



Fiscal Year 2018 Statement of Community District Needs and

Community Board Budget Requests for

Manhattan Community Board 4

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 2 The Charter of the City of New York requires each community board to
- 3 "prepare and submit to the mayor ... an annual statement of community
- 4 district needs" and the "capital budget priorities for the next fiscal year" for
- 5 the community district. The annual Statements of Community District Needs
- 6 ("CD Needs Statements") the Community Board budget priorities ("Budget
- 7 Requests") are an integral part of the City's budget process. They also provide
- 8 a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes,
- 9 and are used by a wide audience seeking information about New York City's
- 10 diverse communities.
- 11 This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and
- 12 Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2018 from Manhattan
- 13 Community Board 4 ("MCB4") for Community District 4 ("CD4"). This report
- has been prepared after consultation with representatives of the appropriate
- 15 City agencies and public hearings held by each of the committees of MCB4.
- 16 This report represents the views of MCB4 as to the needs and budget
- priorities of CD4.

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15	Mr. Burt La	zarin, Officer
16	Mr. Lowell	Kern, Officer
17	Ms. Lily Far	n, Officer
18	Mr. Michae	l Noble, Officer
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1 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT AND MCB4 PRIORITIES

- 2 Manhattan Community District 4 is comprised of three neighborhoods on the
- west side of Manhattan: Chelsea, Clinton/Hell's Kitchen and Hudson Yards.
- 4 The southern border of CD4 is West 14th Street, the northern border is West
- 5 59th Street, the eastern border is Sixth Avenue south of West 26th Street and
- 6 Eighth Avenue north of West 26th Street and the western border is the
- 7 Hudson River. CD4 borders Greenwich Village, the Flatiron District, the Upper
- 8 West Side and the Midtown central business district.
- 9 Portions of several well-known areas exist within CD4's boundaries, including
- the Garment District, the Flower District, the Gansevoort Meat Packing
- District, the Ladies' Mile Shopping District and the Theater District.
- Other notable sites in CD4 include: Restaurant Row, The High Line, the
- 13 Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, the Circle Line, the Javits Center, the Rubin
- Museum, Chelsea art galleries, Columbus Circle, Maritime Piers 56 99, the
- Farley Building/Moynihan Station, the Lincoln Tunnel, the Port Authority Bus
- 16 Terminal and the northern half of Hudson River Park.
- 17 The total population of CD4 has grown from approximately 87,000 in 2000 to
- over 104,000 according to the 2010 Census. This represents 19% growth
- overall, much of it concentrated in recently rezoned areas. This rate of growth
- 20 is faster than most parts of New York City. As a result of rezoning, significant
- 21 new commercial and residential development is now possible in formerly
- industrial areas of CD4. Large segments of our neighborhoods are under
- 23 construction. The rapid increase in land value is accelerating the
- 24 displacement of many long time tenants and services, while the new benefits
- of the development have yet to materialize. MCB4 has strived for balance
- between the redevelopment of these areas with the preservation and
- expansion of the district's residential neighborhoods. A major priority is
- 28 ensuring that new development helps produce more permanently affordable
- 29 housing. The increased development has also put enormous pressure on
- transportation systems in the area. Overall, the rezoning and subsequent
- 31 construction has contributed to the deterioration of the quality of life of
- 32 residents of CD4.
- 33 This mass of new construction is exacerbated by the development of large-
- scale proposals within CD4, including Hudson Yards, the Port Authority Bus
- 35 Terminal, Amtrak's Gateway Tunnel proposal, and the conversion of the

- 1 Farley Post Office into the new Moynihan Train Station. Further, traffic
- 2 congestion caused by the Port Authority Bus Terminal and the Lincoln Tunnel
- 3 are increasingly incompatible with the new residential zoning of the
- 4 surrounding neighborhoods. MCB4 is intent on preserving the character of
- 5 our neighborhoods while taking regional needs into account.
- 6 CB4's priorities include:

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- 7 Maintaining neighborhood character and preventing displacement and
- 8 eviction of residents and small businesses, to enhance diversity and positive
- 9 neighborhood relations among disparate groups;
 - Preserving affordable housing and creating additional affordable housing for people making between 60 and 80% of AMI;
 - Maintaining the stability of a long-standing local retail presence in our communities and preserving affordable commercial space for businesses, community, arts and cultural groups;
 - Developing a coherent transportation infrastructure for our district, including increasing public safety in transportation, strengthening and improving public bus and rapid transit systems and fostering a better balance in street usage between pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles, particularly buses;
 - Building new elementary and middle schools, to combat overcrowding and accommodate the increasing school-age population;
 - Creating additional green spaces to combat the lack of parkland;
 - Increasing services to the homeless, seniors and youth
 - Addressing the quality of life issues associated with construction, a multitude of bars and restaurants and poor sanitation services;
 - Improving environmental quality of air, water, and land; and
 - Completing the city commitments generated by previous rezoning actions (affordable housing, bus garage, parks, arts spaces.

4. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS

- 3 The following sections describe the specific needs and budget requests of
- 4 MCB4 for FY 2018, organized by category.

5 4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

67 Main Issue

- 8 Services to reduce homelessness
- 9 Homelessness has become a major issue in CD4 over the last few years. Large
- public facilities located within CD4, such as the Port Authority Bus Terminal
- (where recent issues of human trafficking have arisen) are a natural gathering
- place for people without homes. Many homeless people need social services,
- in particular drug treatment and/or mental health services. The presence of
- very large homeless shelters (BRC) and drug rehabilitation centers has also
- brought major stress to the community. Location and size will be important to
- 16 consider in future new centers.

4.1.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

FY18 Priority Request	Reason	Agency	Supported by:
Expense Provide 25 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, HIV rates in our district are 50% higher than the rest of NYC. We require increased funding for education, prevention and treatment that is specific to our neighborhoods.	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	Actors Fund

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1 2	4.1.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers
3	According to the US Bureau of the Census, there are 16,972 individuals
4	(12.1%) over 65 years of age living in the Chelsea/Clinton Neighborhoods. The majority of them, 52.3%, live alone. The vast majority live in rental
5 6	apartments. 21% of those living in public housing are elderly; 37.1% of the
7	seniors have income below \$20,000 a year; 27.3% had incomes between
8	\$20,000 – \$50,000; and 14% have mobility and self-care impairments. The
9	number of people over age 65 began to increase substantially beginning in
10	2011 as the oldest members of the baby-boom generation reach the 65-year
11	mark. The number of people age 65 or older will nearly double between 2000
12	and 2030.
13	To better understand the growing needs of our seniors, in 2013, the Board
14	partnered with The Actors Fund (a human service organization for the
15	performing arts with many constituents living in CD4), Visiting Nurse Service
16	of New York and the Rodney Kirk Center of Manhattan Plaza (a1700 unit
17	Section 8 building for the performing arts with over 1100 seniors) to conduct
18	a survey of seniors residing in Community District 4. An Advisory Committee
19	of over 40 senior service, health care, affordable housing providers, local
20	political representatives and entertainment unions came together to focus on
21	the needs, concerns and supports required for this community. Since the
22 23	completion of the survey, with the help of Councilman Corey Johnson's office, the Advisory Committee continues to meet and coordinate efforts to improve
23 24	the quality of life for seniors in CD4. Priorities for the Committee include:
24	the quality of the for semons in GD4. I florities for the committee include.
25	Education/Outreach to seniors about the increase of SCRIE
26	 Campaign to identify and promote Age Friendly local business
27	• Expansion of affordable mental health services for seniors and medical
28	home visit programs
29	 Support services for caregivers of the frail elderly

• A Housing Agenda for Older New Yorkers

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Priority	Request	Reason	Agency	Supported by:
Expense 11	Increase home delivered meals capacity	Expand existing programs for Seniors (DFTA) Meal programs	Department for the Aging	Clinton Housing Development Corp.
Expense 12	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	Department for the Aging	Clinton Housing Development Corp.
	Increase case management capacity	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.	Department for the Aging	

4.1.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

Homelessness has been increasing over the past few years. Large public facilities located within our district, such as the Port Authority Bus Terminal (where recent issues of human trafficking have arisen) are also a natural gathering place for people without homes. Many homeless people need social services, in particular drug treatment and/or mental health services. The presence of very large homeless shelters (BRC) and drug rehabilitation centers had also brought major stress to the community. Location and size will be important to consider in future new centers.

FY18 Priority	Request	Reason	Agency	Supported by 1:	Supported by 2:
Capital 3	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless	The Board has heard through its District Service Cabinet meetings, and through input from local precinct community council meetings, that one of the reasons for individuals refusing shelters is the current lack of safe, clean, and secure shelters.	Department of Homeless Services		
Capital 4	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless	Complete and green the BRC roof so residents can use that area for socialization rather than gathering on 25th street. Projected cost \$250,000.	Department of Homeless Services	Council Member Corey Johnson	West 25 Street Project
Capital 5	Provide new facilities for the homeless	Build additional shelter facilities to allow for the downsizing of the West 25th Street BRC site so as to alleviate community conflicts.	Department of Homeless Services	Council Member Corey Johnson	West 25 Street Project
Expense 1	Expand street outreach	Expand resources for homeless outreach	Department of Homeless Services		

Expense	Expand	Casework for	Department
35	social	families with a	of Homeless
	services for	multitude of issues,	Services
	the	including dealing	
	homeless	with homeless and	
		often poverty, can	
		better be assessed by	
		a licensed	
		professional who	
		may also provide	
		mental health	
		services within the	
		shelter. Addressing	
		this may also help in	
		creating more	
		successful exiting	
		strategies.	
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4.1.4. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

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Priority	Request	Reason	Agency	Supported by 1:	Supported by 2:
17	Expand Program	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	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene		

enhance the chances of contracting HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

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2 4.2. Youth, Education and Child Welfare Needs and Requests

- 3 Main Issue
- 4 Capacity of educational facilities

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- 6 The current number of schools in CD4 cannot meet the increasing number of
- 7 school age children who will be living in new residential developments
- 8 throughout the community. The Board wants better measures to assess the
- 9 number of additional residents living in CD4 with particular emphasis on the
- number of school age children and the number of public schools that can
- 11 accommodate this population.

4.2.1. District Needs and Requests Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

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Priority	Request	Reason	Agency	Supported by 1:	Supported by 2:
Capital 14	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	PS11 Capital Needs: Complete Scope and fund Handicap Lift for universal access to the building. This school of approximately 950 students is not yet handicap accessible.	Department of Education	PS11 PTA	
Capital 20	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	With schools operating a full or over capacity, we need to identify sites to build new elementary schools - particularly in midtown, where Hudson Yards will	Department of Education		

bring in an extraordinary number of students, in a short time frame.

Capital Provide a new or 21 expand an existing middle/intermediate school

With schools operating a full or over capacity, we need to identify sites to build new district middle schools. Development on the west side, including Hudson Yards, will

Department of Education

bring in an

extraordinary number of students, in a short

time frame.

Expense **Expand Classroom** 34 technology

Fund computer lab for P.S. 111 at 440

Department of Education

West 53 Street

Community District Needs and Requests Related to 4.2.2. Services for Children and Child Welfare

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- At this time, the Community Board does not have any budget requests for this 4
- category. 5

4.2.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

FY18 Priority	Request	Reason	Agency	Supported by 1:	Supported by 2:
Expense 10	Other educational programs requests	Provide full funding for after school programs	Department of Youth and Community Development		

4 4.3. Public Safety Needs and Requests

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6 Other/Traffic Safety and Nightlife Nuisances

8 Violation of City traffic regulations is a major quality of life issue in our

- 9 district is made more urgent with the increased number of residents, schools
- and school children and the presence of numerous tourists. In addition, with
- the reductions achieved in many categories of crimes, more focus can now be
- applied to quality of life issues in our community and the enforcement of
- 13 quality of life regulations.

4.3.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Policing and Crime

With the development of the Hudson Yards district underway, the addition of tens of thousands of residents, the installation of new tourist destinations (Whitney museum, High line, Hudson Boulevard and Park) and new commuter flows (#7 subway) our current precincts are stretched to the limit.

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Priority	Request	Reason	Agency	Supported by 1:	Supported by 2:
Capital 38	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.	Police Department	Friends of Hudson River Park	
Capital 39	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or subprecinct	Provide a new NYPD facility and precinct district for CD4: It is time to regroup all of MCB4 within a single precinct that incorporate all the new areas in development for commercial and residential use. These combined with the exponential influx of residents, commuters and businesses in and around Hudson Yards calls for the creation of a new precinct and a redistribution of territory. We request the remapping of our district from 4 precincts to 1 or at most 2 precincts	Police Department		
Expense 13	Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gangrelated, 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.	Police Department		

Expense Assign Expand funding to add 10 traffic Police 14 additional officers (enforcement and **Department** traffic traffic) to the district The top enforcement areas of complaints are: officers vehicular failure to yield to pedestrians. - vehicular spillback, - illegal bus parking/standing, especially tourist buses on the west side. from 30th Street to 57th Street. bus drivers using unauthorized routes, - vehicular idling, bicycles riding on sidewalks. going the wrong way bike paths and streets, and running red lights. - Illegal electric bikesvehicles blocking bike lanes unnecessary honking, - liquor license stipulations- tagging of food delivery bikes Provide Provide resources to train Police Expense officers in noise measurement to Department resources to train officers, address the many noise complaints due to the 700 bars e.g. in restaurants and clubs and now community massive number of construction policing

activity.

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4.3.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Emergency Services

As the west side of Manhattan becomes more residential and the impact of global warming becomes a significant concern FDNY/EMS stations must become more environmentally and neighborhood friendly.

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Priority	Request	Reason	Agency	Supported by 1:	Supported by 2:
Capital 10	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	Accelerate the implementation of Shore power Alternative Energy Pilot Program at curbside locations. This program would eliminate the noxious diesel fumes emanating from the idling emergency vehicles at the temporary 23rd Street EMS station #7 (FDNY). These fumes are a major health concern for the resident of adjacent buildings.	Fire Department	Council Member Corey Johnson	State Senator Brad Hoylman
Capital 19	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	PMCB4 specifically requests immediate funding for a permanent relocation of EMS Station #7 located at 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 resulted in noise and exhaust pollution. The site is unsafe for both FDNY personnel and nearby residents and pedestrians.	Fire Department		

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4.4. Core Infrastructure and City Services Needs and Requests

- 3 Main Issue
- 4 Cleanliness/trash collection

- 6 The street sanitation situation has grown much worse in the high traffic
- 7 corridors of 8th and 9th Avenues and along 10th Avenue by the Highline.
- 8 There seems to a decrease in the frequency of pick-up of garbage in the public
- 9 wastebaskets. Pest control continues to be a serious problem due to poor
- garbage storage. MCD4 does not have a sufficient number of DSNY trash
- pickup trucks, while the population increases rapidly. In addition, with the

- increase in restaurants in the district, multiple sandwich boards, menus
- 2 stands, plants etc. have appeared on sidewalks making it nearly impossible
- 3 for pedestrians to navigate on the sidewalk on 9th Avenue, north of 34th
- street and on 8th Avenue. Increased enforcement is required to ensure a safe pedestrian experience.

4.4.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

The entire coastline of CD4 and portions of the West Chelsea Historic District are categorized as High Risk Flood Zones. MCB4 is especially concerned about the southern and western areas of CD4 and the entrances to the Lincoln and Amtrak tunnels.

According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the second highest incidents of chronic lung disease of any community in Manhattan south of Harlem. Given the proximity of the Chelsea and Clinton/Hell's Kitchen neighborhoods to the Lincoln Tunnel and to the Port Authority Bus Terminal, CD4 is at particular risk from unhealthy air affected by emissions from motor vehicles, especially from diesel engines in trucks and buses. Another major cause of air pollution in CD4 is carbon emissions from buildings still using "dirty boilers" that burn heating oil #4 and #6. Many of the buildings using these dirty boilers are rent-regulated and cannot (or will not) pay for the cost of converting to cleaner alternatives.

Noise complaints from CD4 consistently rank among the highest registered by DEP and are rising in the Board area, especially at night. The main sources of noise are from clubs and lounges (sound equipment and revelers in the wee hours leaving), construction equipment, mechanical/air handling equipment (typically on roof tops), truck traffic (especially private sanitation trucks making pick-ups in the middle of night), emergency vehicles, honking and Fire Department Vehicles and Ambulances struck in traffic.

FY18 Priority	Request	Reason	Agency	Supported	Supported
Capital	Build new,	Expand funding to expedite	Department of	by 1 : Council	by 2: Council of
30	expand or repair storm sewers	waitlist of broken catch basins. Particularly at these locations: Northeast corner of West 42 Street and 9th Avenue, 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.	Environmental Protection	Member Corey Johnson	Chelsea Block Associations
Capital 35	Provide new or expand	Expand permeable surface and sidewalk bio swale pilot	Department of Environmental		
	green infrastructur	program to include MCD4: The New York City Council	Protection		
	e, e.g. greenbelts,	passed a bill in 2014 to begin a pilot program of			
	bio swales	using permeable sidewalk			
		surfaces to reduce runoff from entering our combined			
		sewage system. MCB4			
		would like to extend that			
		pilot program to our district, which includes High			
		Risk Flood Zones in some of			
		our neighborhoods. In			
		addition to this measure sidewalk swales used in			
		other parts of the city			
		should be installed within			
		our district. The pedestrian islands that were installed			
		to accommodate the			
		separated bike lines along			
		Eighth, and Nine Avenues would be optimal locations			
		for sidewalk swales. Notably			
		all new parks should minimize run offs.			
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Expense 16	Other water supply system maintenance requests	MCB4 requests that NYC DEP finalize transfer of portion of DEP site at West 48th Street and 10th Avenue to the City's Parks Department. This transfer has been committed as part of the Western Rail Yards re zoning. The water maintenance tunnel construction is completed at this location.	Department of Environmental Protection	47/48 Block Association	Council Member Corey Johnson
Expense 21	Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs	Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs: Additional resources are needed for night inspections when the noise pollution is most acute and invasive.	Department of Environmental Protection	Council of Chelsea Block Associations	HK50/51 Block Association
Expense 27	Other sewer maintenance requests	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 measures that can limit the damage of storm surges including floodgates.	Department of Environmental Protection		

Expense Address air Conduct air pollution Department of 28 quality issues studies: Provide Funding to Environmental conduct air pollution studies Protection 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 unhealthy air. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the second highest incidents of chronic lung disease of any community in Manhattan south of Harlem. Expense Address air Increase incentives for Department of Housing building owners to Convert quality issues **Environmental** Conservation dirty boilers that burn Coordinators Protection heating oil #4 and #6. DEP needs to work with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and the Energy Efficiency Corporation to develop specialized

4.4.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Sanitation Services

financing solutions to towards this effort.

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The board is very concerned with the decrease in the frequency of pick-up of garbage in the public wastebaskets that are often overflowing and attracting

6 rodents. This situation has worsened since last year and needs immediate

attention. With the increase in restaurant in the district, multiple sandwich

boards, menus stands, plants, etc. have appeared on the sidewalk making it

nearly impossible for pedestrians to navigate on the sidewalk on 9th Avenue,

- 1 north of 34th Street and on 8th Avenue. Increased enforcement is required to
- 2 ensure a safe pedestrian experience.

FY18 Priority	Request	Reason	Agency	Supported by 1:	Supported by 2:
Capital 7	Provide new maintenance equipment	Include two additional trucks for basket pick up service bringing the total amount of trucks for MCD4 to four	Department of Sanitation		
Capital 8	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	Provide more on street trash cans for recycling.	Department of Sanitation	West 25 Street Project	Council of Chelsea Block Associations
Expense 2	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Provide more frequent litter basket collection This situation has worsened since last year and needs immediate attention.	Department of Sanitation	Council Member Corey Johnson	Council of Chelsea Block Associations
Expense 7	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	Dedicate a sanitation enforcement officer to CD4 to enforce increase in illegal dumping and sidewalk obstructions: The Board is concerned about illegal household dumping, commercial garbage on the sidewalks, the accumulation of construction debris, and an increase in sidewalk obstructions in the district. One additional Sanitation Police Officer should be assigned solely to and stationed in our District. Many infractions occur after 5 PM and a presence in our district is key to affect timely visits. In	Department of Sanitation		

addition, the Department of Sanitation (DOS) needs to do more to educate individuals and businesses about sanitation regulations.

4.5. Land Use, Housing and Economic Development Needs and Requests 1

2	Main Issue
3	Affordable housing programs
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5	Expanding new permanent affordable housing, while preserving existing
6	affordable units is of utmost concern. Commitments remain unfulfilled in a
7	rapidly changing district. Years after the 2005 rezonings of Hudson Yards in
8	2005 and the Western Rail yards in 2009, construction is in full swing but
9	many City commitment still need fulfilling: A number of items that were
10	agreed to by the Administration and the City Council await completion, and
11	need the commitment of staff and other resources from the Department of
12	City Planning (DCP), Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), and
13	other relevant agencies to bring them to completion Eight years after the
14	Special West Chelsea District creation it is now time for the City to follow
15	through with promises made during the creation of [WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO
16	GO IN HERE?]
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18	Supporting materials that were provided by the Community Board can be
19	accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s)
20 21	into a browser.
22	https://a002-
23	oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=045CC5DC-2F8B-
24	4990-82FE-260F672B1811
25 26	Points of Agreement - West Chelsea - Signed
27	https://a002-
28	oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=0CDA7E63-C67E-
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30 31	WRY FINAL EXECUTED POA & COVER LETTER

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- 2 <u>oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=86065D2B-5388-</u>
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4.5.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Land Use

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9 Years after both Hudson Yards and West Chelsea in 2005 and the Western

- 10 Rail Yards in 2009, construction is in full swing but many City commitments
- remain unfilled. A number of items that were agreed to by the developers,
- the Administration and the City Council await completion. They need the
- commitment of financial resources from both the expense and capital budgets
- to support staff and implementation from the Department of City Planning
- 15 (DCP), Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Housing Preservation and
- 16 Development (HPD) and other relevant agencies.

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Priority	Request	Reason	Agency	Supported by 1:	Supported by 2:
Capital 13	Provide or enhance	Re-issue RFP and provide adequate capital Subsidy for	Housing Authority	Harborview Residents	Council Member
	rental subsidies programs	NYCHA Harborview Terrace site located at West 55 Street and 10th Avenue.		Association	Helen Rosenthal
Capital 15	Provide more housing for	In the Clinton Urban Renewal Area (CURA) in Hells Kitchen,	Department of Housing	West Side Neighborhood	Housing Conservation
13	medium income households	the few remaining city-owned properties to be developed should maximize the number of medium income units	Preservation & Development	Alliance	Coordinators
		dedicated to affordable			

Capital 16	Provide more housing for medium income households	Provide funding for the Clinton Urban Renewal Area (CURA) as the agency goes forward with the development projects and Initiate RFPs for the offsite affordable housing developments committed to the Western Rail Yards points of Agreements.	Department of Housing Preservation & Development		
Expense 9	Other zoning and land use requests	Complete the zoning text amendment to create a Hudson River Park development rights transfer district. This new district will fund the construction and maintenance of sections of Hudson River Park and bring some predictability to the development community for sites one block east of the Park. This effort should include a plan to remove the heliport at West 36th Street and the tow pound on Pier 76.	Department of City Planning	Friends of Hudson River Park	Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer
Expense 15	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Explore rezoning the northern part of Hudson Yards to complete the planned park and allow for additional residential units. A rezoning of Hudson Yards North is needed to provide a mechanism to fund the construction of the planned Hudson Yards Blvd. park, and to reflect the realities of the market that favors residential development over commercial development.	Department of City Planning	Clinton Housing Development Corp	Council Member Corey Johnson
Expense 18	Other zoning and land use requests	Revise the CEQR manual to correctly calculate the need for school seats resulting from cumulative rezoning. With an additional 20,000 residents and further developments under way, our capacity to deliver a proper education to our students is woefully	Mayor's Office for Environmental Coordination and School Construction Authority	Council Helen Rosenthal	

inadequate. Revise Chapter 6 of the City Environmental Quality Review, which grossly and unfairly under counts needed school seats in our community. The problem is worst in Manhattan; as each residential unit is calculated to yield three times more 4-17 year olds in the Bronx [.74] than in Manhattan [.22]. Calculations must be based on the most recently available data to update the borough formulas.

Expense 20

Other zoning and land use requests

Modify the special permit process for off-street parking in new residential buildings. The current methodology for calculating parking for special permit findings does not reflect the realities of CD4, particularly in West Chelsea. The methodology encourages the building of unnecessary parking spaces which attract more cars in an area that is already overwhelmed by traffic and has excellent mass transit.

Department of City Planning

Manhattan Borough President

Expense

Other zoning and land use requests

Conduct a study of publicly accessible Community
Facilities. Create a publically accessible Community
Facilities database that would index information contained in the COO of every building located within MCD4.

Department of City Planning

Manhattan League Of Independent Theaters Expense Study land 29 use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs

Study the extension of the Special West Chelsea District (SWCD) to adjacent areas It is now time, ten years after the creation of the SWCD, for the City to follow through with the promises it made including those listed then as Points of Agreement. Also it is important that the City examine the unforeseen problems, which have emerged as development rises in the SWCD creating pressures on adjacent areas like West 14th Street that might necessitate new zonings or the expansion of the SWCD itself.

Department of Save Chelsea Council of **City Planning** Chelsea Block Associations

Community District Needs and Requests Related to 4.5.2. **Housing Needs and Programming**

As stated in MCB4's Affordable Housing Plan, affordable housing within CD4 3 4

is critical to house the diverse population of artists, students, minimum wage

earners and seniors. This mixed population includes the backbone of the 5

service and cultural economy of the city, as well as many of the most frail and 6

isolated members of our community. It is critical that the city free up 7

subsidies to replenish the inventory of affordable housing units in the West 8

side of Manhattan. MCB4 has developed a detailed plan to generate and

preserve about 10,000 units in our district. 10

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CD4 stands to lose a significant amount of affordable housing due to expiring

uses in the immediate future. CD 4 is the second largest neighborhood in 13

terms of bed and breakfast illegal conversion in the city. Most relate to 14

affordable units. Such uses are prevalent in rent-regulated housing and in 15

buildings receiving tax abatements programs such as 421-a and J-51 16

programs. The largest concentration of SRO housing in our community lies 17

between Eighth and Ninth avenues from W. 42nd Street to W. 57th Street. In 18

that area, there are 62 buildings that contain nearly 2,200 SRO units. The 19

majority of those units are found on W. 51st Street where twelve buildings 20

contain 574 units. W. 46th Street is home to the largest concentration of SRO 21

buildings, with 21 buildings housing 289 units. 22

1 2 Supporting materials that were provided by the Community Board can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) 3 4 5 into a browser. 6 https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=2513E596-7 BC83-4C32-A40B-C672BAA450D6 8 00 EXEC Affordable Housing Plan- FINAL 7.30.2015 9 10 **FY18** Agency Supported by Supported by **Priority Request** Reason 2: Provide or Provide affordable Department of Council Covenant Capital enhance housing subsidy for Housing Member House Covenant House\Hunter Preservation & Corey Johnson rental College Site RFP to subsidies Development maximize both affordable programs and supportive housing. MCB4 has long welcomed supportive housing targeted for Seniors, Homeless, and HIV/AIDS residents within its borders. This Large Scale Development plan will accommodate a modern facility for Covenant House, at least 60 % of permanently affordable units at various level of AMI beyond 60%, 100 units of at risks youth

housing, the preservation and building of the Hells Kitchen library and green

preserving space for the infrastructure needed to build out the #7 subway station at 41st street and 10th Avenue. Height will be limited to 45 stories on

open space, while

the Avenue and 20 stories on the streets.

Capital 2

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 45stories, no hotel and an affordable supermarket it will fill many of our community needs. 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

Department of Housing Preservation & Development

Council Member Corey Johnson Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer Capital 9

Renovate or upgrade public housing developments

Fulton Houses (421 West 17th Street New York, NY 10011) 400 West 17 Street - New Sump Pit 401 West 16 Street - New Sump Pit 420 West 19 street - New Sump Pit 434 West 17 Street - New security fence rear of the building All 19 Buildings -Lights for roof landings. Additional bench's throughout the whole complex. 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

Housing Authority **Fulton Houses** Residents Association

Harborview Residents Association

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 courtvards. Motion detection door for the senior building. Chelsea Elliot (425 W 25th St) Repainting all Lobbies, Cameras in front of the Hudson Guild pathway and playground – 441 West 26th Street, New fence and gate surrounding playground in front of 420 West 26th Street and 425 West 25th Street.

Capital 13	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	Re-issue RFP and provide adequate capital Subsidy for NYCHA Harborview Terrace site located at West 55 Street and 10th Avenue.	Housing Authority	Harborview Residents Association	Council Member Helen Rosenthal
Capital 15	Provide more housing for medium income households	In the Clinton Urban Renewal Area (CURA) in Hells Kitchen, the few remaining city-owned properties to be developed should maximize the number of medium income units dedicated to affordable housing.	Department of Housing Preservation & Development	West Side Neighborhood Alliance	Housing Conservation Coordinators
Capital 16	Provide more housing for medium income households	Provide funding for the Clinton Urban Renewal Area (CURA) as the agency goes forward with the development projects and Initiate RFPs for the offsite affordable housing developments committed to the Western Rail Yards points of Agreements.	Department of Housing Preservation & Development		
Capital 17	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	Housing Authority		Fulton House Resident Association
Expense 3	Expand code enforcement	Enhance coordinated enforcement of regulations between HPD and the Department of Buildings in the interests of efficiency. In particular, tracking illegal demos, permitting work without tenant safety plan, and work with out lack certificate of non-harassment. Development in all parts of CD4 must be monitored and adherence	Department of Buildings	West Side Neighborhood Alliance	Housing Conservation Coordinators

to previously agreed to standards of contextual zoning maintained.

Expense Address
5 illegal conversions and uses of buildings

Illegal hotel use in our district continues to grow exponentially. The NYS Attorney General report Airbnb in the City, found that CB4 is one most trafficked neighborhoods for illegal hotel use, and of the three community districts that collectively account for 41% of Airbnbs revenue in NYC. Illegal hotel use depletes our affordable housing stock, incentives tenant harassment and creates quality of life issues for existing tenants. Increase OSE resources including lawyers, investigators and inspectors dedicated to bringing litigation against illegal hotel use, particularly in the most problematic districts.

Department of Buildings

Housing Conservation Coordinators Westside Neighborhood Alliance Expense Expand code 6 enforcement

Increase and dedicate Inspectors, Community Coordinators, and Administrative Associates to CD4 Special Districts: **HPD** and **DOB** inspectors and those assigned to the Mayor's Office of Special Enforcement (OSE) do essential work in our area. Their work is particularly important within Community District 4s Special Districts, including the Special Clinton, West Chelsea and Hudson Yards Districts, where we depend on their skills to enforce arcane, but essential provisions preventing the demolition of sound residential housing and protecting tenants from harassment. Enhance funding for staffing to pursue with due diligence the collection of outstanding fines owed by repeat violators, and enforce unsafe and after hours construction compliance is essential.

Department of Save Chelsea Buildings

West Neighborhood Alliance

4.5.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Economic Development

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Years after the re zonings of West Chelsea in 2007, Hudson Yards in 2005 and

5 the Western Rail Yards in 2009, construction is in full swing and the needed

6 housing and services as well as the many commitments made by the city

7 remain unfilled.

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Capital Expand public programming and activation

Fund Block 4, 5 and 6 of Hudson Boulevard Park Rezone northern part of Economic Development Corporation HY\HK Alliance Council Member Corey

Johnson

of public spaces on City-owned sites

Study location

and Creation

of Tour Bus

Garage

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.

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'

Department of **CHEKPEDS** Transportation

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Transportation Needs and Requests 2

- Main Issue 3
- Traffic safety 4

- The presence of Penn Station entrances, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, the 6
- Lincoln Tunnel and the West Side Highway brings a enormous volume of 7
- transient buses, trucks and automobiles which disregard neighborhood needs 8
- in using our public space and put them in conflict with pedestrians, tourists 9
- and commuters. 10

Community District Needs and Requests Related to Traffic 4.6.1. and Transportation Infrastructure

Trucks and buses are an increasing presence on residential streets, off-street 3

facilities for all types of buses and commuter vans are inadequate, and 4

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8 9 environmental pollution is a constant quality of life complaint and threat to

public health. Pedestrians compete with each other and obstructions on the

sidewalk, with turning cars at the crossings and often find themselves 7

walking in traffic. Finally, Pedestrian ramps are poorly Maintained.

FY18 Priority	Request	Reason	Agency Supported by 1:	Supported by 2:
Capital	Improve	Install 20	Department of CHEKPEDS	Hell's Kitcher
6	traffic and	signal changes:	Transportation	Neighborhoo
	pedestrian	Split phases		Association
	safety,	and Barnes		
	including	dance for		

en od traffic calming pedestrian safety 10 Split Phase signals can be installed on Ninth Avenue as part of the Hells Kitchen Traffic Study and the balance of the bike lanes be retrofitted for split phases. Signal and design modifications at West 57th at 10th, 9th and 8th avenues, as well as 14th Street at 6th avenue: intersections

which have been identified as dangerous intersections through the Manhattan Vision Zero Plan. Install Barnes dances at the intersections in the 8th Avenue Port **Authority Bus** Terminal Corridor, including 40th Street and 8th Avenue, 41 Street and 8th Avenue, and 42nd Street and 8th Avenue. Complete the installation of split phases and proper signals at the intersections of 34th Street and 8th and 9th Aves.

Capital Repair or 22 construct new sidewalks, curbs,

medians, pedestrian ramps or bus

pads

Extend the sidewalks: Both corners of Ninth Avenue and West 41st Street (Hells Kitchen

Transportation Study). South side of West 45th Street. 8th Avenue Department of CHEKPEDS

Transportation

Capital 23	Reconstruct	from 34th Street to 47th Street. In particular, on the west side of Eighth Avenue between West 42nd and 43rd Streets (bike lane extensions). Reconstruct Ninth Avenue from West 55th to 34th Streets to implement changes resulting from the DOT study now	Department of Transportation	CHERPEDS
		underway. Implement neck downs on		
		each street block directly to the East and		
		West of Ninth		
Capital 24	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Avenue. Install 10 raised pedestrian crossings.	Department of Transportation	CHEKPEDS
Capital 31	Repair or provide new street lights	Provide new Streetlights for the outstanding portion of the Streetlight upgrades in the CD4 portion of Garment	Department of Transportation	Garment District BID

Alliance boundaries 32 Repair or Fulfill the city Department of **CHEKPEDS** construct new commitment Transportation sidewalks. to install ADA curbs. compliant medians, ramps at all pedestrian intersections ramps or bus of Dyer Ave pads and W. 34th, 35th, 36th, 40th, 41st and 42nd Streets and reduce the radius of W. 35th Street turn at Dyer Avenue (Hudson Yards rezoning follow up actions. Western Rail yards negotiations). 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. Capital Install Build bulb out Department of 34 for the streetscape Transportation improvements Westbound M34 SBS stop at Eighth

District

Capital 41	Expand Bike Lanes	Avenue, which was put on hold due to adjacent construction. MCB4 has long advocated for	Department of	
71	Lanes	protected crosstown bike lanes. CB4 hopes that DOT will seriously consider this request and	Transportation	
		report back to our board with potential streets that could be studied for protected		
		crosstown bike		
Expense 19	Address traffic congestion	lanes. Study the bus lane on 9th Avenue from 44th street to 57th street to increase the M11 reliability and consistency of its service.	Department of Transportation	CHEKPEDS

1 2	4.6.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Transi Services				
3	31 Tran Stud	nsportation ly	Study extension of the #7 train across the Hudson River	Department of Transportation and Metropolitan Transportation Authority	
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5	4.7. Parks,	, Cultural	and other Community Facilities N	leeds and	
6	Reque	ests			
7	Main Issue				
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12			otal district square. Our neighborho	•	
13	20,000 resid	ents in th	e last 10 years and the creation of p	arks has put us even	
14	further back	in access	to parks. In a growing neighborhoo	d, it is critical that	
15	the city Integ	grate Park	s Planning into Neighborhood, City	wide and Resiliency	
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17			Regulate the Privatization of Parkla		
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19	Distribution	of Resour	ces.		
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21	4.7.1.	Commi	unity District Needs and Requests	Related to Parks	
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30	• Resti	rict and St	rongly Regulate the Privatization of	Parkland	

Increase Transparency and Efficiency of the Parks Department to
 Ensure Equitable Distribution of Resources; overhaul of how the Parks
 Department is funded.

- Each park in our district should have a full-time, on-site park keeper to address constituents' concerns, provide security and perform routine maintenance of that park alone.
- Funding dedicated to support Green Thumb Community Gardens and pruning for street trees;
- Funding directed towards full-time gardeners, maintenance workers, PEP officers, as well as seasonal aides and playground associates for the summer.

FY18 Priority	Request	Reason	Agency	Supported by 1:	Supported by 2:
Capital	Reconstruct	Dewitt Clinton	Department	Hell's Kitchen	47/48
18	or upgrade a park or playground	Park does not live up to its full potential.	of Parks and Recreation	Neighborhood Alliance	Block Association
		The restrooms, the steps			
		midblock on West 52 Street, and the			
		seating areas are all in need of renovation.			
Capital 29	Provide a new or expanded park or playground	Convert lots in West Chelsea on West 20th Street into interim or	Department of Parks and Recreation	20th Street Park Coalition	Council Member Corey Johnson
		permanent parks as feasible.			

Capital 33	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground	Fund horticultural plan for Clement Clark Moore Park.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Council of Chelsea Block Associations
Capital 36	Provide a new or expanded park or playground	Fund a new park at West 48th Street and 10th Avenue as committed to during Western Rail Yard rezoning and negotiations.	Department of Parks and Recreation	47/48 Street Block Association
Capital 37	Other park maintenance and safety requests	DPR vehicle: Our District is in need of DPR vehicles including a refuse loader and van for the transportation of seasonal	Department of Parks and Recreation	
Capital 40	Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility	employees. Chelsea Recreation Center: The center continues to be the most utilized public recreation center in New York City. Given its high level of use, systematic maintenance of this center is a crucial issue in avoiding	Department of Parks and Recreation	Hudson Guild

costly repairs and in keeping future costs low. In particular the exercise equipment is showing age and needs to be upgraded.

4.7.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming

According to a study conducted by Innovative Theater Foundation and Columbia University in the Fall of 2008, close to 30% of performance spaces have closed within CD in the last eight years due to development pressures The presence of performing arts groups, develop and give voice to new talent in areas of writing, performing, dancing, choreography, and directing in our community vitalizes it, artistically, culturally and commercially, on a block-to-block level throughout our district. In addition, support services for theater and other artistic services within CD4 in the areas of rental storage space for art, costumes, scenery, lighting, and rehearsal studios have long been located throughout Chelsea and Clinton/Hell's Kitchen. These services are also losing viable space due to development and real estate costs. The money generated from these industries provides employment and maintains the artistic life of the city. The Board is concerned with the loss of artists' studios in the District and the displacement of working artists.

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	FY18 Priority	Request	Reason	Agency	Supported by 1:	Supported by 2:
	24	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Preserve and create affordable space for small to mid-sized art groups theatrical and other non-profit performance and visual art organization as well as their support services such as artists' studios, rental storage space for art, costumes, scenery, lighting, and rehearsal studios. MCB4 has long avocated for the creation of a subsidy program, as part of the overall budget of the Department of Cultural Affairs as well as through the theater Sub-district. This program would ensure permanent locations for existing and displaced nonprofit arts entities is an ongoing need and a high priority for this community	Department of Cultural Affairs	League of Independent Theaters	
	30	Other affordable housing programs requests	Expand funding to bring the Irish Arts Center project to completion.	Department of Cultural Affairs	Clinton Housing Development Corp	West Side Neighborhood Alliance

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4.7.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Library Facilities and Programming

Libraries: Supporting and expanding the role of libraries as continuous

7 learning center, job centers, and community connective tissue.

FY18 Priority	Request	Reason	Agency	Supported by 1:	Supported by 2:
26	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	CB4 recommends adding libraries in proportion to the residential development in our neighborhoods. Such as building the Library on West 40 Street between 9th and 10th Avenues.	New York Public Library		

2 5. SUMMARY TABLES OF ALL PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

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- 4 Budget Requests are listed for informational purposes only. OMB maintains
- 5 the definitive list that may have more updated information on request for
- 6 agencies, published in its Register.

- 8 Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas.
- 9 5.1. Table of All Capital Requests (Prioritized)
- 10 5.2. Table of All Expense Requests (Prioritized)
- 11 5.3. Table of All Continued Support (Prioritized)