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Hon. Bill de Blasio
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City Hall
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Re: Statement on the Preliminary Budget, Fiscal Year (FY) 2018

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

Manhattan Community Board Four (“MCB4”) is grateful for the opportunity to review your \$84.67 billion Preliminary Budget for FY 2018. Our district, which includes the areas of Chelsea, Hudson Yards and Clinton/Hell’s Kitchen, has historically been characterized by culturally and economically diverse neighborhoods. An explosion of development in our area has had a ripple effect on our community including:

- Many longtime residents, especially seniors, are being priced out of the neighborhood
- City services are stretched thin as our population growth is not matched by additional resources allocated to city agencies for our district
- Increase in the reporting of the homeless population in our district
- The explosion in development has led to more pedestrian and vehicular traffic in our neighborhood with few improvements to vital infrastructure necessary to accommodate the drastic increase, and limited initiatives have been seriously considered to help alleviate the congestion.

Hence our goal in responding to the FY 2018 Preliminary Budget is to highlight key concerns that need to be addressed, which will assist in bringing back the balance to our district and allowing Chelsea and Hell’s Kitchen to maintain the stability and neighborhood character that has made our area such a wonderful place to visit, work and live.

Our stated goal of maintaining the diversity of our neighborhoods can be achieved generally by applying the resources from the FY 2018 budget as it pertains to our district towards:

- Attracting development that makes available more affordable housing that is permanent. MCB4 firmly agrees with your administration’s aim to ensure New Yorkers can still afford to live and be well integrated in different neighborhoods of our great city. We believe that the establishment of permanently affordable housing across multiple income bands enhances diversity,
- Maintaining the unique character of our neighborhoods by enforcing the existing zoning,
- Preventing displacement and evictions of current residents and businesses,

- Upgrading existing shelters and providing additional services for the homeless; and
- Improving our quality of life with the creation of additional green spaces; schools; educational, community and cultural facility spaces; and creating an appropriate balance in street usage between pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles.

As stated in previous years, due to recent rezoning within Community District 4 (CD4), significant new commercial and residential development is now possible in formerly industrial areas. Considering the total population of CD4 has grown from approximately 87,000 in 2000, to over 104,000, according to the 2010 Census, a 19% population growth overall, our district requires a tremendous amount of resources that may not have been anticipated. Development projects are generally evaluated in isolation, not taking into account the cumulative effects. This potentially can result in not enough school seats, not enough fire or public safety coverage, not enough essential services such as sanitation, increased traffic congestion and environmental concerns.

The Community Board has strived for balance between the redevelopment of these areas along with the preservation and expansion of the district's residential neighborhoods. Our priorities continue to include:

- Ensuring that new development helps produce more permanent affordable housing
- Protecting existing stock of affordable units
- Advocating for safety and improved traffic conditions
- Requesting additional open and green space
- Mediating the needs of at-risk individuals within our district and the needs of our residents

As our local elected official, we call upon the Mayor's office to consider the amount of resources allocated to the various city agencies in proportion to the districts in need.

Budget Process

The Board held a Public Hearing at its March 1, 2017 Full Board meeting. Prior to the Public Hearing, the topic was placed on committee agendas and one force meetings were held. Notice of the meetings and hearing were posted. Manhattan Community Board 4 would like to first acknowledge the requests where Agencies indicated either full or partial funding have been allocated :

Department of Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand code enforcement
Department of City Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete zoning text amendment for HRPT development rights • Study of publically accessible community facilities • Explore rezoning of Hudson yards to allow for the completion of the planned park and allow new residential units • Modify the special permit for off-street parking in new residential buildings
Department of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a design for new elementary school,
Department of Environmental Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance and expand noise pollution enforcement programs
Department of Homeless services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add additional caseworkers and support for homeless families

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain peace officers for local shelters
Department of Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study crosstown bike lanes • Converting 11th Ave to One-way Southbound from 42nd St to 57th St • Additional training for officers in pedestrian safety and
Human Resources Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of Homelessness prevention programs
New York Policy Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional traffic officers • Provide resources to train officers re: noise enforcement

While we appreciate the positive responses to some of our budget requests, Manhattan Community Board 4 firmly believes more funds need to be dedicated to our district. The attached spreadsheets reflect the specific concerns which require additional funding in the 2018 Fiscal Year Budget.

Thank you for your consideration and we eagerly await your response.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: Hon. Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Helen Rosenthal, City Council
Hon. Corey Johnson, City Council

Tracking Code	Priority	Agency	Request	Reason	Location	Category Description	Response	Additional Comment	MCB4 response to FY18 Budget
304201801C	01	Department of Housing Preservation & Development	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	Provide affordable housing subsidy for Covenant House\Hunter College Site RFP to maximize both affordable and supportive housing. MCB4 has long welcomed supportive housing targeted for Seniors, Homeless, disabled, and HIV/AIDS residents within it's borders. This Large Scale Development plan will accommodate a modern facility for Covenant House, at least 60 % of permanently	Location Site Block: 1050 Lot: 1613 Site Street: 10th Avenue Cross Street 1: West 40th Street Cross Street 2: West 41 Street	The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.		MCB4 urges the agency to find the funding for this project, which everyone agrees is important.

304201802C	02	Department of Housing Preservation & Development	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	Provide affordable housing subsidy for Slaughterhouse Site RFP located at 495 11th Ave. This 100% permanently affordable development will satisfy two commitments made by the City in the rezoning for affordable apartments to be built on Site M, and on the 20th Street sanitation parking space. It will be affordable at 80 to 165% of AMI. The project will have a height of 45 stories, will include an affordable	Location Address: 495 11th Avenue	The agency does not/cannot give priority to funding this request	This request is not recommended for funding.	The agency does not support giving priority to fund this request. The Slaughterhouse site is the subject of a request for proposals ("RFP") for the long-term lease and redevelopment of 495 11th Avenue, released on August 31, 2015. The proposal includes substantial	It is important that this be 100% affordable. This city owned land does not cost anything out of the budget, so there we need additional funding.
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304201805C	05	Department of Homeless Services	Provide new homeless shelters or SROs	Build additional shelter facilities to allow for the downsizing of the West 25th Street BRC site so as to alleviate community conflicts.		This request requires further study	The Agency is continually evaluating shelter facilities across the boroughs. New shelter facilities are being brought online routinely to meet the needs of the client population.		BRC is too large for the community and the homeless problem is growing. There is a need for more shelter facilities city-wide and in CD4 in particular. We can provide additional data if requested.
304201808C	08	Department of Sanitation	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	Add two new additional trucks for basket pick up service bringing the total amount of trucks for MCD4 to four.		The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.		MCB4 urges the agency to find the funding for this project, which everyone agrees is important.

304201809C	09	Department of Sanitation	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	Provide more on street trash cans and recycling cans.		The agency requires additional information from the community board regarding this request	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.		We have consulted with local superintendent on priorities and with the Council Member and this is still an issue in the West 20s and teens, especially near the High Line.
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304201810C	10	Housing Authority	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	<p>Fulton Houses (421 West 17th Street New York, NY 10011) 400 West 17 Street - New Sump Pit\Pumps for 401 West 16 Street - New Sump Pit\Pumps for 420 West 19 street - New Sump Pit\Pumps for 434 West 17 Street - New security fence in the rear of all buildings - New Lights for roof landings in all 19 buildings - Additional bench's for seniors and families to sit throughout the whole complex.</p>	<p>Location Address: 421 West 17th Street</p>	<p>The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time</p>	<p>In order to fund this initiative contact local elected officials for appropriations.</p>		<p>This is an ongoing issue that requires funding from NYCHA working in partnership with the Council Member.</p>
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304201811C	11	Housing Authority	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	<p>Harborview Terrace (525 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019) - New trash compactors for both buildings - 28 New hoppers (Compactor doors) on each floor of both buildings - Complete replacement of hallway light fixtures with New light fixtures for both buildings (240) - New Radiator covers for all floors in both buildings - Upgrade the lighting in the lobby and exterior courtyards. - Motion detection</p>	<p>Location Address: 525 West 55th Street</p>	<p>The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time</p>	<p>In order to fund this initiative contact local elected officials for appropriations.</p>		<p>This is an ongoing issue that requires funding from NYCHA working in partnership with the Council Member.</p>
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304201812C	12	Housing Authority	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Chelsea Elliot (425 W 25th St) - Repainting all Lobbies - New fence and gate surrounding playground in front of 420 West 26th Street and 425 West 25th Street.	Location Address: 425 West 25th Street	The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time	In order to fund this initiative contact local elected officials for appropriations.		This is an ongoing issue that requires funding from NYCHA working in partnership with the Council Member.
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304201813C	13	Economic Development Corporation	Expand public programming and activation of public spaces on City-owned sites	Fund Block 4, 5 and 6 of Hudson Boulevard Park Rezone northern part of Hudson Yards to complete the park and allow more residential uses Blocks 3 to 6 of the Hudson Yards Boulevard are not currently funded. A rezoning of Hudson Yards North is needed to provide a mechanism to fund the park, and to reflect the realities of the market, which needs to give priority to residential development in this area.	Location Site Name: Hudson Blvd Park	The agency requires additional information from the community board regarding this request	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.		Thank you for the response. We will be in contact with you with regard to Blocks 5 and 6, as Block 4 is being discussed between the developer and CB4
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304201815C	15	Transit Authority	Other transit infrastructure requests	Work with MTA to design the West 41st and 10th Ave station for the # 7.	Location Site Street: West 41 Street Cross Street 1: 10th Avenue Cross Street 2: 11th Avenue		For information regarding the status of this Request, contact the Transit Authority directly at telephone number 646-252-2660.		Population increase and continued development requires an additional station. See letter from CB4 to MTA and Governor Cuomo dated xxxx.
304201819C	19	Housing Authority	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades	Fulton Houses (421 West 17th Street New York, NY 10011): Install security cameras on the roof of all buildings Chelsea Elliot (425 West 25th Street) Cameras in front of the Hudson Guild pathway and playground 441 West 26th Street		The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time	In order to fund this initiative contact local elected officials for appropriations.		This is an ongoing issue that requires funding from NYCHA working in partnership with the Council Member.

304201822C	22	Fire Department	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	<p>Permanently relocate the West 23rd Street #7 EMS station (FDNY) to a new facility MCB4 specifically requests immediate funding for a relocation of the EMS station that is temporarily located on W. 23rd Street and Tenth Avenue. The current temporary location was never designed for the heavy use the EMS is placing on this site. The current small, cramped location adjacent to residential buildings has</p>		This request requires further study	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.		<p>CB4 is in continued discussions with a developer regarding moving Station 7. CB4 requests a meeting with FDNY to discuss developments.</p>
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304201824C	24	Department of Education	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<p>With schools operating a full or over capacity, we need to identify sites to build new district middle schools.</p> <p>Development on the west side, including Hudson Yards, will bring in an extraordinary number of students, in a short time frame.</p>		The agency agrees with this request, will accommodate in part	Community District is located in a school district with identified seat need. Projects are in process or have been completed.		<p>Additional schools are needed in CD4 to accommodate population growth. Please provide information regarding specific sites for new schools.</p>
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304201826C	26	Department of Transportation	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Install 10 raised pedestrian crossing at various intersection starting with 45th street and 9th Avenue to facial circulation of seniors and disabled persons and clam the traffic	Location Address: crossing of 45th st. west of 9	The agency does not/cannot give priority to funding this request	This request is not recommended for funding.	CM Johnson's appropriation went to underfunded school safety projects in Council District 3. Raised pedestrian crossings cannot be funded with capital money. Due to operational constraints, we cannot implement raised crosswalks on bus or truck routes, or	We would like to continue discussions regarding this issue, as some mitigation is necessary to assist disabled persons and other pedestrian concerns.
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304201827C	27	Transit Authority	Other transit infrastructure requests	Work with MTA to dedicate \$2 million to complete the work of the #7 Train Extension Study Group to extend the #7 train to Frank R. Lautenberg Station (FRL Station) in Secaucus.			For information regarding the status of this Request, contact the Transit Authority directly at telephone number 646-252-2660.		Reference to the community relations number is inappropriate as this solution solves a number of transportation problems in our community, including relating to the PA Bus Terminal.
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304201829C	29	Transit Authority	Other transit service requests	<p>MCB4 continues to receive complaints about deficiencies in various aspects of the Para-transit system, Access-a-Ride service. Additional vehicles as well as upgrades vehicles are needed. better customer service training is needed.</p>			<p>For information regarding the status of this Request, contact the Transit Authority directly at telephone number 646-252-2660.</p>		<p>We have seen some improvements implemented by the TA, but additional enhancements are still needed.</p>
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304201830C	30	Department of Transportation	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	Fulfill the city commitment to install ADA compliant ramps at intersections - Dyer Ave and W. 34th street - North side of West 42 Street and Dyer Avenue - where ramp is missing - South west corner of 39th street and 8th Avenue ramp is unusable - West 48th Street and Eighth Avenue the ramp is missing In addition, Install up to 30 audible pedestrian signals - Especially at 15th street and 9th Avenue.		The agency agrees with this request, will accommodate in part	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.	Dyer Ave at West 34th Street is on DDC list. At this location there is a tree pit. Dyer Ave W36th Street has existing ramps. APSs are installed based on a prioritization tool rather than a borough by borough allocation. Our ranking system looks at factors such as crosswalk	We appreciate the increased funding but we want to make sure that some of the 75 APSs are installed in CD4.
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304201831C	31	Department of Environmental Protection	Build new, expand or repair storm sewers	<p>Expand funding to expedite wait list of broken catch basins. - Northeast corner of West 42 Street and 9th Avenue, has been flooded for 5 years - Northeast and Northwest corners of West 23rd street and 9th Avenue, - Northeast corner of 21st Street at Tenth Avenue. - All corners of Tenth Ave and West 21st & 20th Street.</p>		The agency agrees with this request, will accommodate	<p>In past five years (FY 2011 to FY 2015) catch basin complaints declined 16%. Based on recently passed legislation beginning in FY 2017, DEP's 148,000 catch basins will be inspected on a 1-year rotation, and will be cleaned and repaired as needed and also in response to 311 complaints. DEP</p>		We appreciate the increased funding but we have not seen that sites in CD4 have been addressed
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304201833C	33	Police Department	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Relocate the Tow Pound from Pier 76: The Hudson River Park Act calls for the City to use its best efforts to find a new location for the existing tow pound so that Pier 76 can be developed as 50% parkland and 50% compatible commercial use. We urge the City to consider alternatives as soon as possible so that Pier 76 can take its rightful place as part of Hudson River Park.		This request requires further study	After extensive search by NYPD, no site is available.		New technologies should be investigated to deal with towed vehicles, so that a space of equal size to the tow pound is not required.
304201838C	38	Department of Education	Provide technology upgrade	Fund Ipads for P.S. 111 at 440 West 53 Street	Location Site Name: P.S. 111 Address: 440 West 53 Street	The agency does not/cannot give priority to funding this request	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.		Further clarification is needed as to why this request is not feasible.

304201839C	39	Transit Authority	Other transit service requests	Consolidate Ninth Avenue and Dyer Avenue 34A bus stops into a single bus stop west of Ninth Avenue. As discussed during the installation of the SBS.	Location Site Street: West 34 Street Cross Street 1: 9th Ave Cross Street 2: Dyer Ave		For information regarding the status of this Request, contact the Transit Authority directly at telephone number 646-252-2660.		MCB4 does not understand the Department's response to this request. Please provide clarification.
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304201801E	01	Department of Homeless Services	Expand street outreach	Expand resources for homeless Outreach		This request has already been funded	DHS provides aftercare services through the Homebase program to families newly relocating from the shelter system into NYCHA-assisted project-based Section 8, NYCHA public housing units, and LINC rental assistance programs. Homebase also serves as a safety net for all		Further resources beyond what has already been allocated are needed for homeless outreach in addition to what is already provided, as the homeless population continues to grow in CD4.
304201803E	03	Department of Sanitation	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Expand funding for DSNY staff to provide more frequent litter basket collection		The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.		We would like to coordinate a meeting between the Department and our local elected officials to address funding for this request.

304201805E	05	Department of Transportation	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Study the location and construction of a Tour and charter Bus Garage. In the Hudson Yards rezoning in 2005 the city committed the building of a garage to accommodate additional off-street parking sites for tourist and commuter buses and vans, services, and waiting "black cars".		This is not a budget request	This is not in the City's budget jurisdiction. Contact OMB's Community Board Unit.	This request is not within DOT's jurisdiction. Please contact MBCO for specific street regulations requests.	There is considerable interest in this program from bus operators and is a priority of CB4. It behooves DOT to work with these groups and fund a study.
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304201807E	07	Human Resources Administration	Provide, expand, or enhance anti-eviction legal services	Homelessness prevention programs: While the administration is committed to supporting legal services to prevent harassment in districts that are to be rezoned in the near future, community districts such as CD4 which was subject to three large rezonings in the past decade, need enhanced funding to mitigate the effects of the	This request has already been funded	HRA funds Anti-Harassment Legal Services to work in select neighborhoods across the City with tenants, buildings, and tenant associations to help preserve their housing, protect against harassment or misconduct by unscrupulous landlords, and give representation and legal advice in evictions and other cases. HRA also funds Anti-Eviction Legal Services in the housing courts and in community	Manhattan Neighborhoods where these services are available include: 10029 East Harlem 10034 Inwood 10035 East Harlem	This is an issue in CD4 as well. The Department response does not address zip codes in our district. Please reevaluate this request in connection with CD4.
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304201810E	10	Department for the Aging	Increase home delivered meals capacity	Expand existing programs for Seniors (DFTA) Meal programs. - Encore Community Services 239 West 49th Street - The SAGE Center Midtown 305 Seventh Avenue		The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time	DFTA continues to advocate for seniors and senior related issues on all levels.	The Mayor's Office recently provided increased funding to DFTA for Home Delivered Meals services in recognition of growing need.	There are an increasing number of seniors in CD4 that are in need of home delivered meals. Please allocate some of the increased funding for seniors in CD4.
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304201813E	13	Transit Authority	Other transit service requests	<p>NYC DOT Para-Transit Service Access-A-Ride vehicles have GPS capabilities but do not use them. Training staff to utilize the GPS technology is needed as well as better customer service training is needed.</p>			<p>For information regarding the status of this Request, contact the Transit Authority directly at telephone number 646-252-2660.</p>		<p>MCB4 does not understand the Department's response and asks that the Department reconsider this request.</p>
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304201814E	14	Department for the Aging	Other services for homebound older adults programs	Expand existing programs for Seniors in the following areas: In-home supports supportive housing Preventive health and social services		The agency supports this request, but funding is not available at this time	DFTA continues to advocate for increased funding to support aging services throughout the five boroughs. Presently, there is no additional funding available to increase program budgets or commence new initiatives.		Funding for meals is important but other issues affecting seniors also have a strong need within our district.
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304201815E	15	Police Department	Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	Increase enforcement staff for idling laws: work with DEP to conduct repeated and targeted operations in areas identified by our communities. The hundreds of buses idling in our community warrant a much level higher of enforcement.		The agency agrees with this request, will accommodate in part	Additional NYPD resources for this project are unavailable at this time due to funding constraints. However, the program will continue to operate within current funding levels.		MCB4 believes that additional resources are not required and that a more efficient allocation of resources can accomplish this request.
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304201820E	20	Department of Transportation	Address traffic congestion	Study the creation of bus lane on 9th Avenue from 44th street to 57th street to increase the M11 reliability and consistency of its service	Location Site Street: 9th Avenue Cross Street 1: 44th Street Cross Street 2: 57th Street	This is not a budget request	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.	Consistency and reliability of the M11 service is managed by the MTA. The Community Board should contact the Borough Commissioner's office to further discuss.	We appreciate the response, we would like to coordinate a discussion with DOT and MTA.
304201823E	23	Department of Parks and Recreation	Other park maintenance and safety requests	The parks in the CD4 district that have comfort stations should have fixed post staff to address constituents' concerns, provide security and perform routine maintenance of that park alone.		The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2018, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.		We would like to coordinate a meeting between the Department and our local elected officials to address funding for this request.

304201824E	24	Dept of Information Technology & Telecommunication	Streamline 311 update process	<p>Reprogram 311 to direct A frames complaints to Dept. of Sanitation. Currently they are erroneously directed to NYPD .</p> <p>Program 311 to direct Illegal Storm Enclosures complaints to DOB or DOT. This has been an on going issue for years and currently there is no category for illegal storm enclosures.</p>		This request requires further study	<p>311 receives complaints related to sidewalk obstructions and forwards them to the appropriate agency. 311 does not provide training or enforcement. In this instance, the identified agency is NYPD. NYPD may consider expanding the available services it provides to handle these complaints. If the issue is not for NYPD, then the Office of Operations should determine the</p>		<p>We have already identified that the wrong agency is being contacted. Please direct the Office of Operations to update the system.</p>
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304201827E	26	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services	Over the last 10 years, HIV rates in the Chelsea/Clinton area were 50% higher than the average of New York City. Given the demographics of the resident population in Chelsea and Clinton, the district requires increased funding for education, prevention and treatment that is specific to our		The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time	Preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS and other STDs is a top priority for DOHMH. We were pleased to announce last year that the number of new adult AIDS cases is declining. Through a variety of condom distribution and community-based programs, we work to give communities the tools they need to stay safe. While additional services would be contingent upon available funds, please feel free to		We would like to schedule a meeting with the Department to address this request.
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304201826E	26	Landmarks Preservation Commission	Conduct Historic District Study	The significant development at Hudson Yards and the West Chelsea area have begun threatening the surrounding existing built neighborhoods. LPC needs to put a higher priority on working with Community Board 4 to identify and approve historical districts.		This request requires further study	The Landmarks Preservation Commission needs to study this matter further before committing to funding this request.	LPC designates new individual landmarks and historic districts in the context of the agency's priorities and citywide equity agenda. LPC's Research Department has a detailed workplan to accomplish significant designation work within this Fiscal Year in accordance with the agency's priorities. The agency would be willing to meet with CB4 to understand the specific needs and concerns of the	We would like to schedule a meeting with the Department to address this request.
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304201830E	29	Department of Environmental Protection	Other sewer maintenance requests	<p>MCB4 lauds DEPs NYC Green Infrastructure Program we ask that DEP and agency partners, including the Federal government design, construct and maintain a variety of sustainable green infrastructure practices within MCD4. A portion of the FY 2016 budget should be earmarked to conduct a feasibility study of</p>		This request requires further study	This project is included in the ten-year plan.	<p>The City will invest \$505 million, of which DEP's component is \$170 million to integrate the coastal flood protection system along the eastern shore of Manhattan, from 23rd Street to the Manhattan Bridge.</p>	<p>The Department's response addresses issues on the east side of Manhattan. Storm surge from the Hudson River is a major concern on the west side and needs to be addressed urgently. Please perform any necessary study and report back to MCB4.</p>
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304201832E	31	Department of Parks and Recreation	Other street trees and forestry services requests	Tree guards for dangerous tree pits: A number of tree pits have been identified as dangerous for pedestrians and for low vision individuals in particular. More tree guards should be used to resolve this problem, which presents a real danger to low-vision pedestrians.		The agency requires additional information from the community board regarding this request	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.		We would like to coordinate a meeting between the Department and our local elected officials to address funding for this request.
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304201836E	35	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Substance Abuse: The Board is concerned about reports that the use of crystal methamphetamine and K2 is gaining a foothold in our community. In addition to other health and mental health dangers, use of this drug has been associated with increased use of other illicit drugs, as well as sexual practices that enhance the	Location Site Name: Gay Men's Health Crises Address: 446 W 33rd St	The agency supports this request, but funding is not available at this time	DOHMH manages a variety of HIV programs that include education, testing, and counseling, including Brooklyn Knows. We will review and assess the request for additional programming, which would be contingent upon available funds. Data suggests that crystal meth is not very prevalent in NYC; however, we are gathering information about current practices of use to ascertain		MCB4 asks that the Department reconsider this request, as the response does not pertain to this request.
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304201838E	37	Department for the Aging	Other senior center program requests	Expand existing mental health services for low income seniors by partnering with service provicers such as Service Program fro Older People (SPOP)		The agency supports this request, but funding is not available at this time	DFTA continues to advocate for increased funding to support aging services throughout the five boroughs. Presently, there is no additional funding available to increase program budgets or commence new initiatives.		Funding for meals is important but other issues affecting seniors also have a strong need within our district.
304201840E	39	Police Department	Assign additional crossing guards	Add two crossing guards 10th Avenue and 43rd, 44th; 45th Streets and 10th and 11th Avenues where the Beacon School is moving to with 1,500 additional students.	Location Site Name: Beacon School Address: 522 West 44 Street	The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time	NYPD funding is currently available to maintain both the School Crossing Guards and School Safety Agents headcounts. The availability of future funding depends on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive budget process.		MCB4 believes that the specific locations identified required additional school crossing guards and asks the the Department allocate resources to these locations.

304201841E	40	Department of Parks and Recreation	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Tree Pruning: Many of the trees within our district are in desperate need of pruning and may not survive until the next seven-year cycle for pruning comes up.		The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2018, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.		We would like to coordinate a meeting between the Department and our local elected officials to address funding for this request.
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304201845E	44	Department of Environmental Protection	Address air quality issues	Conduct air pollution studies: Provide Funding to conduct air pollution studies in the Lincoln Tunnel Corridor. Given the proximity of the Chelsea and Clinton/Hells Kitchen neighborhoods to the Lincoln Tunnel and to the Port Authority Bus Terminal, MCD4 most likely is at particular risk from		The agency requires additional information from the community board regarding this request	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.	NY State DEC maintains the air quality monitoring network required by US EPA. Please refer the question to State DOT.	We would like to schedule a meeting with the Department to address this request.
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304201847E	46	Department for the Aging	Increase case management capacity	<p>The number of people over age 65 began to increase substantially beginning in 2011 as the oldest members of the baby-boom generation reach the 65-year mark. The number of people age 65 or older will nearly double between 2000 and 2030.</p>		<p>The agency supports this request, but funding is not available at this time</p>	<p>DFTA continues to advocate for increased funding to support aging services throughout the five boroughs. Presently, there is no additional funding available to increase program budgets or commence new initiatives.</p>		<p>Funding for meals is important but other issues affecting seniors also have a strong need within our district.</p>
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304201848E	47	Department of Parks and Recreation	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	Programming in needed for all age groups in our parks; more art in the parks in the form of exhibits, dance or musical performances would be a great way to engage the community.		The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2018, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.		We would like to coordinate a meeting between the Department and our local elected officials to address funding for this request.
304201849E	48	Department of Parks and Recreation	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Expand fund support Green Thumb Community Gardens		This request requires further study	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.		MCB4 requests that any additional study the Department needs be conducted. We are willing to provide any assistance the Department requests.

304201850E	49	Department of Sanitation	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	Expand NYC organics collection program		The agency requires additional information from the community board regarding this request	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.	The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time.	We would like to schedule a meeting with the Department to address this request.
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