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Expense Priorities for Fiscal Year 2013

1. Funding for Summer Youth Employment (DYCD)

Explanation: In the current economy, more slots are needed for our low- and moderate - income youth. Even with stimulus funding for the past summer that will not be available in FY'12, many youths were turned away. In addition, our community has seen an increase in teen violence. These teens need job opportunities instead of environment that does not encourage them to be productive.

2. Funding for Enhancement of Homebase Program (DHS)

Explanation: This program is designed to help families and individuals overcome immediate housing problems to prevent homeless. Services are coordinated and provided through or by community partners. Prevention of homelessness, job training and placement, and advocacy for benefits is an important proactive program to help our families stay in their homes and deal with crises.

3. Funding for Beacon programs (DYCD)

Explanation: Beacons are school-based community centers offering resources and support to children, youth, and adults. They operate in the afternoons and evenings, on weekends, during school holidays and vacation periods, and during the summer.

4. Funding for Out of School Time (DYCD)

Explanation: OST provides free academic, recreational, and cultural programming for K-12 after school, during holidays, and in summer. We currently have an increase in youth violence and less programming for the youth, which makes this program critical.

5. Funding for youth programs for 18-21 who have aged out from foster care services (ACS)

Explanation: Many young people are aged out of many programs and agencies after 18. More services need to be provided to ensure their safety and development.

6. Funding for Advantage Program (DHS)

Explanation: Advantage is a rental subsidy that helps clients transition from temporary, emergency shelter to self-sufficiency as quickly as possible, instilling responsibility through its firm linkage to employment.

7. Funding for Senior Centers (DFTA)

Explanation: CB 3 had two centers merged into one in the current year and cannot afford to lose more services for seniors who most need resources. CB 3 has the second highest number of seniors below the poverty line in NYC.

8. Funding for Expanded Home Care Services for Seniors (DFTA)

Explanation: This program allows seniors to stay in their homes with services.

9. Funding for HIV/AIDS Services Administration – Housing Supportive Care Workers (HRA)

Explanation: Caseworkers at supportive housing programs for HIV/AIDS services are scheduled to be decreased in the program to eliminate the budget gap.

10. Funding for decibel meters - new meters that measure bass to enforce noise law of July 2007 and training for staff (NYPD)

Explanation: In July 2007 NYC passed a new noise code that, among other things, included new compliance regarding bass because the old noise code did not regulate adequately. NYPD has yet to purchase decibel meters and train staff to enforce this over 2-year old law. CB 3 continues to far exceed any other community board in number of NYPD commercial noise complaints. It is impossible for DEP to enforce the noise law every weekend in problem areas. It is necessary for NYPD to purchase decibel meters to enforce July 2007 noise code and train staff on up-to-date meters. NYPD last year answered that the agency had adequate **meters**. This is not true, NYPD does not have a single meter that measures the 2007 noise code.

11. Funding to Restore NYPD uniform staff to recover positions lost over last 10 years. (NYPD)

Explanation: NYC has been losing uniform police every year due to budget cuts. In addition, precincts lose staff dialing for Homeland Security and to cover other events such as parades and rallies. There are not enough police in precincts to cover criminal and quality of life complaints that are under jurisdiction of police.

12. Funding for Basket pickups - restore street corner pickups (DOS)

Explanation: Basket pickups, cut for budgetary reasons, were inadequate even when fully staffed due to destination nightlife areas on weekends. Community Board 3 continues to be the hottest nightlife area but we have not been provided infrastructure to handle weekend influx. The spillover of garbage also contributes to rodent problem. CB 3 again has the unfortunate distinction of having second worst rat problem in Manhattan.

13. Funding for Maintenance worker: (DPR) maintenance workers make basic repairs in parks and playgrounds such as play equipment, benches, safety surfaces, etc.

14. Funding for Funding for Pep Officers (DPR)

Explanation: PEP officers Parks enforcement patrol provides a uniformed presence in city parks where they safeguard Parks properties and facilities and enforce parks rules and regulations.

15. Funding for Playground associates: (DPR) staff to run recreational programs for children during summer months.

16. Funding for Fully trained exterminator (DPR)

Explanation: CB 3 is designated as a UAR - Urgent Action Required, and is the CB with the second highest rat problems in Manhattan. Some of our parks fall under the worst category for rats. Another fully trained exterminator is urgently needed.

17. Funding for Seasonal Workforce: (DPR) our seasonal workforce is responsible for park maintenance, cleanliness, and security during the higher usage months.

18. Funding for Job training Participants: (DPR) JPTs perform many of the basic maintenance functions in our parks while receiving employment skills training and job placement assistance.

19. Continued funding for HPD code enforcement inspectors (HPD)

Explanation: This program is necessary for safety and well-being of our residents. It is necessary to maintain and preserve our affordable housing and support and protect our tenants.

20. Continued funding for HPD litigation lawyers (HPD)

Explanation: Legal staff is necessary to ensure compliance. Community Board 3 has seen many problems with buildings that has caused vacates of residents. It is necessary to pursue non-compliance vigorously to ensure public safety and compliance.

21. Increase funding for anti-eviction legal services (HPD)

Explanation: Increased anti-eviction services are needed to preserve the occupancy of vulnerable long-term tenants. There are many complaints by rent regulated tenants of harassment & attempts to evict so that apartment can be rented for more money.

22. Increase traffic enforcement staff (NYPD)

Explanation: There have been cuts to non-enforcement staff in traffic enforcement and lack of sufficient enforcement staff. The increase in business and traffic and nightlife traffic has created congestion and safety and issues. Transportation issues are a constant high priority issue for this board.

23. Continued funding for milling and paving (DOT)

Explanation: Budget cuts have impacted ability to keep up with necessary milling and paving. Potholes and ponding conditions are a big problem in the district.

24. Funding for Tree Pruning and Stump removal: (DPR) This funding would go towards keeping up with the demand for pruning and stump removal requests.

25. Funding for Library: (NYPL) Funding is needed to provide robust six-day service including increased hours, diverse programming, strong collections, and sufficient staff to support these functions. CB 3 library are need by our residents more than ever.