacing of roadways and filling potholes are especially critical. With more extreme weather events occurring with increased regularity, it is crucial that NYCDOT proactively address any road and sidewalk deficiencies that excessive heat, rain and snow can exacerbate, and improve road permeability wherever possible. Safety continues to be a major concern across all modes of transportation. Vision zero initiatives have made streets safer, but additional action is needed to further improve safety and reduce interactions between cars, cyclists mopeds, other types of motorized transportation and pedestrians. Particular attention is needed to address bike safety, as biking has grown significantly with the introduction of bike lanes and people shifting to bike use during the pandemic. Funding to provide additional resources for traffic enforcement for both general traffic lanes and bike lanes is especially needed; funding is also needed to support NYCDOT enforcement of outdoor seating areas that emerged with the introduction of the open restaurants program that was brought upon by Covid.

Needs for Transit Services

As New York City recovers from the impacts of Covid-19 and more passengers resume their use of the transit network, MTA NYC Transit must fully restore service on subways and buses to pre-Covid levels and further increase levels that would fully reverse cuts made to the M31 and M66 bus lines that occurred in the years preceding Covid. Furthermore, New York City Transit must plan to add service ahead of the implementation of congestion pricing so that any new transit passengers can be comfortably accommodated; more service is especially needed on the Q train during peak hours and across the system during off-peak periods. Select Bus Service has had a beneficial impact on bus travel times on 1st Avenue, 79th Street and 86th Street, and Community Board 8 supports full funding of the Better Buses Action Plan that includes Select Bus Service on the M96.

Community Board 8 also calls for the addition of a select bus stop on First and Second Avenues at East 72nd Street for the M15. This stop is nearest to the elevator entrance (with 5 elevators) to the Q Line which allows for easiest access for disabled users of the subway. Indeed, the original plan for the Second Avenue Subway streetscape shows a bus stop by the escalator entrance of the subway, which is why there were no additional trees planted on that side of the street.

Community Board 8 will continue to work with commuters to address ongoing bus service issues such as punctuality, bus bunching and lengthy dwell times; expanded investment in traffic cameras to enforce bus lanes can help address this issue. We support full funding of the MTA Capital Program to finance continued improvements to system infrastructure, including making all district subway stations fully accessible, maintaining a state of good repair and normal replacement, upgrading critical components such as signal systems, and improvements to address resiliency and reduce the impact that flooding events have on transit operations.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Priority | Agency | Title |
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| 12 / 17 | DOT | Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming |

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Priority | Agency | Title |
|----------|--------|---|
| 21 / 35 | DOT | Other expense budget request for DOT |
| 30 / 35 | DOT | Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals |
| 33 / 35 | DOT | Other traffic improvement requests |

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Manhattan Community Board 8

Most Important Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Insufficient park or open space

Most Important Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities: Insufficient park or open space, park safety and park care and maintenance

Parks and open spaces emerged as the top priority for respondents in our community needs survey. As one of the densest districts, CD8 faces competing demands for its limited park resources. It is essential to ensure that our facilities are safe and well-maintained to accommodate a diverse range of users—from young children to seniors, and from pickleball and tennis players to swimmers and everyone in between. Prioritizing the enhancement of these spaces will not only elevate the quality of life for residents but also promote the overall sustainability of our neighborhood.

Thanks to our Councilmembers, Ruppert Park has secured full funding for its complete reconstruction and the installation of restrooms, a key priority for the community. However, the project has faced delays due to various factors, which has raised significant concern among residents. Timely progress on this project is crucial, as the park is a vital resource for our community, providing essential recreational space and enhancing overall quality of life. We urge the City to prioritize this project, clear the bureaucratic hurdles and ensure that the construction moves forward without further setbacks.

We further call on the City to quickly advance other funded projects that have been frustratingly delayed such as repairs to sinkholes on the East River Esplanade between 60th Street and 96th Street.

The construction of Andrew Haswell Green Park Phase 2B has been a tremendous benefit to the community, enhancing access to green space and providing vital recreational opportunities. With this successful phase now almost complete, it is essential to secure funding for the third and final phase of this priority project.

We are pleased to learn that full funding has been secured for the reconstruction of St. Catherine's Park and 24 Sycamores Park and we look forward to seeing these projects advance quickly.

Samuel Seabury Playground, Stanley Isaacs Playground and the 100-Year-Old Park House in John Jay Park are also desperately in need of capital investment.

While Capital funding for our neighborhood parks is essential to bring the parks up to a state of good repair, expense funding is equally as critical to ensure that our parks are maintained, trees are pruned and maintained, rats are eradicated from the parks, and our parks are clean and safe for the neighborhood residents. The Parks Department suffers from constrained staffing of maintenance workers and PEP officers, millions of dollars in deferred maintenance, and minimal funding for recreation centers. To that end we call on the City to fund the Parks Department at 1 percent of the City's operating budget – today it is only 0.6 percent. The additional funding will optimize parks maintenance for cleaner parks, preserve and grow the tree canopy, and provide improved safety and support to manage compliance with park rules.

Needs for Parks

See budget requests.

Community District Needs Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Needs for Parks

Our community ranks 47 out of 51 in terms of open space despite being one of the densest in the entire city. As we experience the effects of climate change - including more frequent severe storm events and record heat - it is imperative that we invest in our parks and open spaces, which are vital resources to our overall resiliency and public health. Our goal is to ensure the parks in CD8 are clean, safe, and in good condition. The Community Board is grateful to our Council Members for securing funding for the full reconstruction of Ruppert Park, including the construction of a restroom in the park as well as funding to provide an accessible entrance to the multi-purpose play area in John Jay Park and other park improvements. This funding is essential to ensure all community members have access to our park facilities. Additional capital funding is required for the following projects: The Parks Department has scraped together funding to make some critical repairs to John Jay Park but has left several key repairs open due to a lack of capital resources. Additional funding is needed in John Jay Park to repair the handball courts and address the constant drainage issues in the children's playground. While our Council Members have provided funding for the reconstruction of Ruppert Park and the installation of a restroom in the park, the project still has not moved forward and the reconstruction of the park and the restroom are moving forward on separate tracks and by different agencies. We urge the city to clear the bureaucratic hurdles and accelerate and coordinate these critical projects. Each day the projects are delayed, construction and material costs increase. We call on the city to provide funding for repairs to the East River Esplanade between 77th and 80th Streets. While some funding has been provided, and the sinkhole was repaired once before, we urge the city to fund and move forward with the necessary repairs to address the root cause of the problem that is causing the soil to subside and sinkholes to develop. The bulkhead at 80th Street is also crumbling and in need of repairs. Other parks in need of capital funding include 24 Sycamores Park, Samuel Seabury Playground, and the Stanley Isaacs Park, including improved lighting, seating, and other park repairs at Stanley Isaacs Park. We also need funds to improve the lighting on James Cagney Place. We appreciate the funding from the New York Rangers to repair the hockey rink and hope that additional funding can be identified to repair the rest of the park. Finally, capital funding is needed for Phase 3 of Andrew Haswell Green Park to complete the construction of this beautiful park along the East River. While Capital funding for our neighborhood parks is essential to bring the parks up to a state of good repair, expense funding is equally as critical to ensure that our parks are maintained, trees are pruned and maintained, rats are eradicated from the parks, and our parks are clean and safe for the neighborhood residents. The Parks Department suffers from constrained staffing of maintenance workers, millions of dollars in deferred maintenance, and minimal funding for recreation centers. To that end we call on the City to fund the Parks Department at 1 percent of the City's operating budget - today it is only 0.6 percent. The additional funding will optimize parks maintenance for cleaner parks, preserve and grow the tree canopy, and provide improved safety and support to manage compliance with park rules.

Needs for Cultural Services

We support cultural programming and the use of community facilities to enhance the quality of life in our district. Art plays a crucial role in the public sphere. We take an active role in helping the community access art to improve quality of life by working to provide art in public spaces. We support local artists and the community's interest in the visual and performing arts. Through access to the arts, more community members have become engaged with and interested in CD8. The Community Board supports several Art Shows. Increased funding for the Community Board would help the Board support Art and Culture events in the community.

Needs for Library Services

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. We call for an increase in expense funding for libraries, to support 7 day a week service at all branches and to ensure that our district libraries are accessible to all. 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. 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. CB8M 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.

We also call for increased capital funding through the city's ten-year capital plan process so that libraries can address their unfunded needs, including making sure the libraries in CD8 are fully accessible.

Needs for Community Boards

Additional funding is needed to adequately fund community board budgets. It is essential that we have sufficient funding to pay our staff members the salaries that they deserve, particularly as reliance on staff will increase when community board term limits come into effect. Community boards also need additional funding for other operational expenses. Community boards are an essential part of city government, and we request they be adequately funded so that we can retain our staff and maintain the necessary services for our community members.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Priority | Agency | Title |
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| 4 / 17 | NYPL | Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library |
| 5 / 17 | DPR | Other requests for park, building, or access improvements |
| 8 / 17 | DPR | Install call boxes every ten blocks along the East River Esplanade and install markings identifying the cross street on the Esplanade. |
| 9 / 17 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) |
| 10 / 17 | DPR | Provide Funding to Rehabilitate the Park House and Related Infrastructure in John Jay Park. |
| 13 / 17 | NYPL | Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library |
| 14 / 17 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) |
| 15 / 17 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) |
| CS | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) |
| CS | DPR | Construction of New Restrooms in Rupert Park |
| CS | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) |
| CS | DPR | Andrew Haswell Green Phase 2B |
| CS | DPR | 24 Sycamores Park |
| CS | DPR | St. Catherines Park |

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Priority | Agency | Title |
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| 1 / 35 | OMB | Other community board facilities and staff requests |
| 3 / 35 | DPR | Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement) |
| 9 / 35 | DPR | Provide increased funding for senior programming at community parks, and senior centers |
| 11 / 35 | DPR | Other park maintenance and safety requests |
| 15 / 35 | DPR | Improve trash removal and cleanliness |
| 16 / 35 | NYPL | Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections |
| 25 / 35 | DPR | Plant new street trees |

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Priority | Agency | Title |
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| 19 / 35 | DCWP | Other expense budget request for DCA |
| 35 / 35 | OMB | Other expense request |

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Title | Priority Agency | Request | Explanation |
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| Other capital budget request for HPD | 1 / 17 HPD | Other capital budget request for HPD | <i>Provide more affordable housing for all income very low, low, and middle income New Yorkers.</i> |
| Renovate or upgrade public housing developments | 2 / 17 NYCHA | Renovate or upgrade public housing developments | <i>Fund needed repairs and upgrades at the Isaacs Houses/Holmes Towers. Including elevator replacements, apartment repairs and maintenance.</i> |
| Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses | 3 / 17 NYPD | Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses | <i>Fund the renovation of the 19th Precinct House including the installation of a new air conditioning system. Currently there is a temporary trailer AC parked outside of the building that impacts the neighbors and causes congestion and noise pollution. Please provide an update on the status of the study of this project.</i> |
| Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library | 4 / 17 NYPL | Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library | <i>The lift at the 67th Street Library is frequently out of order and inhibits full access to the library for mobility challenged individuals. We strongly recommend that the lift at the 67th Street library be repaired or replaced. We have raised this concern for several years, and it is not reasonable to ask elderly and mobility impaired individuals to travel to another library.</i> |
| Other requests for park, building, or access improvements | 5 / 17 DPR | Other requests for park, building, or access improvements | <i>Location: East River Esplanade - 60th St & 60th St Fund phase 3 of Andrew Haswell Green Park.</i> |
| Fund the construction of 3K and Pre-K seats in Community District 8 | 6 / 17 SCA | Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school | <i>Fund the construction of 3K and Pre-K seats in Community District 8. There are insufficient seats in the district to meet demand, and parents are required to bring their children to other parts of the city for services.</i> |
| Provide a new or expand an existing high school | 7 / 17 SCA | Provide a new or expand an existing high school | <i>There is a need for a new high school in Community District 8. The number of qualified students admitted to Eleanor Roosevelt High School from Community District 8 has declined significantly</i> |

forced qualified students to travel to other parts of New York City. Accordingly the district needs a new high school.

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| Install call boxes every ten blocks along the East River Esplanade and install markings identifying the cross street on the Esplanade. | 8 / 17 DPR | Other capital budget request for DPR | <i>Install call boxes every ten blocks along the East River Esplanade and install markings identifying the cross street on the Esplanade to protect public safety and the Parks Department's investment and repairs made to the East River Esplanade.</i> |
| Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | 9 / 17 DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Provide funding to renovate the restrooms in Carl Schurz Park at 87th Street. The restrooms are dated and in need to renovation. This is critical as there is an insufficient number of public restrooms in the district and is an issue that comes up at many community board meetings.</i> |
| Provide Funding to Rehabilitate the Park House and Related Infrastructure in John Jay Park. | 10 / 17 DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Provide funding to redesign and renovate the one hundred year old park house and related infrastructure in John Jay Park. Additionally, we ask that the Parks Department provide funding to convert one handball court in John Jay Park to a regulation size Pickleball Court.</i> |
| Fund new Air Conditioners and the upgrade of the auditorium at the Julia Richman Educational Complex | 11 / 17 SCA | Renovate or upgrade a high school | <i>Fund new Air Conditioners and the upgrade of the auditorium at the Julia Richman Educational Complex</i> |
| Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming | 12 / 17 DOT | Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming | <i>Install crosstown bike lanes approximately every 10 blocks between 60th Street and 110th Street on both sides of Central Park and a two-way protected bikeway around Central Park. This is a safety issue and CB8 passed a resolution supporting this request in September 2022.</i> |
| Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library | 13 / 17 NYPL | Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library | <i>Provide funding for a ramp or other means of accessibility at the Yorkville Branch Library. We appreciate that this project is in front end planning and request that the project be accelerated as accessibility of the libraries is</i> |

critically important. We have prioritized this request for several years, we ask for an update on the status of this request.

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| Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | 14 / 17 DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Provide funding to repair the Stanley Isaacs Playground at 96th Street. We appreciate the funding provided by the NY Rangers to replace the hockey rink. However, repairs and upgrades are needed to the playground as well, including improved lighting, new benches and new play equipment.</i> |
| Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | 15 / 17 DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Fund the reconstruction of Samuel Seabury Playground. This park is used by adjacent public schools and residents of both the Upper East Side and East Harlem.</i> |
| Other capital budget request for DEP | 16 / 17 DEP | Other capital budget request for DEP | <i>Install Catch Basin at the Northwest Corner of 72nd Street and Second Avenue.</i> |
| Other capital budget request for DHS | 17 / 17 DHS | Other capital budget request for DHS | <i>DHS should work closely with HPD to fund much needed housing for the most vulnerable of our residents. This includes full funding of new Safe Havens in CD8.</i> |
| Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | CS DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>The reconstruction of Ruppert Park and the construction of a restroom at Ruppert Park have been funded but are scheduled to proceed as two separate construction projects. We urge the city to advance the two projects together under one construction contract and to accelerate the delivery of this project. The longer the project is delayed, the higher the costs gets.</i> |
| Construction of New Restrooms in Rupert Park | CS DPR | Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Construction of New Restrooms in Rupert Park</i> |
| Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | CS DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Provide funding to complete the full structural repair of the East River Esplanade between 59th and 96th Streets, including all below ground infrastructure and seawall repair. There are three identified sinkholes along the Esplanade. The location in the 80's has been repaired within the past several years and has again begun to sink. While</i> |

the need for repairs has been identified, we urge the City to provide full depth repairs to stop the continued subsidence and protect the Esplanade from future sinkholes.

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| Andrew Haswell Green Phase 2B | CS DPR | Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Andrew Haswell Green Phase 2B</i> |
| 24 Sycamores Park | CS DPR | Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>24 Sycamores Park</i> |
| St. Catherines Park | CS DPR | Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>St. Catherines Park</i> |

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Title | Priority Agency | Request | Explanation |
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| Other community board facilities and staff requests | 1 / 35 OMB | Other community board facilities and staff requests | <i>Increase funding for community boards to support and retain staff, and pay staff fairly.</i> |
| Fund additional police officers for the 19th Precinct and the Central Park Precinct | 2 / 35 NYPD | Hire additional uniformed officers | <i>Fund additional police officers for the 19th Precinct and the Central Park Precinct. In a community survey this was highlighted as a critical issue for the participants.</i> |
| Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement) | 3 / 35 DPR | Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement) | <i>Fund additional PEP officers to enforce parks rules in all District parks.</i> |
| Fund additional traffic | 4 / 35 NYPD | Hire additional traffic | <i>Fund additional traffic enforcement agents by the Queensboro Bridge and in</i> |

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| enforcement agents by the Queensboro Bridge and in the East 60s, and to bike and electric scooter rules to protect pedestrians and cyclists. | | enforcement agents | <i>the East 60s, and to bike and electric scooter rules to protect pedestrians and cyclists.</i> |
| Increase the frequency of sanitation pick up and street sweeping | 5 / 35 DSNY | Other cleaning requests | <i>Increase the frequency of sanitation pick up and street sweeping</i> |
| Expand street outreach | 6 / 35 DHS | Expand street outreach | <i>Increase funding for mental health and other services targeted to the homeless as well as for Homeless Services Outreach personnel, especially during the overnight hours. Dedicate extra resources to (at 86th Street and Lexington Avenue, 72nd Street and Second Avenue, and Second Avenue between 86th and 87th Streets).</i> |
| Other educational programs requests | 7 / 35 DOE | Other educational programs requests | <i>Fund 3-K and Pre-K seats in CB8</i> |
| Other youth workforce development requests | 8 / 35 DYCD | Other youth workforce development requests | <i>Increase funding for youth programs in CB8. Fully fund the Summer Youth Employment Program, Learning to Work Program, and other youth workforce development programs.</i> |
| Provide increased funding for senior programing at community parks, and senior centers | 9 / 35 DPR | Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers | <i>Provide increased funding for senior programing at community parks, and senior centers</i> |
| Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5) | 10 / 35 DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5) | <i>Fund accessible and affordable Out of School Time and DayCare programs for all children who go to school in CD8 or who have parents that work in CD8.</i> |
| Other park maintenance and | 11 / 35 DPR | Other park maintenance and | <i>Restore the Parks budget and provide additional funding for year round</i> |

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| safety requests | | safety requests | <i>workers and Associate Parks and Recreation Workers (APSWs) at NYC Parks and Recreation, including parks maintenance staff and tree pruners.</i> |
| Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services | 12 / 35 DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services | <i>Provide additional funding for youth services at the Isaacs Center and give priority for Isaacs Center programs to youth and adolescent residents of Holmes Towers and Isaacs Houses.</i> |
| Expand, or enhance Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) | 13 / 35 HRA | Expand, or enhance Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) | <i>Increase funding to support food pantries and other community organizations that provide meals and groceries to food insecure residents of Community District 8.</i> |
| Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations | 14 / 35 DOHMH | Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations | <i>Fund increased rodent control throughout the district and especially on 85th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues.</i> |
| Improve trash removal and cleanliness | 15 / 35 DPR | Improve trash removal and cleanliness | <i>Provide funding for rodent exterminators in all Parks within CB8.</i> |
| Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections | 16 / 35 NYPL | Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections | <i>Fund Sunday Service without cutting weekday hours at one library in Community District 8</i> |
| Provide or expand business recovery assistance after an emergency | 17 / 35 SBS | Provide or expand business recovery assistance after an emergency | <i>Expand funding and support programs to address challenges faced by small businesses. Expand grants, technical assistance, low interest loans and other financial support to assist small businesses post pandemic that are facing challenges from hybrid work resulting in fewer full time employees to frequent their businesses, on-line retailers, high rents and changing purchasing patterns.</i> |
| Enhance programs for elder abuse victims | 18 / 35 DFTA | Enhance programs for elder abuse victims | <i>Provide funding for Eviction Prevention Services for At-Risk Senior Citizens.</i> |
| Other expense budget request | 19 / 35 DCWP | Other expense budget request | <i>Fund additional DCWP inspectors for regulation enforcement of mobile food</i> |

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| for DCA | | for DCA | <i>vendors and outdoor dining.</i> |
| Other programs to address public health issues requests | 20 / 35 DOHMH | Other programs to address public health issues requests | <i>Increase funding for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Enforcement of all food vendor rules and regulations.</i> |
| Other expense budget request for DOT | 21 / 35 DOT | Other expense budget request for DOT | <i>Fund additional DOT inspectors for regulation enforcement of the outdoor dining program.</i> |
| Increase funding for services for older adults, including personal and home care, transportation services, meals-on-wheels, senior congregate care meal programs and case managers. | 22 / 35 DFTA | Other expense budget request for DFTA | <i>Increase funding for services for older adults, including personal and home care, transportation services, meals-on-wheels, senior congregate care meal programs and case managers.</i> |
| Coler Hospital | 23 / 35 HHC | Other expense budget request for HHC | <i>Provide additional funding for Coler on Roosevelt Island to address staffing needs</i> |
| Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings | 24 / 35 DOB | Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings | <i>Hire additional DOB inspectors for compliance and code enforcement, including for illegal signage, and hire auditors for applications.</i> |
| Plant new street trees | 25 / 35 DPR | Plant new street trees | <i>Install new trees where missing in CD8.</i> |
| Catch Basin Cleaning | 26 / 35 DSNY | Other cleaning requests | <i>Clean the catch basins in the district, especially at Second Avenue and East 87th Street.</i> |
| Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness | 27 / 35 NYCHA | Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness | <i>There are over 1,100 open work orders at Holmes Towers and 1,500 open work orders at Isaacs Houses. Residents of NYCHA houses in our district have requested an Increase frequency of extermination services in apartments in need and provide more rat traps on the grounds of NYCHA housing. Provide more health and building inspectors for NYCHA facilities, in particular related to lead, mold, and bedbugs.</i> |
| Provide, expand, | 28 / 35 | Provide, expand, | <i>Further increase funding for more</i> |

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| or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing | HRA | or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing | <i>permanent housing for homeless people.</i> |
| Other garbage collection and recycling requests | 29 / 35 DSNY | Other garbage collection and recycling requests | <i>Increase recycling program including solid waste. Enhance funding for composting and organics collection.</i> |
| Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals | 30 / 35 DOT | Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals | <i>Increase funding for audible accessible crossing signals for intersections in CD8 to accelerate the installation of accessible crossing signals.</i> |
| Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services and community based alternatives for youth | 31 / 35 ACS | Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services and community based alternatives for youth | <i>Provide additional funding for Children Services, especially programs to prevent abuse and neglect.</i> |
| Hire additional traffic enforcement agents | 32 / 35 NYPD | Hire additional traffic enforcement agents | <i>Provide additional funding to expand the Truck Traffic Enforcement Unit.</i> |
| Other traffic improvement requests | 33 / 35 DOT | Other traffic improvement requests | <i>Increase the number of workers to inspect, repair, and preserve the DOT's infrastructure -- both bridges and roads -- as well as sidewalk repairs. These are critical for pedestrian safety.</i> |
| Hire additional traffic enforcement agents | 34 / 35 NYPD | Hire additional traffic enforcement agents | <i>Provide funding to increase the current number of Traffic Control agents and School Crossing Guards. Additionally, please provide funding to increase the number officers focused on bike and scooter enforcement. Finally, provide funding for increased enforcement of parking placard abuse and general parking enforcement.</i> |
| Other expense request | 35 / 35 OMB | Other expense request | <i>For the Board of Elections and Election Day Support. Provide funding for more voting locations; more maintenance staff/mechanics available to repair machines/ensure machines are working.</i> |

