



PRELIMINARY

Fiscal Year 2017 Statement of Community District Needs and
Community Board Budget Requests
for
Manhattan Community Board 4

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INTRODUCTION

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and the Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter requirements and an integral part of the City's budget process. When developed through informed planning and careful consideration, CD Needs Statements and Budget Requests can play an important role in consultations of community boards with agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. These tools also provide a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and are used by a wide audience seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

This year, for the first time, community boards electronically submitted a CD Needs Statement combined with their Budget Requests. The goal of these improvements is to simplify preparation of both documents for the community boards and to make the information community boards provide more easily accessible for City agencies and other stakeholders. Simplified and more efficient processes will allow all parties involved in the budget process to consider budget decisions more thoroughly, with better results for all New Yorkers.

This report represents Manhattan Community Board 4's Preliminary Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017. Community boards will have the opportunity to edit their CD Needs Statements and amend and prioritize their Budget Requests in the course of the annual Borough Budget Consultations, which will take place from mid-September through mid-October. The final submission is due on October 30.

This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the Community Board which is displayed in italics.

Some community boards provided substantive supplemental information. This supportive material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting them into a browser.

1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Manhattan Community Board 4 provided the following overview of their district:

Manhattan Community District 4 (CD4) is comprised of two existing West Side neighborhoods: Chelsea to the south and Clinton/Hell's Kitchen to the north, and the new Hudson Yards emerging in the West 30s. CD4 spans the area from W. 14th to W. 59th Streets (from west of Eighth Avenue to the Hudson River north of W. 26th Street, and west of Sixth Avenue to the Hudson River south of W. 26th Street). CD4 shares borders with Greenwich Village, the Flatiron, the Upper West Side and the Midtown central business district. Portions of several other well-known areas exist within CD4's boundaries: the Garment District, Flower District, Gansevoort Meat Packing District, Ladies' Mile Shopping District, Hudson Yards and Theater District. Other notable sites in CD4 include: Restaurant Row, The High Line, Intrepid, Circle Line, Javits Center, the Rubin Museum, Chelsea art galleries, Columbus Circle, Maritime Piers 56 - 99, Farley Building/Moynihan Station, Lincoln Tunnel, Port Authority Bus Terminal and the northern half of Hudson River Park. The total population of CD4 has grown from approximately 87,000 in 2000 to over 104,000 according to the 2010 Census. This represents a 19% growth overall, much of it concentrated in the rezoned areas and a faster growth rate than most parts of New York City. CB4's priorities (all of equal weight, and shown here in no particular order) are:

- Creating additional green spaces; schools; educational, community and cultural facility spaces,*
- Developing a coherent transportation infrastructure for our district including strengthening and improving public bus and rapid transit and fostering a better balance in street usage between pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles especially buses,*
- Attracting development that makes available more affordable housing that is permanent and enhances diversity and positive neighborhood relations among disparate groups,*
- Maintaining neighborhood character and supporting the stability of a long standing local retail presence in our communities,*
- Preventing displacement and eviction of residents and small businesses and*
- Improving environmental quality of air, water, and land.*

As a result of recent rezoning, significant new commercial and residential development is now possible in formerly industrial districts. The Community Board 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 ensuring that new development helps produce more permanent affordable housing. Development of large scale proposals - for the corridor between West 30th and West 35th Streets; – development above the MTA; West Side Yard; Port Authority Bus Terminal, Amtrak's Gateway Tunnel proposal; and the conversion of the Farley Post Office into the new Moynihan Train Station; - will similarly require an approach that balances local and regional needs. Most Important Issues: Large segments of our neighborhoods are under construction putting a lot of pressure on transportation and deteriorating the quality of life of residents. The rapid increase in land value is accelerating the displacement of many long time tenants and services, while the new benefits of the development have yet to materialize. The Port Authority Bus Terminal and the Lincoln Tunnel which occupy a large swath of our district, are also losing space to new development and their operations is increasingly incompatible with the new residential zoning. Our main issues are:

- Completing the city commitments generated by previous rezoning actions (Affordable housing, Bus Garage, Parks, Arts Space)*
- Preserving affordable housing*
- Preserve affordable commercial space for businesses and arts*
- Creating affordable housing for people making between 60 and 80% of AMI*
- Increasing public safety in transportation*
- Addressing the quality of life issues associated with construction, a multitude of bars and restaurants and poor sanitation services.*
- Increase Lack of parkland, school crowding and services to homeless, seniors and youth rank also high in our concerns.*

3. MAIN ISSUES

As part of this year's process, community boards were asked to select from a list the three most pressing issues facing their district. Manhattan Community Board 4 identified the following three issues:

- *Neighborhood preservation*
- *Affordable housing*
- *Traffic*

Manhattan Community Board 4 provided the following explanation for their choices:

The massive rezoning actions on the west side have created thousands of market rate units. It made the neighborhoods of Chelsea & Hell's kitchen very attractive and expensive. This increasingly expensive supply has accelerated the loss of affordable units and it is threatening the preservation of the neighborhood character with loss of diversity in residents as well as in businesses. This increase in population puts additional stress on an underfunded transportation system such as Port Authority Bus Terminal and the MTA and also results in an increase vehicle traffic through Lincoln tunnel which continues to be a major safety and quality of life concern. Additional, there were agencies and issues not addressed in this application which have been listed below. Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) Main Issue: Threats to significant historic resources. The Board is deeply concerned that the pressure from development in CD4 is threatening significant historic resources both in recently rezoned areas and in existing areas where the zoning was originally designed to be protective. LPC Budget Requests: Put a higher priority on Landmark identified historical properties threatened by Hudson Yards development. Amend current procedures to include Community Board in review of staff level decisions in existing landmarks Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA): Main Issue: The proliferation of eating and drinking establishments in CD4. The emergence of the district, particularly Hell's Kitchen, as a regional recreation area for the whole City and even the metropolitan district, has created problems overwhelming the enforcement capabilities of relevant agencies. Budget Requests: Coordination of complaints: There needs to be more coordination between complaints received by the 311 system and active staff in the field, as well as a communication to the public of how each complaint is disposed of. More Education and support to current staff assigned to the enforcement of stipulations for the proper operations of sidewalk cafés Allocate more inspectors to curb sidewalk encroachments and quality of life violations, like sidewalk cafes, parking and cabarets disturbances.

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

Community Boards were asked to identify their district’s needs related to the following seven policy areas:

- Health Care and Human Services;
- Youth, Education and Child Welfare;
- Public Safety;
- Core Infrastructure and City Services;
- Land Use, Housing and Economic Development;
- Transportation; and
- Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities.

Based on the needs identified, community boards then had the opportunity to make budget requests to address these needs.

The following sections describe the specific needs and budget requests of Manhattan Community Board 4 for FY 2017.

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Services to reduce homelessness

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

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.

Community District Needs and Requests

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

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background:

Over the last 10 years, HIV rates in the Chelsea/Clinton area were 50% higher than NYC. People over 50 years old comprised 19% of all AIDS diagnosis, 29% of those of those living with AIDS and 35% of deaths of persons with AIDS.

Expense Requests related to Health Care Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DOHMH	Programs to address HIV/AIDS or other infectious diseases	Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services		Bailey House, Inc. 275 7th Avenue, 12th Floor New York, NY 10001 Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc. 446 West 33rd Street	Actors Fund

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

4.1.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background:

According to the US Bureau of the Census, there are 16,972 individuals (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 apartments, 21% of those living in public housing are elderly; 37.1% of the seniors have income below \$20,000 a year; 27.3% had incomes between \$20,000 – \$50,000; and 14% have mobility and self-care impairments. 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. To better understand the growing needs of our seniors, in 2013, the Board partnered with The Actors Fund (a human service organization for the performing arts with many constituents living in Community District 4), Visiting Nurse Service of New York and the Rodney Kirk Center of Manhattan Plaza (a 1700 unit Section 8 building for the performing arts with over 1100 seniors) to conduct a survey of seniors residing in Community District 4. An Advisory Committee of over 40 senior service, health care, affordable housing providers, local political representatives and entertainment unions came together to focus on the needs, concerns and supports required for this community. Since the completion of the survey, with the help of Councilman Corey Johnson’s office, the Advisory Committee continues to meet and coordinate efforts to improve the quality of life for seniors in CD4. Priorities for the Committee include:

- *Education/Outreach to seniors about the increase of SCRIE*
- *Campaign to identify and promote Age Friendly local business*
- *Expansion of affordable mental health services for seniors and medical home visit programs*
- *Support services for caregivers of the frail elderly*
- *A Housing Agenda for Older New Yorkers*

Expense Requests related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DFTA	Services for homebound older adults	Other services for homebound older adults	Expand existing programs for Seniors in the following areas: In-home supports supportive housing Preventive health and social services		
DFTA	Services for homebound older adults	Increase home delivered meals capacity	Expand existing programs for Seniors (DFTA) Meal programs		
DFTA	Senior center programs	Other senior center program requests	Expand existing programs for Seniors through DFTA for eviction prevention.		
DFTA	Senior center programs	Other senior center program requests	Expand existing mental health services for seniors.		
DFTA	Elder abuse programs	Enhance elder abuse programs			
DFTA	Services for homebound older adults	Increase transportation services capacity	Expand existing funding for transportation services for seniors to assuring that they can live out their lives with dignity within their home communities.		
DFTA	Services for homebound older adults	Enhance home care services	Expand existing programs for Seniors (DFTA) visiting neighbor services.	Visiting Neighbors 80 Eighth Ave., #415, New York, NY 10011	SAGE Friendly Visiting Program 305

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

4.1.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers

Expense Requests related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
				<i>Seventh Ave. 6th Fl., New York, NY 10001</i>	
DFTA	<i>Services for homebound older adults</i>	<i>Increase case management capacity</i>			
DFTA	<i>Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) programs</i>	<i>Enhance NORC programs and health services</i>	<i>Expand existing program funding for all NORCs in Community District 4</i>		

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

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

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background:

Homelessness: A very visible problem in our district: 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.

Capital Requests related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DHS	Facilities for the homeless	Other facilities for the homeless requests	Continue to provide funding for DHS officers to address Bowery Residents Committee (BRC) 127 West 25th Street (BRC) Community Advisory Committee issues.	Bowery Residents Committee (BRC) 127 West 25 Street	Council Member Corey Johnson; West 25 Street Project
DHS	Facilities for the homeless	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. Build additional shelter facilities to allow for the downsizing of the West 25th Street BRC site so as to alleviate community conflicts.	BRC 127 West 25 Street	Council Member Corey Johnson; West 25 Street Project
DHS	Facilities for the homeless	Provide new homeless shelters or SROs	Increase the number of family shelter slots, especially for victims of domestic violence.		

Expense Requests related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DHS	Services for the homeless	Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing	Expand adult rental assistance programs		
DHS	Services for the homeless	Expand street outreach	Expand resources for homeless youth		
DHS	Homelessness prevention programs	Expand homelessness prevention programs	Expand anti-eviction and SRO legal services programs.		

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

4.1.4. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

The Community Board did not provide any high level comments or background.

Expense Requests related to Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DOHMH	Substance Abuse Services	Expand Program	<i>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 chances of contracting HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.</i>		
HRA	Services for vulnerable New Yorkers	Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers	<i>Accessibility: Resolving deficiencies: We continue to receive complaints about deficiencies in various aspects of the Para-transit system, including serious limitations in Access-a-Ride service.</i>		
HRA	Homelessness prevention programs	Provide, expand, or enhance anti-eviction legal services	<i>Enhance funding for legal services programs to provide eviction prevention services for low and moderate income households enforcement of regulations, respond to reports of illegal use, and protect tenants from harassment, anti-displacement. Increase funding for enforcement of regulations to protect tenants from harassment Raise funding levels for anti-displacement and housing improvement programs, such as the Community Consultant Program.</i>		Housing Conservation Coordinators
HRA	Services for vulnerable New Yorkers	Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers	<i>Enhance outreach and PR plan to educate the public on the improvements to the Senior and Disabled Rent Increase Exemption programs (SCRIE and DRIE).</i>		

4.2. Youth, Education and Child Welfare Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Capacity of educational facilities

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

The current number of schools in CD4 cannot meet the increasing number of school age children who will be living in new residential developments throughout the community. The Board wants better measures to assess the 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 accommodate this population.

Community District Needs and Requests

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

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background:

As the population in Community Board 4 continues to grow, we need to address how education demands will be met. Development on the west side, including The Hudson Yards, will bring more children into the district schools - and impact schools that are already operating at full capacity. We will work with city officials to determine how they plan to address these needs for elementary, middle school and high school.

Capital Requests related to Educational Facilities and Programs (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
SCA	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</i>	<i>PS 11 has the wonderful resource of an in-house pool. Not only is it used by the student, affordable swimming classes are also provided to all children on the weekends through out the year. However, it is very old and in constant need of repair. Funding to upgrade the pool would ensure that more children in our district have access to this life saving skill.</i>	<i>PS11 320 W. 21rst St</i>	
SCA	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>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 bring in an extraordinary number of students, in a short time frame.</i>	<i>Mid-town Chelsea</i>	
SCA	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school</i>	<i>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 bring in an extraordinary number of students, in a short time frame.</i>	<i>Midtown Chelsea</i>	

Expense Requests related to Educational Facilities and Programs (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DOE	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Improve school safety</i>	<i>With an increase in traffic, street safety around the school is a significant concern for parents.</i>	<i>West 23rd Street and 9th Ave - a historically dangerous intersection - where a local resident was</i>	

4.2. Youth, Education and Child Welfare Needs and Requests

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

Expense Requests related to Educational Facilities and Programs (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
				<p><i>recently struck and killed. Several local meetings have focused on adding a crossing guard. West 43 Street and West 44 Street and 9th Ave - the New Beacon School will be opening in September of 2015 with nearly 1,500 new students arriving and leaving everyday.</i></p>	
DOE	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>Provide full funding for after school programs:</i>	<i>PS 11 PS 33 PS 35 PS 51 PS 58 PS 111, The Upper Lab and Museum Schools.</i>	
DOE	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>CB4 Educational Survey Map Fund the creation of a survey of all schools in CB4 including the number of students enrolled and the capacity that each school is operating at.</i>		

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

The Community Board did not provide any high level comments or background.

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

The Community Board did not provide any high level comments or background.

4.3. Public Safety Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Traffic Safety and Nightlife Nuisances

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

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

Community District Needs and Requests

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

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background:

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.

Capital Requests related to Policing and Crime (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct</i>	<i>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</i>		
NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>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.</i>		

Expense Requests related to Policing and Crime (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional crossing guards</i>	<i>Add two crossing guards 10th Avenue and 43rd, 44th; 45th Streets 10th and 11th Avenues where the Beacon School is moving to with 1,500 additional students.</i>	<i>Beacon School 522 West 44 Street</i>	<i>Manhattan Borough President's Office</i>
NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in</i>	<i>Provide resources to train officers in noise measurement to address the many noise complaints due to the 700 bars restaurants and clubs and now massive number of</i>		

4.3. Public Safety Needs and Requests

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

Expense Requests related to Policing and Crime (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
		<i>community policing</i>	<i>construction activity.</i>		
NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing</i>	<i>Provide resources to train officers in collision investigation (10-190). It is critical that all agents responding to crashes be educated in the 10-190 laws and be ready to report all crashes causes</i>		
NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional traffic enforcement officers</i>	<i>Expand funding to add 10 traffic officers (enforcement and traffic) to the district The top areas of complaints are: 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 bikes- vehicles blocking bike lanes - unnecessary honking, - liquor license stipulations- tagging of food delivery bikes</i>	<i>- 9th Avenue at West 37th, 41st and Dyer Avenue at West 42nd Streets - Direct traffic and enforce gridlock laws at peak hours on Weekdays and Weekends (Saturday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.) on - 9th Avenue and Eleventh Avenue at 43rd S</i>	
NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)</i>	<i>Assign additional narcotics agents.</i>	<i>- West 24th to West 28th between 6th and 7th Avenues - West 25th & 9th Avenue - West 44 Street and 9th Avenue</i>	
NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing</i>	<i>Provide resources to train officers: Increase training of traffic officers and agents to focus more on pedestrian safety and bus/truck laws including idling. Many traffic agents continue to focus on waving cars instead of protecting pedestrian who cross the street. They should be retrained to focus on preventing gridlock, enforcing gridlock laws, protecting pedestrians and enforcing bus permits and bus idling</i>		

4.3. Public Safety Needs and Requests

4.3.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Emergency Services

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background:

As the West 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.

Capital Requests related to Emergency Services (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
FDNY	<i>FDNY facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</i>	<i>Accelerate the implementation of Shore power Alternative Energy Pilot Program at the Temporary 23rd Street EMS station (FDNY). This program would eliminate the noxious diesel fumes emanating from the idling emergency vehicles. These fumes are a major health concern for the resident of adjacent units</i>	<i>West 23rd Street #7 EMS Station 512 West 23rd Street</i>	<i>Council Member Corey Johnson; State Senator Brad Hoylman</i>
FDNY	<i>FDNY facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station</i>	<i>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 resulted in noise and exhaust pollution. The site is unsafe for both FDNY personnel and nearby residents and pedestrians.</i>		

Expense Requests related to Emergency Services (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
FDNY	<i>FDNY programs and staffing</i>	<i>Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives</i>	<i>Expand FDNY program funding to partner with non-profit housing and social service orgs to provide additional smoke detectors and education to their clients in need and make sure they all have detectors and know their rights.</i>		

4.4. Core Infrastructure and City Services Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Cleanliness/trash collection

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

The street sanitation situation has much worsened in the high traffic corridors of 8th and 9th Avenues. There seems to a decrease in the frequency of pick-up of garbage in the public 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 restaurant in the district, multiple sandwich boards, menus stands, plants etc. have appeared on sidewalks making it nearly impossible 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.

Community District Needs and Requests

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

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background:

All of coast line of MCD4 is categorized as a High Risk Flood Zone as well as portions of Chelsea. MCB4 is especially concerned about the Southern and Western areas of MCD4 and the entrances to the Lincoln & 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, MCD4 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.

Capital Requests related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>Expand funding to expedite waitlist of broken catch basins.</i>	<i>West 19th Street and 7th Ave (SE corner) West 42 Street and 9th Ave (NE corner)</i>	<i>Council Member Corey Johnson; Council of Chelsea Block Associations</i>
DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Provide new or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales</i>	<i>Expand permeable surface and sidewalk bio swale pilot program to include MCD4: The New York City Council passed a bill in 2014 to begin a pilot program of 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</i>	<i>9th Ave Protected Bike Lane Western Portion of Chelsea, Hudson Yards, and Clinton\Hell's Kitchen</i>	

4.4. Core Infrastructure and City Services Needs and Requests

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

Capital Requests related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
			<i>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.</i>		

Expense Requests related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DEP	<i>Water supply system</i>	<i>Other water supply system maintenance requests</i>	<i>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 tunnel construction is completed at this location.</i>	<i>West 48 Street and 10th Ave DEP Site</i>	<i>47/48 Block Association; Council Member Corey Johnson</i>
DEP	<i>Environmental protection</i>	<i>Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs</i>	<i>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. Continue diligence is needed for inspecting HVAC systems, nightclubs, and other sources of commercial noise. Code needs to include the consideration of the human voice at full cry shouting, yelling, and braying.</i>		<i>Council of Chelsea Block Associations; HK50/51 Block Association</i>
DEP	<i>Environmental protection</i>	<i>Address air quality issues</i>	<i>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 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.</i>		
DEP	<i>Environmental protection</i>	<i>Address air quality issues</i>	<i>Conversion of dirty boilers that burn 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 financing solutions to towards this effort.</i>		<i>Housing Conservation Coordinators</i>
DEP	<i>Environmental protection</i>	<i>Address air quality issues</i>	<i>Increase enforcement staff for idling laws: work with NYPD 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.</i>		<i>CHEKPEDS</i>

4.4. Core Infrastructure and City Services Needs and Requests

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

Expense Requests related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Other sewer maintenance requests</i>	<i>Although 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 measures that can limit the damage of storm surges including flood gates. It has been estimated that the cost to design and construct flood gates at Verrazano Narrows, Arthur Kill and Throgs Neck is approximately \$10 billion.</i>		

4.4. Core Infrastructure and City Services Needs and Requests

4.4.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Sanitation Services

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background:

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 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 , north of 34th street and on 8th Avenue . Increased enforcement is required to ensure a safe pedestrian experience.

Expense Requests related to Sanitation Services (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Provide more frequent litter basket collection This situation has worsened since last year and needs immediate attention. Include two additional pickup trucks bringing the total amount of trucks for MCD4 to four. And add larger trashcans	Along 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th Avenues	Council Member Corey Johnson; Council of Chelsea Block Associations
DSNY	Sanitation Enforcement	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws: The Board is concerned about illegal household dumping, restaurant garbage on the sidewalks, and the accumulation of construction debris in the District. We feel that the Department of Sanitation (DOS) needs to do more to educate individuals and businesses about sanitation regulations. For example, signs can be placed on trashcans stating that it is a violation to place household trash in these trashcans. Additionally, business should be reminded about regulations affecting placement of garbage on the sidewalk.		
DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	Provide more on street trash cans for recycling.		West 25 Street Project; Council of Chelsea Block Associations
DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	Expand NYC organics collection program		
DSNY	Sanitation Enforcement	Other enforcement requests	Add one sanitation enforcement officer dedicated to CD4: Given the large number of restaurants in CD4 and the increasing commercial and residential development, we believe that, at the very least, 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 effect timely visits. With the increase in restaurant in the district, multiple sandwich boards, menus stands,		CHEKPEDS; HK50/51 Block Association

4.4. Core Infrastructure and City Services Needs and Requests

4.4.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Sanitation Services

Expense Requests related to Sanitation Services (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
			<i>plants etc.have appeared on the sidewalk making it nearly impossible 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.</i>		
Other	<i>Upgrade to 311 System</i>	<i>Streamline 311 update process</i>	<i>Upgrade 311 and training to improve enforcement efficacy: Today, A-frames obstruction reported to 311 are routed to NYPD. When reported they are not properly enforced by the agents causing repeat trips and no improvement. Provide expanded training and enforcement on sidewalk obstructions</i>		

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

Main Issue

Affordable housing programs

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

LAND USE: Expanding new permanent affordable housing, while preserving existing affordable units is of utmost concern. commitments remain unfulfilled in a rapidly changing district Years after the 2005 re zonings of Hudson Yards in 2005 and the Western Rail yards in 2009, construction is in full swing but many City commitment still need fulfilling: A number of items that were agreed to by the Administration and the City Council await completion, and need the commitment of staff and other resources from the Department of City Planning (DCP), Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), and other relevant agencies to bring them to completion Eight years after the Special West Chelsea District creation it is now time for the City to follow through with promises made during the creation of

Community District Needs and Requests

4.5.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Land Use

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background:

Main issue: Years after the re zonings of West Chelsea in 2007, Hudson Yards in 2005 and the Western 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 (DCP), Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) and other relevant agencies.

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Points of Agreement - West Chelsea - Signed

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WRY FINAL EXECUTED POA & COVER LETTER

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Points of Agreement - Hudson Yards

Expense Requests related to Land Use (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DCP	Zoning and land use	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 inadequate. Revise Chapter 6 of the City Environmental Quality Review, which grossly		Council Helen Rosenthal

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

4.5.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Land Use

Expense Requests related to Land Use (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
			<i>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.</i>		
DCP	Zoning and land use	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>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.</i>	Hudson Yards area	CHEKPEDS; Council Member Corey Johnson
DCP	Zoning and land use	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>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.</i>		Manhattan Borough President; CHEKPEDS
DCP	Zoning and land use	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	<i>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 which favors residential development over commercial development.</i>	Northern section of Hudson Yards	Clinton Housing Development Corp; Council Member Corey Johnson
DCP	Zoning and land use	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>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.</i>	One Block East of Hudson River Park	Friends of Hudson River Park; Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer
DCP	Zoning and land use	Other zoning and land use requests	<i>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.</i>		MANHATTAN LEAGUE OF INDEPENDENT THEATERS

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

4.5.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Land Use

Expense Requests related to Land Use (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DCP	Zoning and land use	Study land 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, nine 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.	Special West Chelsea District	Save Chelsea; Council of Chelsea Block Associations
DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	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 to previously agreed to standards of contextual zoning maintained.		West Side Neighborhood Alliance; Housing Conservation Coordinators
DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	Expand code enforcement	Training and stricter enforcement are needed to remove storm enclosures that are illegal and encroach in the pedestrian right of way. A focused effort is needed on 8th and 9th avenue and a proper coding in 311 is necessary.	8th, 9th, and 10th Ave	CHEKPEDS; HK 50/51 Block Association
DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	Increase staff and Prevent Tax abatement programs to be available to owners of buildings with illegal uses. The Board continues to see cases where owners have made renovations in buildings without first applying for a required Certificate of No Harassment. This has only worsened since self-certification has been permitted; the loss of rent-regulated units to illegal use persists as an escalating problem. HPD and the Office of Special Enforcement need to have appropriately staff to effectively investigate and enforce for the mounting problem. Such uses are prevalent in rent-regulated housing and in buildings receiving tax abatements programs such as 421-a and J-51 programs.		Housing Conservation Coordinators; Westside Neighborhood Alliance
DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	Expand code enforcement	Expand Code Enforcement: Training and stricter enforcement are needed to remove storm enclosures that are illegal and encroach in the pedestrian right of way. A focused effort is needed on 8th and 9th avenue and a proper coding in 311 is necessary.		CHEKPEDS

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Expense Requests related to Land Use (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DOB	<i>Building code and zoning enforcement</i>	<i>Expand code enforcement</i>	<i>Increase and Dedicate inspectors to 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.</i>		<i>Save Chelsea; West Neighborhood Alliance</i>
DOB	<i>Building code and zoning enforcement</i>	<i>Expand code enforcement</i>	<i>Increase the number of Community Coordinator and Administrative Associates dedicated to the district: Enhance funding for staffing to pursue with due diligence the collection of outstanding fines owed by repeat violators, enforce unsafe and after hours construction compliance with zoning bulk and use requirements in order to preserve community character at a time when self-certification is being more widely depended upon.</i>		<i>Save Chelsea; West Side Neighborhood Alliance</i>

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

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

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background:

As stated in Manhattan Community Board 4's Affordable Housing Plan (See attached) Affordable housing within our District is critical to house the diverse population of artists, students, minimum wage earners and seniors. This mixed population includes the backbone of the service and cultural economy of the city, as well as many of the most frail and isolated members of our community. It is critical that the city free up subsidies to replenish the inventory of affordable housing units in the West side of Manhattan. MCB4 has developed a detailed plan to generate and preserve about 10,000 units in our district. 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 terms of bed and breakfast illegal conversion in the city. Most relate to affordable units. Such uses are prevalent in rent-regulated housing and in buildings receiving tax abatements programs such as 421-a and J-51 programs. The largest concentration of SRO housing in our community lies between Eighth and Ninth avenues from W. 42nd Street to W. 57th Street. In that area, there are 62 buildings that contain nearly 2,200 SRO units. The majority of those units are found on W. 51st Street where twelve buildings contain 574 units. W. 46th Street is home to the largest concentration of SRO buildings, with 21 buildings housing 289 units.

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Capital Requests related to Housing Needs and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
HPD	Affordable housing programs	Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings	MCB4 strongly supports expanding funding for programs that partner HPD with qualified not-for-profit housing organizations as their development partners. Community-based groups in CD4 have utilized Supportive Housing Programs to restore deteriorated buildings to excellent, long-term affordable housing and the rights of tenants have been protected		Housing Conservation Coordinators; West Side Neighborhood Alliance
HPD	Affordable housing programs	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless	HPD should work with DOF to enhance outreach and PR plan to educate the public on the improvements to the Senior and Disabled Rent Increase Exemption programs (SCRIE and DRIE).		Housing Conservation Coordinators; West Side Neighborhood Alliance
HPD	Affordable housing programs	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. Initiate RFPs for the offsite affordable housing developments committed to the Western Rail Yards points of Agreements.	806 9th Ave 705 10th Ave	West Side Neighborhood Alliance; Housing Conservation Coordinators
HPD	Affordable housing	Provide more housing for	Enhance funding for Supportive Housing Loan Program (SHLP) to help preserve existing		Actors Fund

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Capital Requests related to Housing Needs and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
	<i>programs</i>	<i>special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless</i>	<i>supportive housing programs.</i>		
HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless</i>	<i>Enhance funding for the acquisition, renovation and new construction of sensitively-sited supportive housing developments to preserve and expand the SRO housing stock between Eighth and Ninth avenues from West 42nd Street to West 57th Street. A large number of SROs (including rooming houses, SRO hotels, and converted tenements) exist in our District and continue to disappear from the neighborhood at an alarming rate, CB4 supports the continued use of the Supportive Housing Program to preserve and expand the supply of affordable SRO housing for homeless persons and community residents. It is the only HPD program that provides funds for acquisition of privately owned property for conversion to affordable housing, and provides a means to expand the supply beyond currently publicly owned land.</i>	<i>Eighth and Ninth avenues from West 42nd Street to West 57th Street</i>	<i>Housing Conservation Coordinators; Clinton Housing Development Corporation</i>
HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings</i>	<i>Expand Loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings Participation Loan Program (PLP) and Multifamily Housing Rehabilitation Program (HRP).</i>		
HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless</i>	<i>Build and sustain independent senior housing as well as assisted living and skilled care facilities. Such actions should include supportive housing for people with AIDS.</i>		<i>Housing Conservation Coordinators</i>
NYCHA	<i>Public housing upgrades or renovations</i>	<i>Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades</i>	<i>Install security cameras in stairways and roof landing, outdoor lighting, and updated sprinkler systems for the Fulton, Elliott-Chelsea, and Harborview Houses.</i>	<i>Fulton Houses - 413 W 16th St, New York, NY 10011 Elliott-Chelsea - 430 West 26th Street New York, NY 10001 Harborview Houses - 525 West 55th Street New York, NY</i>	<i>Elliot-Chelsea Resident Association; Fulton House Resident Association</i>

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Capital Requests related to Housing Needs and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
NYCHA	Public housing upgrades or renovations	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Renovate or upgrade Fulton, Elliott-Chelsea, and Harborview Houses. Updated elevator systems, Replacement of tiles in the hallways and common areas, new roof and stairway doors, new terrace doors, new roof tank housing, exterior pointing of low-rise buildings,	10019 Fulton Houses - 413 W 16th St, New York, NY 10011 Elliott-Chelsea - 430 West 26th Street New York, NY 10001 Harborview Houses - 525 West 55th Street New York, NY 10019	Fulton Houses Residents Association; Harborview Houses Residents Association
NYCHA	Public housing upgrades or renovations	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space	Resurfaced black top, new playground equipment, new fencing, and benches at Fulton, Elliott-Chelsea, and Harborview Houses.	Fulton Houses - 413 W 16th St, New York, NY 10011 Elliott-Chelsea - 430 West 26th Street New York, NY 10001 Harborview Houses - 525 West 55th Street New York, NY 10019	Fulton House; Elliot Chelsea House
NYCHA	Public housing upgrades or renovations	Create more housing on NYCHA properties	Enhance subsidy for RFP for Harborview site at West 55 Street and 10th Ave.	525 West 55th Street	Harborview Resident Association; Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer

Expense Requests related to Housing Needs and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
HPD	Housing oversight and emergency programs	Expand tenant protection programs	Enhance funding for legal services programs to provide eviction prevention services for low and moderate income households enforcement of regulations, respond to reports of illegal use, and protect tenants from harassment, anti-displacement. Increase funding to HPD budget for enforcement of regulations to protect tenants from harassment Raise funding levels for anti-displacement and housing improvement programs, such as the Community Consultant Program.		Housing Conservation Coordinators
HPD	Affordable housing programs	Provide or enhance rental subsidies	Require a minimum of 30% of all units in new residential developments be permanently affordable. CB4 believes affordable units		Clinton Housing Development Corporation;

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

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

Expense Requests related to Housing Needs and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
		<i>programs</i>	<i>maintain the diverse character of this neighborhood with a socially and economically integrated community. CB4 needs the current affordable housing development program to expand and widen the range of Area Median Income (AMI) bands and to create more family housing. Expand AMI bands to allow for broader range of incomes. Specifically, two thirds should be allocated to those earning up to 80% Area Median Income (AMI), and one third for moderate and middle income to meet the current needs of our diverse population.</i>		<i>Housing Conservation Coordinators</i>
HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Other affordable housing programs requests</i>	<i>Expand funding for major gut renovations at 330 and 332 West 51st Street to include ADA bathrooms and hardwood floors.</i>	<i>330-332 West 51 Street</i>	<i>Housing Conservation Coordinators</i>
HPD	<i>Housing oversight and emergency programs</i>	<i>Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations</i>	<i>Expand Programs for housing inspections to correct code violations: Enhance funding for Housing Quality Enforcement Programs such as the Housing Litigation Division and Emergency Repair Program (ERP). CB4 continues to see cases where owners have made illegal renovations or ignored necessary repairs in buildings to such a point making it unsafe for existing tenants. And housing improvement programs, such as the Neighborhood Preservation Consultant Program.</i>		<i>West Side Neighborhood Alliance; Council of Chelsea Block Associations</i>
HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Other affordable housing programs requests</i>	<i>Provide funding for the Clinton Urban Renewal Area (CURA) as the agency goes forward with the development projects at 540 West 53rd Street and 556-560 West 52nd Street.</i>	<i>540 West 53rd Street 556-560 West 52nd Street</i>	<i>Clinton Housing Development Corporation; Westside Neighborhood Alliance</i>
HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Other affordable housing programs requests</i>	<i>Expand funding for the Irish Arts Center and attendant affordable housing development to realize development plans for new or refurbished performing and studio spaces in the Clinton Urban Renewal Area.</i>	<i>553 West 51 Street</i>	
NYCHA	<i>Public housing maintenance, staffing and management</i>	<i>Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests</i>	<i>Enhance funding for organizing resources to NYCHA Resident Associations to promote collaboration between NYCHA residents and local resources.</i>		<i>Fulton House Residents Association; Elliot Chelsea Resident Association</i>
NYCHA	<i>Housing support</i>	<i>Expand the Section 8</i>	<i>Expand the Section 8 Program Immediately enhance current rental subsidies (Section 8</i>		<i>Housing Conservation</i>

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

Expense Requests related to Housing Needs and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
		<i>Program</i>	<i>Certificates) to meet the needs of those tenants faced with displacement by their inability to afford increased rent due to expiration of affordable housing subsidies. Provide permanent solution to prevent expiring rental subsidy.</i>		<i>Coordinators</i>

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

4.5.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Economic Development

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background:

Years after the re zonings of West Chelsea in 2007, Hudson Yards in 2005 and the Western Rail Yards in 2009, construction is in full swing and the needed housing and services as well as the many commitments made by the city remain unfilled.

Expense Requests related to Economic Development (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
EDC	Neighborhood Diversity	Enhance subsidy for Affordable Housing for Covenant House\Hunter College RFP	Enhance affordable housing subsidy for Covenant House\Hunter College Site RFP to maximize affordable housing. 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 upgrade of the Hells Kitchen library and green open space, while 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 the Avenue and 20 stories on the streets.	461 West 41 Street	Council Member Corey Johnson
EDC	Tour Bus Garage	Study location and Creation of Tour Bus Garage	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		CHEKPEDS; HY\HK Alliance
EDC	Neighborhood Diversity	Enhance subsidy for Affordable Housing for Slaughterhouse RFP	Enhance affordable housing subsidy for Slaughterhouse Site RFP - 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 60 to 130% of AMI. With a height of 45stories, no hotel and an affordable supermarket it will fill many of our community needs. COREY JOHNSON, HKNA	495 11 Ave	Council Member Corey Johnson; Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Association
EDC	Economic development investments	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.	Hudson Blvd Park	HY\HK Alliance; Council Member Corey Johnson

4.6. Transportation Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Traffic safety

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

The presence of Penn Station entrances, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, the Lincoln Tunnel and the West side Highway brings a enormous volume of transient Buses, Trucks and automobiles which disregard neighborhood needs in using our public space and put them in conflict with pedestrians, tourists and commuters.

Community District Needs and Requests

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

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background:

Trucks and buses are an increasing presence on residential streets, off-street facilities for all types of buses and commuter vans are inadequate, and 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 walking in traffic. Finally, Pedestrian ramps are poorly Maintained.

Capital Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Install streetscape improvements	Build bulb out for the Westbound M34 SBS stop at Eighth Avenue, which was put on hold due to adjacent construction.	West 34 Street and 8th Ave	
DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Ninth Avenue from West 55th to 34th Streets to implement changes resulting from the DOT study now underway. Implement neck downs on each street block directly to the East and West of Ninth Avenue.	Ninth Avenue from West 55th to 34th Streets	CHEKPEDS
DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Install 20 signal changes: Split phases and Barnes dance for 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 a 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.	Install 20 signal changes: Split phases and Barnes dance for pedestrian safety 10 Split Phase signals can be installed on Ninth Avenue as part of the Hell's 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;	CHEKPEDS; Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Association

4.6. Transportation Needs and Requests

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

Capital Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
				<p><i>intersections which have been identified as dangerous intersections through the Manhattan Vision Zero Plan. Install a Barnes's 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.</i></p>	
DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or 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). On the west side of Eighth Avenue between West 42nd and 43rd Streets (bike lane extensions). South side of West 45th Street. 8th Avenue from 34th Street to 47th Street.	Both corners of Ninth Avenue and West 41st Street On the west side of Eighth Avenue between West 42nd and 43rd Streets South side of West 45th Street. 8th Avenue from 34th Street to 47th Street	CHEKPEDS
DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads	Fulfill the city commitment to install ADA compliant ramps at all intersections of Dyer Ave 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	Dyer Ave and West 34th, 35th, 36th, 40th, 41st and 42nd Streets West 35th Street and	CHEKPEDS

4.6. Transportation Needs and Requests

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

Capital Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
		<i>pads</i>	<i>negotiations). West 48th Street and Eighth Avenue the ramp is missing.</i>	<i>Dyer Avenue West 48th Street and Eighth Avenue</i>	
DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Repair or provide new street lights</i>	<i>Provide new Streetlights for the outstanding portion of the Streetlight upgrades in the CD4 portion of Garment District Alliance boundaries GARMENT DISTRICT BID</i>	<i>GARMENT DISTRICT BID Area</i>	<i>GARMENT DISTRICT BID</i>
DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Work with MTA to design the West 41st and 10th Ave station for the # 7.</i>	<i>West 41st and 10th Ave</i>	<i>HYHK Alliance</i>
DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>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.</i>		<i>CHEKPEDS</i>
DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads</i>	<i>Enlarge the sidewalks on Eighth Avenue between West 42nd and West 43rd Street.</i>		<i>CHEKPEDS; Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Association</i>
DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Reconstruction of West 15th Street between Sixth and Ninth Avenues with neck downs on the west side of the intersections and parking swaps in the middle of the blocks.</i>	<i>West 15th Street between Sixth and Ninth Avenues</i>	
DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Install up to 30 audible pedestrian signals especially at 15th street and 9th avenue.</i>		<i>CHEKPEDS</i>
DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Install 10 raised pedestrian crossings.</i>		<i>CHEKPEDS</i>

Expense Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DOT	<i>Traffic and traffic flow</i>	<i>Address traffic congestion</i>	<i>Convert 11th avenue to one-way southbound from 57th Street to 42nds Street Reduce congestion by re-balancing traffic between 9th and 11th Avenue as recommended in the Hells Kitchen study. Add pedestrian safety features and a protected bus lane. Make Eleventh Avenue one-way southbound from West 57th Street to West 44th Street to ensure the reliability of the new bus route.</i>	<i>11th Ave West 42 Street to West 57 Street</i>	<i>CHEKPEDS; Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Association</i>
DOT	<i>Traffic and</i>	<i>Address traffic</i>	<i>Expand the bus lane on 9th Avenue from 44th</i>	<i>9th Avenue from</i>	<i>CHEKPEDS</i>

4.6. Transportation Needs and Requests

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

Expense Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
	<i>traffic flow</i>	<i>congestion</i>	<i>street to 57th street to increase the M11 reliability and consistency of its service.</i>	<i>44th street to 57th Street</i>	
DOT	<i>Traffic and traffic flow</i>	<i>Conduct traffic or parking studies</i>	<i>Conduct study to find a garage for tour and charter buses As committed in the Hudson Yards rezoning a tour and charter bus garage must be built to house the up to 350 buses displaced by the development in the area. The designated area was between 38 and 39th streets, 9th and 10th Avenues.</i>	<i>West 38 and 39th streets - 9th and 10th Avenues</i>	<i>HY\HK Alliance; CHEKPEDS</i>

4.6.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Transit Services

The Community Board did not provide any high level comments or background.

Capital Requests related to Transit Services (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
NYCTA	<i>Transit Service</i>	<i>Other transit service requests</i>	<i>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.</i>	<i>West 34 Street between 9th Ave and Dyer Ave.</i>	

4.7. Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Quality of parks and park facilities

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

Manhattan Community District 4 ranks last out of Manhattan’s 12 community boards when it comes to residential access within ¼ mile of a park and open space as a percent of total district square. Our neighborhood has added 20,000 residents in the last 10 years and the creation of parks has put us even further back in access to parks. In a growing neighborhood, it is critical that the city Integrate Parks Planning into Neighborhood, Citywide and Resiliency Planning along with overhauling how the Parks Department is funded. Restrict and Strongly Regulate the Privatization of Parkland and Increase Transparency and Efficiency of the Parks Department to Ensure Equitable Distribution of Resources.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.7.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background:

MCB4 believes open spaces add value to our quality of life. In regards to Parkland, we seek certain objectives:

- *Integrate Parks Planning into Neighborhood, Citywide and Resiliency Planning;*
- *Restrict and Strongly 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.*

Capital Requests related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Chelsea Waterside Park: The planned comfort station and caf building in Chelsea Waterside Park has never been built. Funds to accomplish this should be allocated as soon as possible.</i>	<i>Chelsea Waterside Park</i>	<i>Council of Chelsea Block Association</i>
DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Improve access to a park or playground</i>	<i>Gutenberg Playground: The playground is a shared facility with the High School for Graphic Communication Arts. There has been a discrepancy on general playground hours. An agreement needs to be put in place between DPR and DOE.</i>	<i>Gutenberg Playground</i>	<i>47/48 Block Association</i>
DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or playground</i>	<i>Work with DEP to transfer the site at Tenth Avenue and West 48th Street and fund a new park on this site as committed to during Western Rail Yard rezoning and negotiations.</i>	<i>10 Ave and West 48 Street</i>	<i>47/48 Street Block Association</i>
DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Dewitt Clinton Park does not live up to its full potential. The Play areas, restrooms, the steps at the western end of the park, and seating areas are all in need of renovation. We have begun to see the implementation of lovely plantings in some parts of the park, but a more robust horticultural plan will help enliven this park. Rats have been a problem</i>	<i>Dewitt Clinton Park</i>	<i>Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Alliance; 47/48 Block Association</i>

4.7. Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Needs and Requests

4.7.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Capital Requests related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
			<i>at Dewitt Clinton and MCB4 would like better measures to be put in place to deal with this issue.</i>		
DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or playground</i>	<i>Convert lots in West Chelsea on West 20th Street into interim or permanent parks as feasible.</i>	<i>136 West 20 Street</i>	<i>20th Street Park Coalition; Council Member Corey Johnson</i>
DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or playground</i>	<i>Hudson Boulevard Park: As part of the agreement of the Western Rail yards rezoning our district was promised a six block long park. Funding has been secured for the first three blocks and construction has commenced. MCB4 would like to see an acceleration of the completion of the fully envisioned park to 39th Street.</i>	<i>Hudson Boulevard park from West 33rd Street to West 36 Street.</i>	<i>HYHK Alliance; Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Alliance</i>
DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Fund horticultural plan for Clement Clark Moore Park.</i>	<i>Clement Clark Moore Park</i>	<i>Council of Chelsea Block Associations</i>
DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility</i>	<i>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 costly repairs and in keeping future costs low. In particular the exercise equipment is showing age and needs to be upgraded.</i>	<i>Chelsea Recreation Center</i>	<i>Hudson Guild</i>

Expense Requests related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DPR	<i>Street trees and forestry services</i>	<i>Other street trees and forestry services requests</i>	<i>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.</i>		<i>CHEKPEDS; Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Alliance</i>
DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>	<i>Expand fund support Green Thumb Community Gardens</i>		
DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Provide better park maintenance</i>	<i>Clement Clark Moore Park: The Park's trees desperately need pruning. One corner of the park near a gate that is permanently padlocked should be reused. Finally, the community has requested that the W. 22nd Street gate be permanently locked so small children cannot get out that way.</i>	<i>Clement Clark Moore Park</i>	<i>Council of Chelsea Block Associations</i>
DPR	<i>Park programming</i>	<i>Provide more programs in</i>	<i>Programming in needed for all age groups in our parks; more art in the parks in the form of</i>		

4.7. Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Needs and Requests

4.7.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Expense Requests related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
		<i>parks or recreational centers</i>	<i>exhibits, dance or musical performances would be a great way to engage the community.</i>		
DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</i>	<i>Chelsea Waterside and Hudson River Park: More PEP officers and or NYPD patrols are needed to curtail issues with the growing at-risk populations in and around these parks.</i>	<i>Chelsea Waterside Park and Hudson River Park</i>	<i>Council Chelsea Block Associations.</i>
DPR	<i>Street trees and forestry services</i>	<i>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</i>	<i>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.</i>		<i>Council of Chelsea Block Association; CHEKPEDS</i>
DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Improve trash removal and cleanliness</i>	<i>DeWitt Clinton Park: Users of the dog run have reported waste is not picked up from the receptacles in the run area, but must be deposited in DSNY trash bins outside the park. Compost piles are deposited at this park for use at multiple sites and should be stored appropriately, not where children or dogs can access.</i>	<i>Dewitt Clinton Park</i>	<i>Clinton Housing Development Corporation; 47/48 Block Association.</i>
DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Provide better park maintenance</i>	<i>Matthews Palmer Park: The gate to the playground needs to be fitted properly to improve ease of operations.45TH BA</i>	<i>Matthews Palmer Park</i>	
DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>	<i>DPR vehicle: Our District is in need of DPR vehicles including a van for the transportation of seasonal employees and a smaller vehicle for transport of gardening materials including plantings, soil and tools.</i>		
DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>	<i>Fund full-time, on-site park keeper in each park in our district to address constituents' concerns, provide security and perform routine maintenance of that park alone.</i>		

4.7. Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Needs and Requests

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

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background:

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.

Capital Requests related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	Initiate planning for a minimum of 16,000 square feet of cultural space, split between two locations should be dedicated to serve the cultural needs of the community as committed in the rezoning of the Western Rail Yards. Integration of smaller cultural organizations with the Western Rail Yard (WRY) development will benefit the community and reverse the trend of cultural enterprises disappearing from the district. The CB4 should be apart of each stage of the planning process.		League of Independent Theaters; Hell Kitchen Neighborhood Alliance

Expense Requests related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	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. The creation of a subsidy program, as part of the overall budget of the Department of Cultural Affairs, that could ensure permanent locations for existing and displaced nonprofit arts entities is an ongoing need and a high priority for this community LEAGUE OF INDEPENDANT THEATERS		League of Independent Theaters
DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Continue funding and assistance for The Irish Arts Center to realize development plans for new or refurbished performing and studio spaces in the Clinton Urban Renewal Area. CHDC	553 West 51 Street	Clinton Housing Development Corporation

4.7. Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Needs and Requests

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

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background:

Libraries: Supporting and expanding the role of libraries as continuous learning center, job centers, and community connective tissue.

Capital Requests related to Library Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
NYPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and programs</i>	<i>Provide more or better equipment to a library</i>	<i>Continue funding: Muhlenberg Branch for existing project of the HVAC Replacement (ID# LRCA14MBG).</i>	<i>Muhlenberg Branch 209 West 23 Street</i>	<i>Council of Chelsea Block Associations</i>
NYPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and programs</i>	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>CB4 recommends adding libraries in proportion to the residential development in our neighborhoods.</i>		

4.7.4. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Community Boards

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background:

Community Board OTPS Budgets have not been reevaluated for inflation since the 1990s.

Expense Requests related to Community Boards (as provided by the Community Board)

Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
OMB	<i>Community board facilities and staff</i>	<i>Other community board facilities and staff requests</i>	<i>Reevaluate Community Board's OTPS budget for inflation.</i>		