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PARKS – DPR - Horticulturists and Other Personnel sufficient for maintenance, especially of lawn, landscaped areas, and sidewalk GreenStreets in CB8. 2. **PARKS** – DPR - PEP Personnel sufficient to alleviate (with NYPD assistance) chronic double-parking on Broadway adjacent to Van Cortlandt Park (VCP) Parade Grounds, especially on weekends and other times of high use, and to enforce regulations in other CB8 parks **AGING** – DFTA - Dementia Care Programs: Non-subsidized social adult day programs have closed, 3. leaving only one non-profit SADC in Bronx CB8. The need for dementia care is increasing. Expand tuition assistance for non-profit programs to allow more eligible seniors to afford SADC and fund outreach programs to educate family caregivers on dementia, safety issues and caregiver support opportunities. 4. HHSS – DOHMH- "Innovative Services for Seniors" program: geriatric mental health program operated by Mosaic Mental Health [formerly Riverdale Mental Health Association (RMHA)] 5. **E&S** – DEP – <u>Weir & Chamber Maintenance</u>: Increase funds for more frequent cleaning and maintenance by DEP, especially weir located in VCP and four chambers on eastern edge of Van Cortlandt Lake to prevent harmful sediments and polluted highway runoff from entering lake. Installed in 2002; never been cleaned. 6. LIBRARIES – NYPL: Expand library services to seven days per week for at least one branch. 7. **E&S –** DSNY - Organic Recycling Expansion: Increase funding to expand Education and Outreach staff in order to maximize participation in Organic Recycling Program and support organic recycling drop-off centers in CB8. 8. **AGING** – DFTA - Senior Center Transportation: Transportation service at 2016/17 level for Riverdale Senior Services (RSS) – serving large number of Center members and SADC participants. Walkability in many sections of our district is difficult - having steep hills, step streets and long blocks. Regular bus service provides limited North-South routes and even fewer East-West routes. Frail/disabled residents continue to experience difficulties with Access-A-Ride and delayed taxi fare reimbursements. HOUSING- NYCHA- Increase in Funding for Entrance Door Maintenance/Door Upgrades: Active 9. monitor system at Fort Independence & Marble Hill 10 PARKS – DPR - Purchase of Tractor and Accompanying Trailer, Lawnmower, Wood Chipper to aid in maintenance of CB8 parks. 11 EDUCATION – DOE (PS24): Installation of Water Filters in hot and cold lunch rooms to protect students from discovered lead in fountains from old water pipes. 12 **EDUCATION** – DOE (ELLIS): Installation of filters in all water fountains to protect students from discovered lead in the old water pipes. 13 PARKS – DPR - Purchase of New Crew-cab Pick-up Trucks to replace aging vehicles in VCP.

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E&S - DSNY - Cleaners: Increase funding for cleaning staff to tackle perennial dirty areas such as 14 step streets, overpasses, and underpasses 15 AGING – DFTA – Senior Centers Funding: CB8 has a large concentration of older adults. Cost of operating and staffing senior centers is growing and cash flow is difficult. Continue to increase administrative funding to ensure gualified professional staff and increase outreach to lessen isolation and potential abuse. Continue to shorten time to release funding (advocating same from City Council). 16 **E&S** - DSNY- Overfilled Street Baskets: more frequent basket pick-up service to alleviate overfilled baskets, particularly in heavily trafficked commercial areas. 17 AGING – HPD - Affordable Housing Serving Older District Residents: To reduce homelessness and allow older residents with low/moderate income to continue to age in their communities, fund new Section 8 vouchers for current residents to avail of neighborhood preferences in new and existing affordable senior housing buildings and to prevent financially-driven evictions from current rental units. 18 **E&S** - DEP - Air and Noise Inspectors: Increase funds for more inspectors to alleviate enforcement issues due to construction boom and uptick in noise complaints in CB8. 19 AGING – DOT - Safe Crossings: Inspect and maintain pavement at cross-walks throughout district to mitigate falls that often lead to health decline and death; Refresh cross-walk line striping to increase driver and pedestrian visibility; Lengthen pedestrian walk signals and add audible crossing signals near large senior populations and shopping areas 20 **E&S** - DSNY- <u>Public Service Announcement Campaign</u>: Increase resources to advertise and promote DSNY's new anti-littering video "Talk Trash New York" to reach more students and general public. 21 HOUSING- NYCHA- Funding for Garbage Disposal 22 **HHSS** – DOHMH - School Initiative: Mosaic to provide supplemental counseling for students in schools 23 HOUSING - NYCHA - Increase in Funding for Support Community Base Program and Senior Programming (Fort Independence & Marble Hill) 24. TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION – DOT - Install ADA accessible curb cuts throughout CB8 25. **TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION** – DOT - Install countdown pedestrian traffic signals throughout CB8 AGING - DFTA - Senior Employment / Poverty: To reduce unemployment for ages 55+, increase 26. funding for DFTA's Senior Employment Services (SESU). Assessment for acceptance to program is currently frozen due to long wait list 27. HOUSING - NYCHA - Private Security: Funding for Private Security at Marble Hill & Fort Indep. 28. **TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION** – MTA - Restore full Bx20 service: to level prior to 2011 service cuts 29. HHSS – DOHMH- Medicaid Reporting, Mosaic to adequately capture and report information required for mental health outcomes of patients of new reimbursement models

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30. HHSS – DOHMH- <u>Assessment and Intake Services</u>: for Vulnerable and High-Risk Populations (Mosaic)
31. EDC - SBS - <u>Business area beautification design consultant</u>

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