

***Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests***

Fiscal Year
2020

**Bronx
Community District
4**

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INTRODUCTION

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter mandates that form an integral part of the City's budget process. Together, they are intended to support communities in their ongoing consultations with city agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders and influence more informed decision making on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. This report also provides a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and may be used by a variety of audiences seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Bronx Community Board 4's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020*. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November 2018.

Community boards may provide substantive supplemental information together with their Statements and Budget Requests. This supporting material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting them into a web browser, such as Chrome, Safari or Firefox.

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

a) Overarching Community District Needs

Sections 1 – 4 provide an overview of the community district and the top three pressing issues affecting this district overall as identified by the community board. Any narrative provided by the board supporting their selection of their top three pressing issues is included.

b) Policy Area - Specific District Needs

Section 5 is organized by seven distinct policy areas aligned with the service and program areas of city agencies. For each policy area, community boards selected the most important issue for their districts and could provide a supporting narrative. The policy area section also includes any agency-specific needs and a list of relevant budget requests submitted by the community board. If the community board submitted additional information outside of a specific policy area, it may be found in Section 6.

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY20 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.



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Bronx Community Board Four
"The Capital District"

DISTRICT NEEDS STATEMENT, FY' 2020



Bronx Museum of the Arts

Mario Merola Building

Yankee Stadium



The Highbridge



Lorelei Fountain-Joyce Kilmer Park

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Budget Requests: Listed for informational purposes only. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests and budget request responses.

Budget Priorities: Priority numbers apply to expense and capital Budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense and capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 7 of this document.

Supporting Materials: 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 the links provided in the Appendix into a browser.

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District Manager

Each year we embark on the very important and critical function of developing a set of priorities for both capital and expense to address the considerable needs in the District. The process is conducted in close consultation with countless city agencies who are our strategic partners in assuring that the constituents of Community District Four receive appropriate consideration from the city as it relates to capital and expense priorities.

Community District Four, the Capital District is made up of the following neighborhoods: *Mt. Eden, Highbridge, West Concourse, East Concourse, Morrisania and Concourse Village*. The district is bounded by East 174th Street to the north, East 149th Street to the south, Webster and Park Avenue to the east and the Harlem River to the west. The district is easily accessible via the NYC public transit system, regional rail and highway access facilitating easy connections to midtown Manhattan, New Jersey, Long Island and Westchester. More than 151,835 people call Community District Four home.

We are fortunate to host the world renowned Yankee Organization, more than 176 acres of parkland including Mill Pond Park and Macombs Dam Park, The Bronx Terminal Market, the Borough's Court System, the Bronx Museum of the Arts, the future Bronx Children's Museum and the Grand Concourse Historic District which includes many beautiful Art Deco buildings.

The preparation of the District Needs Statement is a reminder of the role of municipal government to ensure that Community District Four receives the appropriate services and resources to achieve its' vast and diverse goals. Investments continue on the capital side of the ledger. That being said, there is still an enormous capital need particularly as it relates to transportation infrastructure, new school construction as well as programming and services for youth and diversification in new housing construction.

We will continue to advocate on behalf of all residents to ensure that the Capital District secures all the resources it rightfully deserves.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Philips
District Manager
Community Board Four

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1. Community Board Information

Bronx Community Board 4

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2. Community District Profile

Visit the Community District Profiles to view data, maps, and other resources describing New York City's 59 community districts at: <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/>

Bronx Community District 4



Neighborhoods¹: Concourse, Concourse Village, East Concourse, Highbridge, Mount Eden, West Concourse

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
139,563	146,441	+5%
2012-2016 Estimate ⁴		141,055
Square Miles		2
Population Density		73,221/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Bronx Community Board 4 in 2018:

1. Affordable housing
2. Crime
3. Youth and children's services

To learn more, please read Bronx CD 4's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2020.

Website: www.nyc.gov/html/bxcb4
Email: bx04@cb.nyc.gov

Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	745	5%
Multifamily Walk-up	1,100	12%
Multifamily Elevator	311	16%
Mixed Use	325	9%
Commercial	192	7%
Industrial	33	3%
Transportation/Utility	58	6%
Public/Institutional	166	12%
Open Space	93	18%
Parking	177	6%
Vacant	191	4%
Other	22	1%

Click here for a more detailed land use map of Bronx CD 4

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	77
Public Libraries	3
Hospitals and Clinics	26
Parks	33
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Bronx CD 4	Bronx
55%	51%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Bronx CD 4	Citywide Target
100%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Bronx CD 4	Bronx
41	44 minutes
minutes	NYC
	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Bronx CD 4	Bronx
34%	26%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Bronx CD 4	Bronx
14.7	14.5
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Bronx CD 4	Bronx
15%	19%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Bronx CD 4	Bronx
7.4%	7.5%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2012 to 2016	NYC
	5.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Bronx CD 4	Bronx
32%	26%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	20%

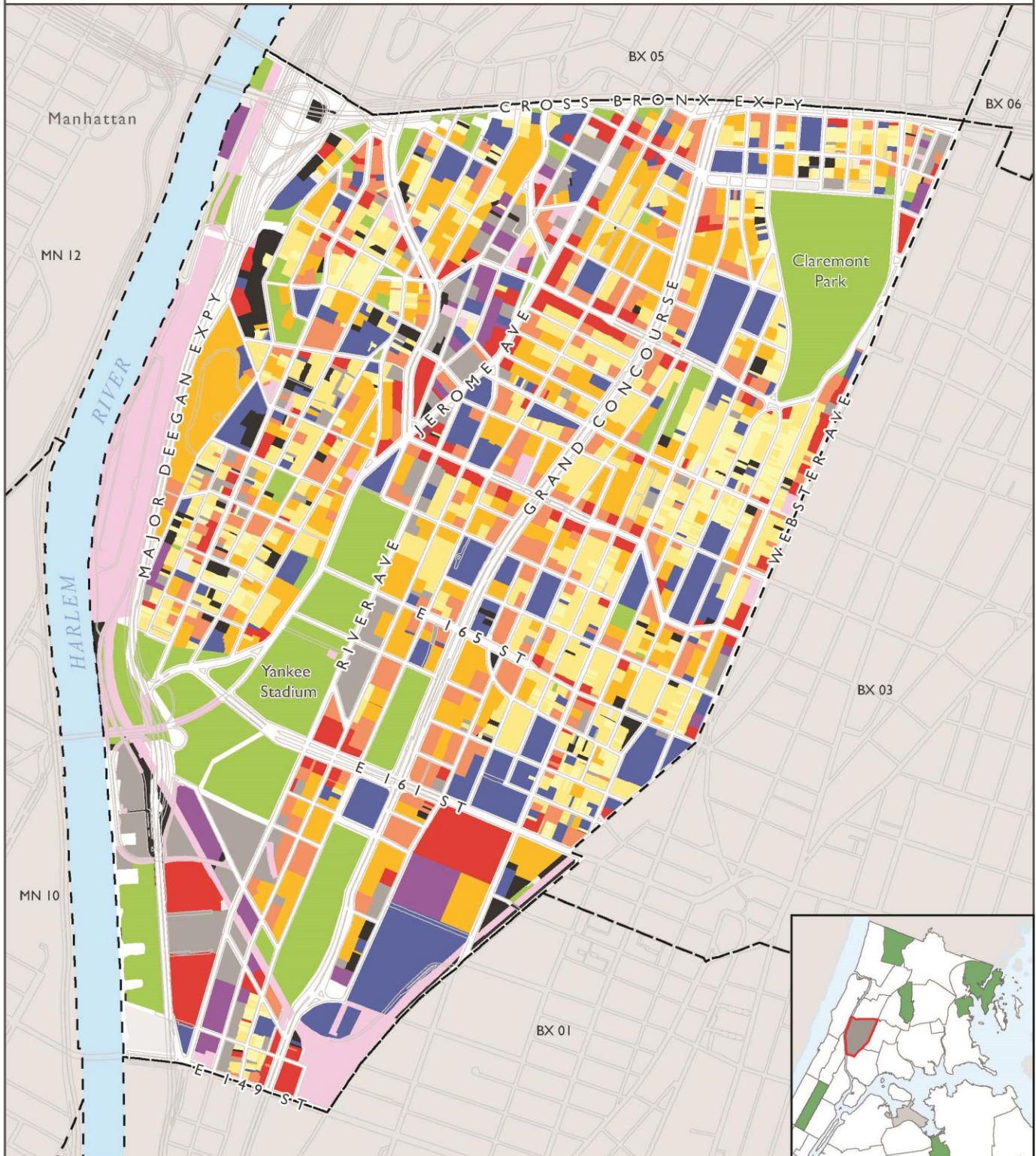
¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2012-2016 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2011-2015 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

2. Community District Land Use

Bronx Community District 4 - Land Use



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3. Overview of Community District

Community District Four, the Capital District is made up of the following neighborhoods: Mt. Eden, Highbridge, West Concourse, East Concourse, and Concourse Village. Our district is bounded by the Cross Bronx Expressway to the North, East 149th Street to the South, Webster to Park Avenue on the East and the Harlem River on the West. Over 151,835 residents call Community District Four home. We celebrate their distinct cultures and points of view.

Our district is a great place to visit, work and live. We are the host to the world renown, Yankee Stadium, Bronx Terminal Market/Gateway Center, the Borough's Court System, the Bronx Museum of the Arts, the future home of the Bronx Children's Museum, NYCFC soccer team and many Art Deco buildings along the Grand Concourse Historic District. We continue to attract public and private investment leveraging our locational advantages (20 minutes from midtown Manhattan) excellent transit access, regional access with the Metro North and Major Deegan Expressway, combined with our extraordinary network of open space and recreational facilities. The district has been the beneficiary of significant public and private investments:

- September 2017-Awarded \$10 Million Downtown Revitalization Grant
- October 2017-City Council approved Lower Concourse North. Project includes expansion and new amenities at Mill Pond Park, 1,000 units of affordable housing, state-of-the-art movie theater, and future home of the Hip Hop Museum.
- March 2018-City Council approved Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Plan which will result in \$189 invested in the creation and preservation of affordable housing, design and construction of new open space, design and construction of new state-of-the art middle school.
- August 2018-MTA Rehabilitation and revitalization of 167th Street and 174th Street stations on the B/D subway lines.

While we welcome these investments, many of which are long overdue, additional funding for both capital and expense are needed to keep pace with the steadily increasing population. While the Median HH income has increased eight-percent from 2010-2016, the Median rent has increased more than twenty percent during the same period. Additionally, the MTA fare recently increased with more increases on the horizons. Unemployment is almost double that of the Bronx and NYC. In a District where most people are struggling on a day-to-day basis, we need to invest and allocate more resources to job training/development and job creation to provide a solid employment foundation for area residents.

Traffic and congestion continue to plague the District. From Yankee game days, concerts, football, soccer games and tour buses, the levels of pedestrian and vehicular traffic are unprecedented. Infrastructure investment is one of our greatest needs. Roads, subways and buses are busting at the seams. The construction of the 153rd Street Bridge would not only provide relief for traffic congestion in the area, it would create significant economic development opportunities and transform the landscape of the South Bronx.

Growth and prosperity can be advantageous to everyone, but only if it is facilitated in a manner that is inclusive and equitable. We want the district to continue to progress, but only if it is done responsibly with integrity and with input and consideration for all constituents.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Bronx Community Board 4 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Crime*
- *Youth and children's services*

Between 2000 and 2016 the population in the District has grown by more than thirteen percent. That trend is expected to continue, given the District's excellent transit access to and from Manhattan, regional access via Metro North and the Major Deegan Expressway and housing affordability relative to the other Boroughs. The Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Study placed the District at the forefront of the Mayor's Housing Plan, making the creation and preservation of affordable housing a top priority for Community District Four. In addition, there is a need to diversify the housing stock in the rental market as well as create new innovative measures to facilitate home ownership.

Crime has been on the uptick across the Borough and citywide. The crime rate in the district is higher than the Bronx (14.2%) and NYC (11.4%). Gang activity and shootings continue to be prevalent, especially in the Highbridge section. Additional resources deployed from other precincts over the summer helped to stabilize the area, but long-term we need more resources (personnel) to address crime in the district.

Another top priority issue in Community District Four is youth services and education. Educational attainment in the District is extremely poor, with only roughly a quarter of area residents graduating high school and fewer obtaining a bachelor's degree. The District is in dire need of schools and school seats. Our children need and deserve state-of-the-art school facilities. With plans underway to construct additional housing in the District, the need for additional school facilities and seats has become nothing short of critical. Programming and services for youth are also a top priority in the District, where sixty percent of the community is foreign-born (compared to thirty-seven percent of New Yorkers), thirty percent of community members have limited proficiency in the English language, and a quarter of area residents live below the poverty level. Equity demands investments in resources for the District's youth, such as youth centers, an expansion of the New York Public library system, and new public schools, so that the our youth will be prepared for success as adults living in the District.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Other/Our district's most pressing health and human services issues are a combination of access to healthy food and prevalence of chronic disease, as described below.

We are home to a young, predominantly minority population. Compared to the U.S., the prevalence of some health risk factors, including: obesity; lack of access to fresh produce; lack of health insurance coverage; and diseases such as HIV/AIDS, diabetes, and asthma are worse in the service area. Poverty plays a key role in these factors, as thirty-six percent of area residents live below the poverty level (4th highest among all Community Districts). A report by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) indicated the following key health indicators: • Adults in the Highbridge and Concourse neighborhoods are more likely to consume sugary drinks and much less likely to consume fruits and vegetables • Obesity rate in those neighborhoods is three times that of Stuyvesant Town and Turtle Bay • Diabetes prevalence in those neighborhoods is 15 percent higher than NYC and five times the rate of Stuyvesant Town and Turtle Bay • Hospitalization for asthma among children 5-14 in those neighborhoods is over one and half times the citywide rate These and other factors contribute to the high prevalence of chronic diseases that are not well managed in the district. Education plays an important role in improving community health, and we are therefore advocating for a significant increase in funding for community-based education, programming and services focused on health and wellness with a focus on access to healthy food and active living. DOHMH in collaboration with CDOT and DPR and a strong network of community-based organizations can effectively begin to stem the tide here, and improve the District's health profile.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Supporting Materials:

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) found in the Appendix into a browser.

[selections.community.health](#)

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

As the senior population grows in the Borough and the District we must ensure that we actively engage in programs and services to benefit our elderly population.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

Bronx Community District Four does not want to be viewed as a community that is insensitive to needs of the homeless. Homelessness is a serious issue in New York City and we have done our part in working with organizations that provide supportive housing in our community and taking on more than our fair share of these types of facilities. We continue to express concerns to DHS regarding its communication and notification process. There have been a number of policy and procedural changes pertaining to housing the homeless that we support; however, we must be viewed as partners and treated accordingly when homeless individuals and families are to be housed in the District. We want to fully understand the scope of changes being proposed by the Department and the City and how they will be implemented to address the issue of homelessness. There are a number of new hotels being constructed in our district and we are deeply concerned that these may be used to house the homeless. Again, while Community District Four recognizes the importance of housing this vulnerable population, we also recognize that hosting a large transient community undermines the District's ability to strengthen and stabilize its neighborhoods. We request a commitment from DHS and the City that this will not be the case, and that they will communicate more thoroughly and regularly with respect to their considerations and proposals. The District will continue to evaluate and review each request on a case by case basis as we ascertain our fair share and ensure that we are not inundated with housing that overburdens the community at large.

**Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
16/31	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	We recommend that DHS strengthen its partnership with HPD to increase the number of new affordable housing units made available to individuals and families. This is particularly important as Community District Four has the largest number of cluster sights citywide, a high proportion of homeless facilities and a DHS intake center within its borders.	Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/27	DFTA	Increase transportation services capacity	Access and mobility are major concerns for seniors in the District. We request that DOHMH collaborate with existing senior centers and care providers in the district to create additional programs that will allow seniors to get out for shopping, exercise and entertainment. Mid-Bronx Senior Citizen Council, Highbridge Community Development Corporation and BronxWorks are organizations that work with seniors and operate senior facilities in the District.	Community Wide
12/27	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	Actions to assist in the reduction in obesity and diabetes among residents in the district 1. Promote healthy eating options. a. Throughout the district, there are limited options for purchasing healthier foods at grocery stores and restaurants, particularly in our commercial corridors. We support programs such as the DOHMHs Shop Healthy Initiative help to educate store owners on how to provide positive messaging, setup healthier alternatives, and work with distributors to bring healthier foods to the stores. b. We also ask the NYCEDC to support the DOHMHs mission of expanding access to healthier foods by considering significant modifications to the Food Retail Expansion to Support Health (FRESH) program. These modifications should include smaller and varied tax break options.	Community Wide
16/27	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	We have a number of facilities throughout the district for formerly homeless individual and families. Many of these are individuals with a history of mental illness. While we do not advocate for any additional facilities of this type in our district we want to ensure that the individuals that are here receive proper care. This benefits the individuals and their families as well as area residents. DOHMH should work with DHS to identify these facilities and target those that would benefit from additional programming and/or services.	Community Wide
17/27	HRA	Assist low income households in paying for energy costs	Fifty-six percent of all District households are rent-burdened, meaning their gross rent was more than 35 percent of their household income. We request that HRA work with Con Edison, DEP and HPD to create literature and conduct outreach educating tenants on how to save energy and lower energy costs. Additionally, HPD should target older buildings in need of upgrades and offer low-interest loans to upgrade energy systems throughout - with the strict and clear understanding that the cost of these upgrades are to be shouldered by building owners, and NOT tenants.	Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
18/27	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs	Homelessness has reached historic levels in NYC. According to the Coalition for the Homeless, as of August 2018, there are 62,166 homeless people, including 15,189 homeless families with 22,511 homeless children, sleeping each night in the New York City municipal shelter system. Families make up nearly three-quarters of the homeless shelter population. The city is investing hundreds of millions of dollars in new affordable housing. We respectfully request that the City ramp up its efforts to permanently house families and individuals living in the shelter system.	Community Wide
19/27	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job training	Unemployment plays a key role in the socio-economic status of local residents. While unemployment both nationally and in the Bronx has hit record lows (5.9 percent and 4.3 percent respectively), the residents of Community Districts Four are still contending with this issue. Unemployment in the district hovers around fourteen percent. While the percentage of unemployed residents has consistently decreased, we must continue to create jobs and economic opportunities. Moreover, tens of thousands residents are underemployed, and therefore, still impoverished. Community District Four advocates for HRA to work with SBS, EDC and community-based organizations to create better employment opportunities for District residents.	Community Wide
21/27	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	As nearly forty percent of our population is under the age of 25 it is important to underscore the importance of nutrition, healthy eating and physical activity. We request that DOHMH increase outreach and education related to food and nutrition. There should be a focus on targeting middle schools and working with community-based organizations with youth programs and active tenant associations and groups. Bronx Lebanon Hospital and Hostos Community College should be leveraged as resources.	Community Wide



Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

SCA identified a number of unfunded seats in their FY2015 – 2019 Capital Plan. A new 458-seat primary school will be built in CSD 9 (Block 2871, Lots 61, 140). The city will also construct a new 572 seat school in CSD 7, Sub district 3. That being said the SCA will release a new 5-year capital plan next year which will likely identify additional seat shortfalls. In addition, the district continues to see new residential construction and from 2006-2016 the population has increased more than thirteen percent. Lack of adequate school seats and overcrowding has a direct impact on children's ability to learn. The city should be much more proactive in researching and identifying new school sites across the district.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Roughly forty percent of the total population in the district is under 18 years of age, which ranks #7 out of all 59 Community Districts in that category. Only twenty-eight percent of students in English, language arts were performing grade level (53 out of 59 Community Districts) and twenty-four percent in mathematics (49 out of 59 Community Districts). Educational attainment plays an important role in an individual's employment profile and their capacity for career advancement, which directly impacts the economic empowerment of that individual's family. However, the physical condition and location of educational facilities, while not a holistic solution, is an important component of that formula. The development of quality educational facilities will mitigate overcrowding while creating an environment that fosters learning and child well-being. The district lags behind the Bronx and NYC more broadly, with respect to the percentage of residents with Bachelors and Graduate degrees. It is therefore imperative that the Department of Education and the School Construction Authority address the educational needs of our children immediately. State of New York City's Housing and Neighborhoods in 2017, NYU Furman Center

Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

Nearly thirty percent of Community District Four's residents are under the age of 18, and many of these residents are immigrants or children of immigrants who live below the poverty threshold. With an Area Median Income of \$32,120, the City must make every effort to support Community District Four's low-income families in every way possible, via a wide variety of services and programs relating to children and child welfare.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

With poor educational attainment, a low median income, and significant crime rates challenging Community District Four, the District's residents would derive significant benefit from a wide variety of services aimed at increasing literacy and English-language proficiency, educational attainment, workforce development, community health, and public safety.



Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/31	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	According to the Elementary School Enrollment, Capacity, and Utilization for the 2015-2016 Academic CSD 9, Subdistrict 1 has a deficit of 707 seats and CSD 9, Subdistrict 2 has a deficit of 774 seats .The Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Plan calls for construction of a new 458-seat primary school with a state-of-the-art gym. CSD 7 is currently operating near capacity . As part of the Lower Concourse North project the city has agreed to construct a new 572 seat middle school. However, it should be noted that the SCA capital plan expires next year, meaning that a new plan and new projections will be released, likely resulting in additional deficits and capacity issues. We respectfully request siting and funding to address the seat deficits in the next SCA capital plan.	Community Wide

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/27	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	Community District Four's many working families and single-parent households require no-cost after-school care. Free after-school care allows parents to work and maintain employment, keeps children safe, and enhances children's educational attainment. It also allows families to use scarce financial resources on other pressing needs. Accordingly, we request that DYCD increase funding at existing organizations district-wide to provide after school programs. They should also partner with local schools to provide additional funding to site after schools programs.	Community Wide
20/27	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	As stated previously we have one of the highest teen birth rates and some of the lowest numbers in terms of English and Math proficiency. Providing positive reinforcement to our youth is important and Summer Youth Employment is desperately needed particularly in a District with a meager Area Median Income (\$32,120) and nearly thirty-five percent of the population living at the poverty level. DYCD should continue to increase funding for Summer Youth Employment. DYCD should also work with local organizations and the Bronx Borough President's office to create additional work places to host youth for the summer and throughout the school year as well.	Community Wide



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

We have seen a significant uptick in crime borough-wide, and in Community District Four with a series of crimes in the isolated neighborhood of Highbridge. The District has experienced a notable increase in shootings and gang-related activity. Gang-related activity continues to plague certain areas within the District and significantly impede on residents' quality of life. The 44th precinct does an outstanding job with the resources available, but clearly more resources and different strategies need to be employed to keep the district and particularly the residents of Highbridge safe. An investment in more resources for the 44th precinct, i.e. more officers is necessary to adequately address the unique needs of a district that increases in population and activity from year-to-year.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

The Neighborhood Coordinating Officers (NCOs) program (which is loosely based on the Senior Lead Officer Program in Los Angeles, where senior lead officers help organize and direct crime-fighting and quality-of-life initiatives in each of the Los Angeles Police Department's 22 divisions) has been extremely well-received by Community District Four. We continue to have an excellent rapport with the NYPD's 44th precinct. They are committed, professional and very responsive. We want them to be equipped with sufficient and adequate personnel to handle the activity in the District as we focus on working together with the precinct to stem all crimes, improve quality of life, and provide a safe environment for all community residents.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/31	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	Parking is an enormous issue district-wide. The 44th precinct currently has vehicles parked on the streets, sidewalks etc. There are a number of lots and garages nearby. We request that the city purchase one of those for the sole purpose to store NYPD vehicles and NYPD officers personal vehicles to alleviate congestion, provide more on-street spaces for residents and create a safer, pedestrian friendly environment.	East 169th Street Jerome Avenue East 168th Street



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/27	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	The 44th precinct is one of the most active in the city. We recently received new recruits from the academy but as the District grows we need growth in our key service sectors to keep pace. We request the City allocate funding for more permanent new officers in the next fiscal year. The Community Affairs Division is fantastic and with more officers in the division there is a great opportunity to increase their presence and awareness district wide and increase positive relations between police and the community. We request an increase in officers as well in the next fiscal year.	Community Wide
9/27	NYPD	Assign additional community affairs officers	The Community Affairs Division is fantastic and with more officers in the division there is a great opportunity to increase their presence and awareness district wide and increase positive relations between police and the community. We request an increase in officers as well in the next fiscal year. This will be particularly helpful in staffing the NCO program and assigning additional resources to parts of the district that need it most. (i.e. Highbridge)	Community Wide



Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Cleanliness/trash collection

We have received a number of upgrades throughout the district to more environmentally-friendly trash receptacles for heavily trafficked commercial areas, as well as silver bullet receptacles to replace wire baskets along the Grand Concourse. We have also received increased pickup service and cleaning for the new receptacles. The District wants to continue to increase our SCORECARD number--particularly with respect to the cleaning up of dog waste. We request that sanitation enforcement be properly staffed to handle the pickup and cleaning needs in the District as the District's population and its associated waste management needs continue to grow.

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

The cleanliness of the Capital District is critical as we see more than 3.5 million tourists each year and counting. In order to continue to attract investment and economic opportunity it is on the critical path that we enhance our image as one that is clean and safe. We urge the restoration of DSNY personnel, including "hand" cleaners, to adequately maintain our streets and sidewalks. Community District Four experiences difficulties with irregular cleaning and maintenance schedules for the extraordinary number of underpasses, step streets and sitting areas located in our district. We recommend a concerted inter-agency approach to address high traffic areas. While we understand that resources are limited we ask that given the steadily increasing population growth in our district and increased levels of activity in terms of events, tourism and transit ridership be given consideration and that significant additional resources be allocated.

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/27	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	This should be concentrated along commercial corridors (East 167th Street, Ogden Avenue, East 170th Street and 161st Street area.)	Community Wide
26/27	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	In highly trafficked commercial areas: 161, 167th, 170, Mt Eden and around our highly used park facilities there should be concerted efforts to clean those areas during peak times and after events.	Community Wide



Main Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Affordable housing preservation

Housing New York: A Five-Borough, Ten Year Plan is Mayor de Blasio's comprehensive plan to address the City's affordable housing crisis. The plan seeks to invest in the development of 80,000 new income restricted units and preserve 120,000 existing affordable housing units over a ten-year period. The plan is projected to create 194,000 construction jobs and 7,100+ permanent jobs. The Housing Plan presents a tremendous opportunity to protect area residents who are most vulnerable to displacement, while also creating opportunities for residents to grow within and/or return to these neighborhoods, and provide permanent jobs in the construction trade. With a large inventory of stable affordable housing stock (more than 60 percent of housing in the District is regulated) we feel that a multi-pronged approach to maintain affordability in housing for existing tenants will help support many of our low-income residents and is the District's top housing, economic development, and land use priority. Fifty-six percent of all households in Community District Four are "rent-burdened." Additionally, the Median rent has increased more than fifty percent while the median household income has only increased eight percent from 2000-2016. The City has a great opportunity and responsibility to preserve affordable housing in a densely-populated community district where a third of residents live below the poverty level and public subsidy plays a pivotal in new housing construction. In order to increase the income levels and improve the socio-economic status of local residents in District Four, there must be significant investments in job training, job placement, skills assessment and business development. The Department of Small Business Services (SBS) and to a lesser degree the NYCEDC should play a key role in facilitating programs and policies to achieve these goals.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

Community District Four continues to evolve through a series of land use changes over the past several years including: Lower Concourse North (aka Bronx Point) and Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Study. The Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Plan has committed considerable resources to the development of affordable housing, new open space and improvements to transportation infrastructure. Bronx Point will lead to the development of more than 1,000 units of affordable housing, more than 2 additional acres of open space through the expansion of Mill Pond park and improvements to key intersections on 149th street and Exterior Street. Over time as these changes come to fruition, the landscape in these areas and surrounding blocks will be significantly altered. Today more than 151,000 people reside in Community District Four. This growth is expected to continue while the community faces a number of challenges including high unemployment, rising rents, access to fresh food, open space, access and mobility, health and wellness and affordable housing. Community District Four has a number of city-owned properties currently used for parking. These properties are a woefully underutilized public resource. Many of the aforementioned issues and challenges could be addressed by changing the use of these parcels to better serve are residents. We will continue to closely monitor these properties to ensure that the community has a voice and plays an integral role in determining how these valuable public resources are utilized for maximum public benefit.



Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

Achieving economic diversity in Community District Four is critical to the District's growth and well-being; accordingly, we are requesting an investment in new affordable housing units for moderate- and middle-income individuals and families, in addition to the preservation and development of affordable housing for low-income individuals and families. While the median income is \$32,120 in the District, the majority of District residents are rent-burdened and otherwise economically disadvantaged. While ensuring the development and preservation of affordable housing at lower-income tiers is a top priority, we also want to create opportunities for middle and moderate income residents to live in the District allowing upwardly mobile so that residents are able to remain in the District and benefit from the District's economic growth. Currently, most new developments do not offer many options for people such as recent college graduates or a two-parent households who have worked themselves through college or trade school and can afford better and larger living accommodations. If we do not create more opportunities for higher income earners, the District will continue to be marked by high unemployment and a low median income; moreover, the District will continue to miss out on the benefits of an economically diverse population. We request new affordable housing developments for moderate- and middle-income families so that the District's residents can stay in the District as they grow and prosper--thus, bringing prosperity and growth to the entire District.

Supporting Materials:

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) found in the Appendix into a browser.

[Severely Rent Burdened](#)

[Poverty Level](#)

[Area Median Income](#)

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Community District Four benefits from the regional draw of the 161st Street/Capital District area, including: the Bronx County Court; Bronx Supreme Court; the 161st Street BID; waterfront access; Bronx Terminal Market's million square feet of retail; and Yankee Stadium, which draws more than 3.5 million visitors per year. Major employers include Bronx Lebanon Hospital, the Yankees and Hostos Community College. The District looks to increase its competitiveness for investments from both the public and private sectors, and enhance commercial opportunities, in order to enhance the District's economic development and provide more amenities and resources for District residents. Currently, unemployment is high, outpacing unemployment rates in the Bronx and in New York City overall. Furthermore, a large number of area residents are underemployed. In order to increase the income levels and improve the socio-economic status of local residents we request significant investments in job training, job placement, skills assessment and business development. Currently, the closest Workforce One Center is located in Hunts Point or on Fordham Road, both of which are inconvenient for District Four residents. In order to serve the thousands of job seekers, existing and future business owners the city should develop a new Workforce One Center. Such a center would bridge the gap between the existing centers and could focus specifically on the linguistic and educational needs of the District's large Latin, Caribbean, African-American, and West African immigrant populations.



Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Supporting Materials:

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[Unemployment](#)



[Parking Garage on 153rd Street](#)



[Parking Lot between 164-165 and River Avenue](#)



Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

[Bronx Parking Development Lots](#)



[Parking Garage on 164 and River Avenue](#)



[Parking Lot on 153 and River Avenue](#)



Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/31	EDC	Expand public programming and activation of City-owned sites	Community Board Four request that EDC work with DCP and other relevant city agencies to determine the highest and best use for the city-owned parcels (SEE ATTACHED) concentrated along Jerome Avenue and around Bronx Terminal Market curernl. Uses that should to be considered: Development of affordable housing at a variety of income levels Significant expansion of public school seat capacity in CSD 7 and CSD 9 Community facilities Business and non-profit entities as part of mixed-use developments Expansion of CB4 public park network State of the Art Recreation Center similar to West Bronx Recreation Center	Community Wide
12/31	SBS	Other workforce development requests	Develop a new Workforce One Center -Currently the closest Workforce One Center is located in Hunts Point or on Fordham Road. In order to serve the thousands of job seekers, existing and future business owners the city should develop a new Workforce One Center as a part of the Jerome Neighborhood Plan. -The center would bridge the gap between the existing centers and could focus specifically on local needs: large immigrant population (Latino and West African) and the auto-industry.	Community Wide
18/31	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	To increase the Districts economic index, we support the development of affordable housing for moderate and middle-income individuals and families as an added element to our new housing stock. The lack of affordable housing at these income levels contributes to the flight of moderate and middle-income families from our district. It is in the interest of our Community District to promote economic diversity within our community. We strongly advocate for City and State funds for the middle-income new construction program and the creation of independent living facilities for seniors.	Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/27	SBS	Other workforce development requests	Creation of a Local Employment Network for the purpose of connecting local residents to available job opportunities. Funding community-based organizations (i.e, WHEDco, Bronx Works) to enable them develop a network similar to the Lower East Employment Network for the purpose of engaging developers in the neighborhood, providing sector-specific trainings for local residents, screening candidates for available positions in emerging projects as well as make referrals where necessary. Localized Street Vendor Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Create a pilot program with DOHMH, SBS, MOIA and DCA o Legitimize existing food carts operating without a license (smaller fee) Ensures/promotes health and well-being by creating standards for business operation. Incentivize program for non-chain stores	Community Wide
6/27	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	HPD should increase its funding for code enforcement inspectors and provide incentives to property owners to repair and retrofit their buildings in accordance with the building codes like 8A loan and Participation loan programs. The city should reinstate the Neighborhood Preservation Office to deal with code enforcement, anti-harassment and displacement. This would provide a team of individuals geographically-based to deal immediately and directly with these issues. This office could also focus on improving conditions on NYCHA campuses.	Community Wide
10/27	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Community Board Four request that DCP engage in a robust master planning exercise to determine the highest and best use for the city-owned parcels (SEE ATTACHED) concentrated along Jerome Avenue and around Bronx Terminal Market. Uses that should to be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of affordable housing at a variety of income levels Significant expansion of public school seat capacity in CSD 7 and CSD 9 Community facilities Business and non-profit entities as part of mixed-use developments Expansion of CB4 open space network Development of a State of the Art Recreation Center similar to West Bronx Recreation Center 	Community Wide
13/27	SBS	Assist with on-site business compliance with City regulations	As part of the Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Study - Enable businesses to be better neighbors by offering comprehensive services related to compliance and auto-industry standards. Work directly with business owners to remedy violation and licensing to increase their compliance.	Jerome Avenue McClellan Street Cross Bronx Expressway



Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/27	EDC	Expand access to low cost financing to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space	We should support the continued growth and expansion of small businesses throughout the District. EDC and SBS should partner to help small businesses develop business plans and financing packages to support them.	Community Wide



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Traffic congestion

The residents of Community District Four continue to voice their concerns and frustrations related to traffic congestion. The District's traffic-related challenges will be exacerbated by new hotel and residential development and an increase in film and television permits, if an investment in traffic management and mitigation measures is not undertaken immediately. While Community District Four welcomes economic activity with enthusiasm, area residents must benefit, and certainly not be further disadvantaged by that activity. The District requests clarification with respect to the traffic reconfiguration plan for the "Court Corridor" in addition to far better communication from all city agencies, particularly from the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment on street closures, alternate routes and No Parking. Traffic congestion is a serious issue that negatively impacts residents' quality of life and the end benefit for Community District Four residents remains to be seen. We also request the placement of permanent traffic control agents at said "Corridor" area for traffic relief assistance at a minimum during peak periods and special events, such as Yankee Games, concerts, College Football, Bronx Week, etc.. We also request that those with parking placards not "create" additional parking in areas not designated for parking and adhere to the same rules as all other drivers. We ask for cooperation from traffic enforcement to ensure these rules and procedures are followed.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

We continue to voice our concerns about traffic conditions in our District and advocate for the development of the East 153rd Street Bridge. While we understand the project remains in the projected capital plan, we stand firm in our support for the bridge development, which we believe would ease traffic congestion along 149th and 161st Streets, as well as create much needed jobs and be an economic development driver for the district. Transportation and traffic are of particular importance to us since aside from being the "Capital District" of this County; Community District Four is also the geographic center of the metropolitan region. In 2006 construction was to commence and the Department of Transportation received the Art Commission Award for Excellence in Design. The proposed bridge is a single tower cable stayed bridge, located over the Old Mott Haven Rail yard, connecting Concourse Village West at the west end and Park Avenue at the east end. It would have been the first new bridge built in 50 years and the first cable-stayed vehicular bridge in New York City. Bronx Point which will include 1,000 units of affordable housing, a cinema, retail and office space and the Hip Hop Museum, the Bronx Children's Museum and the potential development of a soccer stadium, hotel and other uses on city-owned parcels subleased to Bronx Parking Development, underscore the critical need to develop the 153rd Street Bridge. It should be noted that none of the aforementioned projects were contemplated at the time the bridge was slated to be constructed. We should also note that City Island, an area with far less density rejected a state-of-the-art design for a bridge and subsequently settled on a more straight-forward bridge that was recently completed. The Community Board has long advocated for measures that would make parking easier while reducing congestion and improving safety. It is important to note that as we start from square one with this request, new development continues not only in Community District Four but also Community District One, Yankee Stadium has now become a year-round operation hosting soccer, concerts, hockey and football. All of this significantly increases the number of people traveling in around and to the district year round.

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Access and mobility throughout the area is key. The MTA currently operates at 468 subway stations citywide and 230 bus routes. More than 80 percent of District residents use public transportation to commute to work and for other official/personal engagements. This includes the #4 train (one of the busiest in the entire network, which currently operates over capacity with no quantifiable plans to mitigate the issue), the B/D trains, and the Bx1/2 (the 6th busiest bus route in the city). It should be noted that the Bronx has the largest bus ridership of the five boroughs. Additionally, the District population has increased nearly 20 percent between 2000-2016, and continues to grow. Consequently, improvements to existing transportation infrastructure--including increased service; increased accessibility for residents living with disabilities and families operating strollers; improvements to local streets; enhanced lighting, and the resurfacing of our most vital north-south corridor - the Grand Concourse - are top District



Transportation

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/31	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	153rd Street Bridge We continue to voice our concerns about traffic conditions in our District and so we continue to advocate for the development of the East 153rd Street Bridge. We stand firm in our support for development of this bridge, which would alleviate traffic congestion along 149th and 161st Streets and local streets in the neighborhood. The proposed bridge would be a single tower cable stayed bridge, located over the Old Mott Haven Rail yard, connecting Concourse Village West at the west end and Park Avenue at the east end.	153rd Street and Park Ave
2/31	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Provide an elevator/or escalator along the #4 at Burnside or 170th Street and one on the B/D line between East 167th Street and East 183rd Street.	Community Wide
7/31	DOT	Reconstruct streets	The entire 161 Street corridor should be resurfaced and is in need of major improvements. Removal and resurfacing asphalt and brick. The Board has complained about this for many years. The redbrick and asphalt along the corridor is cracked and is in serious need of repair. In addition, the texture of the brick does not allow for safe travel during inclement weather because it becomes very slippery and slick. The corridor sees increased vehicular and foot traffic with more tourism, filming and events. The resurfacing should focus on 161 and intersecting street segments from Macombs Dam Road to Park Avenue.	Community Wide
8/31	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	There are a total of 17 step streets in the District. (7) are Top 20 priority Step Streets but as more than 70 percent of area residents use public transit or walk, connections and access are of the utmost importance. We request a schedule and timeline for rehabilitation of all step streets in the district and a discussion on priorities based on travel patterns and connections to transit, major institutions and employers. Priority should be given to the following: 1) Clay & 169th Street 2) Jerome near Anderson Behind PS 73 (include lighting) 3) 168th Street (Shakespeare to ELG) 4) Shakespeare and Anderson (167th Street) We also request that CDOT and DSNY collaborate on a comprehensive maintenance and clean up program for these step streets with regularly scheduled clean ups.	Community Wide



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Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/31	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Station Enhancements/Rehabilitation: 167th Street 174th Street 170th Street Mt. Eden Avenue	Community Wide
11/31	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Install higher intensity lighting along Jerome Avenue. This special lighting is needed due to the elevated rail lines that cause the area to be dark and unsafe due to the poor lighting.	Jerome Avenue 161 Street 174th street
13/31	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	We request streetscape improvements be made around commercial corridors including painting, lighting, seating and improved circulation and mobility. (167th Street, 170th Street and Mount Eden)	Community Wide
17/31	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	The Board request that the Department of Transportation conduct full rehabilitation and upgrade to underpasses at 170th, 167th Street, 174th Street, specifically replace the metal protective mesh, the chipped, and spalled concrete. Enhanced lighting would also be appropriate at these sites.	Community Wide
23/31	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Exterior Street from 150 Street to 153rd Street (exit ramp to Major Deegan Expressway North). We request that DOT mimic all new capital infrastructure investments being made as part of the Bronx Point, particularly as the Bronx Children's Museum is scheduled to open in 2019.	Exterior Street 150 153
24/31	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	Exterior Street from 150 Street to 153rd Street (exit ramp to Major Deegan Expressway North). We request identical treatments for signals and crossings as Bronx Point, particularly as the Bronx Children's Museum is scheduled to open in 2019.	Exterior Street 150 153
25/31	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	Exterior Street from 150 Street to 153rd Street (exit ramp to Major Deegan Expressway North). We request identical treatments for curb cuts and pedestrian ramps as Bronx Point, particularly as the Bronx Children's Museum is scheduled to open in 2019.	Exterior Street 150 153



Transportation

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/27	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	Increased bus service in areas such as Highbridge to improve access for area residents and merchants - Bx3, BX11, Bx36 or Bx18, BX6, Bx35, BX36, extent line along BX32 to 167th street, BX40/41, BX42	Community Wide
24/27	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	Explore the possibility of a Select BX19 and Select BX1 to accommodate the continued growth along the Grand Concourse and along the 149th Street corridor.	Community Wide



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Park care and maintenance

Community Board Four represents the Bronx's Capital District -- which includes the Borough's Executive, Judicial and Economic Power and significant parkland including Franz Sigel, Joyce Kilmer, Mullaly, Macombs Dam and Claremont parks. We are very excited about the future investments to Grant Park, expansion of Mill Pond Park and the development of Corporal Fischer. Given the existing open space network and pending additions to our parks portfolio, we respectfully request that the NYC Parks Department and local elected officials invest in the maintenance of the District's many parks, playgrounds, and green spaces. Community Board Four is also home to Yankee Stadium, which draws over three million visitors worldwide each year. The stadium hosts more than 80 home games, the annual Pinstripe Bowl (NCAA), Army college football games, boxing and soccer matches, concerts and hockey matches annually. In addition, a number of significant parks/cultural/community facility-related capital projects are underway in the District, including the redevelopment of the 149th Street Post Office, Bronx Point which includes upgrades and the expansion of Mill Pond Park and the Hip Hop Museum, the opening of the Bronx Children's Museum and the expansion of the Bronx Museum of the Arts. The cleanliness and upkeep of the district's parks, cultural assets, and community facilities are essential to the overall health and well-being of the District and are critical to the enjoyment of area residents and millions of visitors to the area each year. In addition to park care and maintenance, the relocation of the Community Board office is a top priority. We are currently located on the 11th floor of a residential building that is not handicapped accessible. The elevators are consistently out-of-order leading to wait times of up to thirty minutes. We need to be in an office setting with the appropriate infrastructure and access to enable us to provide adequate service delivery for area constituents.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Open space and greening play an important role in quality of life for area residents and workers. Community District Four benefits from some of the most active open space resources in the Borough with its proximity to Yankee Stadium which hosts baseball, soccer, hockey and football year round and sees millions of visitors every year. We also have the greatest number of parks properties in the Borough (101) and counting. In recent years parks we have added Mill Pond Park to our portfolio, the redevelopment of Macombs Dam Park and capital investments in various other parks throughout the District. As we look to increase our portfolio with the development and expansion of Grant Park, development of Corporal Fisher and the expansion of Mill Pond Park, maintenance and upkeep are critical for residents and visitors to benefit from our vast open space portfolio and to continue to attract tourists and public and private investment. Now more than ever the role of a Parks Administrator, additional PEP officers, maintenance and horticulture staff are on the critical path to maintaining the Capital District's competitive edge.

Community District Needs Related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming

We need to expand the education and recreation opportunities available to everyone in the district, particularly our young people. The Bronx Museum of the Arts and the Bronx Children's Museum are valuable resources for arts and culture that provide a tremendous resource to the district and should receive consideration for additional staff and funding and programming.



Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

Community District Four has three branches of the New York Public Library (NYPL) system: Grand Concourse, High Bridge, and Melrose. According to NYPL statistics (below), in Fiscal Year 2018 the libraries in CB 4 had 340,986 visits. With programming ranging from early literacy classes and technology training, to citizenship assistance and English language courses, as well as unlimited access to free internet and laptops and computers; NYPL consistently provides a depth and breadth of free, essential services that simply cannot be matched. These programs are extremely important to residents, especially our immigrant, elderly and underserved communities, as they often cannot otherwise afford access to commercial alternatives. As you know, libraries are often the first place that communities turn to for help and information, and our branches are uniquely positioned to provide relevant and up to date information to New York's most vulnerable populations. Libraries are a place for learning and for safe and open access to information.

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

We recently received a funding increase of \$42,500 due to City Council support. While the funds will help to support programming and events throughout the district, it is difficult to contemplate facilitating and executing events without increased funding to hire more staff. District Four in particular has seen significant population growth and significant increases in economic development activity. This results in more people, businesses, children and entities to serve. We are currently operating on an internal budget of \$233, 911 for a district with more than 151,000 residents. Actually, the financial figure is far less than that since much of the Board's budget is pre-allocated for fixed expenses. Community Boards provide direct and almost immediate access between community residents and city government. That link should be strengthened. We are the integral link between the community and a multitude of city agencies that provide services to the district. We are called upon with greater urgency to fill the gaps without the adequate financial resources to support those endeavors. Community Boards are essential to community engagement and participation in all facets of city government and we believe wholeheartedly in fulfilling our mission to the best of our abilities. We are grateful that the City Council and the Mayor increased our budgets, but we still have more work to do and in order to better serve the district additional funding for staff is necessary to achieve those goals. With adequate fiscal support, Community Boards can go beyond essential service delivery and become an invaluable resource for the community, the borough and the city.



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/31	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Corporal Irwin Fisher Park is approximately 1.5 acres of gated, unimproved NYC Parks green space that has never been accessible by the community since its acquisition some twenty years ago. The Community and the Community Board urge the city to fund the design and development of this park and target pre-teens (teenagers can use the ample Nelson Avenue Park facilities two blocks away.) This park will serve a community that continues to grow and provide recreational space that our children rightfully deserve. Through the Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Development Fund (NDF) \$4.62 million was allocated.	Cpl Fischer Park WEST 169 ST Block 2520, Lot 19
5/31	DPR	Improve access to a building in a park	Grant Park was to be completed in stages to permit continued use by children of some areas of the park. However, the development of a series of large sink holes in the children's play area in the park's southwestern quadrant has effectively shut down the entire park indefinitely. This adversely impacts the entire community the park has historically served. Currently nearly \$30 million (\$25.7 through NDF) has been allocated for reconstruction of the park, roadbed, playground and basketball court.	Grant Park
6/31	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	Community Boards play an integral role in dealing with land use and zoning matters, the City budget, municipal service delivery and many other matters critical to the quality of life of thousands of area residents. Our current location does not allow for such engagement, as mandated by the NYC Charter. We are currently located on the 11th floor of a residential building in (2) apartments adapted for office use. We respectfully request relocation of the Board office to a location more suitable for the agency's mission. We have had preliminary discussions with the Bronx Point development team as well the developer of Concourse Village West. Letters of intent attached.	Community Wide
14/31	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Active development of a contiguous path joining the bike/run waterfront paths along Mill Pond Park (in Bronx CB4) to Roberto Clemente State Park (Bronx CB5) which also has a segment of a new bike/running path along the waterfront that ends at a chain linked fence separating the park land from property belonging to the Metro North/MTA train car cleaning facilities at the parks southern border. Using the precedent of the Riverbank Park in Manhattan, a similar greenway can be developed along the perimeter of the MTA's Bronx facility.	Mill Pond Park



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Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
19/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Both the Skate park and bike park in Mullaly Park are in poor condition and need partial or complete renovation. We respectfully request funding for renovation for both.	Community Wide
20/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Claremont Park-Reconstruct/renovate both comfort stations	Claremont Park
21/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Macombs Dam Park-Reconstruction of synthetic turf field	Macombs Dam Park
22/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Complete reconstruction/renovation of Merriam Playground.	Merriam Playground
26/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	There is a storage house/facility in Franz Sigel that is underutilized. CB4 recommends that this facility be rehabilitated and converted to concessions and used as a facility for outdoor concerts and performances.	Franz Sigel Park
27/31	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Additional BBQ zones within the District are requested along with better signage clearly stating the Parks Departments barbeque policy. Mill Pond is the only park within the entire District that is designed with barbeque grills on the park grounds. Mill Ponds limited grills, which are greatly enjoyed, fall short of the demand for such amenities throughout the District. This unmet demand is compounded by the fact that Mill Pond is remotely situated under the Major Deegan Expressway which, assuredly serves as a deterrent to travel to the location. Consequently, every weekend from late Spring through the end of Summer, the Districts marquis parks (Claremont, Franz Sigel, Mullaly and Joyce Kilmer) are overrun with unmanageable barbeque gatherings.	Community Wide
28/31	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	Vehicles to replace aging fleet. The Parks Department relies on vehicles that are constantly out of service and over five years old. Parks also needs to service larger parks with smaller, safer, and more efficient small utility vehicles.	Community Wide



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Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
29/31	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Claremont Park-Reconstruction of the playgrounds	Claremont Park
30/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Goble Playground-Reconstruction of the playground	Goble Playground
31/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	West Bronx Recreation Center Provide new light posts (light fixtures) and summer water play sprinklers.	West Bronx Recreation Center 1527 Jessup
CS	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Capital The Library is seeking much-needed capital funding to ensure that our branches can continue to meet the growing needs of our communities. Anticipated projects range from major renovations to targeted upgrades, including: - Heating and cooling system updates - New roof, windows and doors - Fire alarm, security and technology upgrades - ADA compliance - Elevator replacement Current priority capital needs in Bronx CB 4 - include: -Melrose Library \$ 1,220, 000 -This branch will undergo a major renovation, replacing and improving outdated structures which will enhance the patron experience. The renovation will beautify the branches exterior and interior appearance and ensure the comfort of staff and patrons inside.	Melrose Library



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/27	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	The Board request a budget line item for a CB4 Parks Administrator. Under the supervision of the Bronx Borough Commissioner this individual would manage CB4 parks system wide and would be responsible for the following: maintenance, special events, recreational facilities, personnel, developing and helping to establish Friends of groups to assist with maintenance, cleanup, beautification in high trafficked areas, manage grant application and funding streams for special projects , community relations/outreach and programming.	Community Wide
7/27	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	CB4 respectfully requests additional PEP officers be assigned to Borough to assist in maintenance and upkeep particularly during the summer months.	Community Wide
14/27	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Currently our operational funding enables our libraries to be a stable and consistent resource for all New Yorkers, opening our doors at minimum six days per week and offering high-quality and diverse programming. We seek to maintain our expense funding and urge the Administration to baseline the \$16 million in expense funding secured in the FY19 Adopted Budget. This is particularly important at this moment, when more people than ever rely on our services, from early literacy to ESOL classes for immigrants and story times for homeless families	728 River Avenue Block 2482, Lot 2
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Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

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1/31	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	153rd Street Bridge We continue to voice our concerns about traffic conditions in our District and so we continue to advocate for the development of the East 153rd Street Bridge. We stand firm in our support for development of this bridge, which would alleviate traffic congestion along 149th and 161st Streets and local streets in the neighborhood. The proposed bridge would be a single tower cable stayed bridge, located over the Old Mott Haven Rail yard, connecting Concourse Village West at the west end and Park Avenue at the east end.	153rd Street and Park Ave	Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.
2/31	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Provide an elevator/or escalator along the #4 at Burnside or 170th Street and one on the B/D line between East 167th Street and East 183rd Street.	Community Wide	
3/31	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	According to the Elementary School Enrollment, Capacity, and Utilization for the 2015-2016 Academic CSD 9, Subdistrict 1 has a deficit of 707 seats and CSD 9, Subdistrict 2 has a deficit of 774 seats .The Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Plan calls for construction of a new 458-seat primary school with a state-of-the art gym. CSD 7 is currently operating near capacity . As part of the Lower Concourse North project the city has agreed to construct a new 572 seat middle school. However, it should be noted that the SCA capital plan expires next year, meaning that a new plan and new projections will be released, likely resulting in additional deficits and capacity issues. We respectfully request siting and funding to address the seat deficits in the next SCA capital plan.	Community Wide	

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4/31	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Corporal Irwin Fisher Park is approximately 1.5 acres of gated, unimproved NYC Parks green space that has never been accessible by the community since its acquisition some twenty years ago. The Community and the Community Board urge the city to fund the design and development of this park and target pre-teens (teenagers can use the ample Nelson Avenue Park facilities two blocks away.) This park will serve a community that continues to grow and provide recreational space that our children rightfully deserve. Through the Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Development Fund (NDF) \$4.62 million was allocated.	Cpl Fischer Park WEST 169 ST Block 2520, Lot 19	
5/31	DPR	Improve access to a building in a park	Grant Park was to be completed in stages to permit continued use by children of some areas of the park. However, the development of a series of large sink holes in the children's play area in the park's southwestern quadrant has effectively shut down the entire park indefinitely. This adversely impacts the entire community the park has historically served. Currently nearly \$30 million (\$25.7 through NDF) has been allocated for reconstruction of the park, roadbed, playground and basketball court.	Grant Park	

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6/31	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	Community Boards play an integral role in dealing with land use and zoning matters, the City budget, municipal service delivery and many other matters critical to the quality of life of thousands of area residents. Our current location does not allow for such engagement, as mandated by the NYC Charter. We are currently located on the 11th floor of a residential building in (2) apartments adapted for office use. We respectfully request relocation of the Board office to a location more suitable for the agency's mission. We have had preliminary discussions with the Bronx Point development team as well the developer of Concourse Village West. Letters of intent attached.	Community Wide	
7/31	DOT	Reconstruct streets	The entire 161 Street corridor should be resurfaced and is in need of major improvements. Removal and resurfacing asphalt and brick. The Board has complained about this for many years. The redbrick and asphalt along the corridor is cracked and is in serious need of repair. In addition, the texture of the brick does not allow for safe travel during inclement weather because it becomes very slippery and slick. The corridor sees increased vehicular and foot traffic with more tourism, filming and events. The resurfacing should focus on 161 and intersecting street segments from Macombs Dam Road to Park Avenue.	Community Wide	

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8/31	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	There are a total of 17 step streets in the District. (7) are Top 20 priority Step Streets but as more than 70 percent of area residents use public transit or walk, connections and access are of the utmost importance. We request a schedule and timeline for rehabilitation of all step streets in the district and a discussion on priorities based on travel patterns and connections to transit, major institutions and employers. Priority should be given to the following: 1) Clay & 169th Street 2) Jerome near Anderson Behind PS 73 (include lighting) 3) 168th Street (Shakespeare to ELG) 4) Shakespeare and Anderson (167th Street) We also request that CDOT and DSNY collaborate on a comprehensive maintenance and clean up program for these step streets with regularly scheduled clean ups.	Community Wide	
9/31	EDC	Expand public programming and activation of City-owned sites	Community Board Four request that EDC work with DCP and other relevant city agencies to determine the highest and best use for the city-owned parcels (SEE ATTACHED) concentrated along Jerome Avenue and around Bronx Terminal Market curernl. Uses that should to be considered: Development of affordable housing at a variety of income levels Significant expansion of public school seat capacity in CSD 7 and CSD 9 Community facilities Business and non-profit entities as part of mixed-use developments Expansion of CB4 public park network State of the Art Recreation Center similar to West Bronx Recreation Center	Community Wide	
10/31	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Station Enhancements/Rehabilitation: 167th Street 174th Street 170th Street Mt. Eden Avenue	Community Wide	

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11/31	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Install higher intensity lighting along Jerome Avenue. This special lighting is needed due to the elevated rail lines that cause the area to be dark and unsafe due to the poor lighting.	Jerome Avenue 161 Street 174th street	
12/31	SBS	Other workforce development requests	Develop a new Workforce One Center - Currently the closest Workforce One Center is located in Hunts Point or on Fordham Road. In order to serve the thousands of job seekers, existing and future business owners the city should develop a new Workforce One Center as a part of the Jerome Neighborhood Plan. - The center would bridge the gap between the existing centers and could focus specifically on local needs: large immigrant population (Latino and West African) and the auto-industry.	Community Wide	Council Member Vanessa Gibson
13/31	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	We request streetscape improvements be made around commercial corridors including painting, lighting, seating and improved circulation and mobility. (167th Street, 170th Street and Mount Eden)	Community Wide	
14/31	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Active development of a contiguous path joining the bike/run waterfront paths along Mill Pond Park (in Bronx CB4) to Roberto Clemente State Park (Bronx CB5) which also has a segment of a new bike/running path along the waterfront that ends at a chain linked fence separating the park land from property belonging to the Metro North/MTA train car cleaning facilities at the parks southern border. Using the precedent of the Riverbank Park in Manhattan, a similar greenway can be developed along the perimeter of the MTA's Bronx facility.	Mill Pond Park	

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15/31	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	Parking is an enormous issue district-wide. The 44th precinct currently has vehicles parked on the streets, sidewalks etc. There are a number of lots and garages nearby. We request that the city purchase one of those for the sole purpose to store NYPD vehicles and NYPD officers personal vehicles to alleviate congestion, provide more on-street spaces for residents and create a safer, pedestrian friendly environment.	East 169th Street Jerome Avenue East 168th Street	
16/31	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	We recommend that DHS strengthen its partnership with HPD to increase the number of new affordable housing units made available to individuals and families. This is particularly important as Community District Four has the largest number of cluster sights citywide, a high proportion of homeless facilities and a DHS intake center within its borders.	Community Wide	
17/31	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	The Board request that the Department of Transportation conduct full rehabilitation and upgrade to underpasses at 170th, 167th Street, 174th Street, specifically replace the metal protective mesh, the chipped, and spalled concrete. Enhanced lighting would also be appropriate at these sites.	Community Wide	
18/31	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	To increase the Districts economic index, we support the development of affordable housing for moderate and middle-income individuals and families as an added element to our new housing stock. The lack of affordable housing at these income levels contributes to the flight of moderate and middle-income families from our district. It is in the interest of our Community District to promote economic diversity within our community. We strongly advocate for City and State funds for the middle-income new construction program and the creation of independent living facilities for seniors.	Community Wide	

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19/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Both the Skate park and bike park in Mullaly Park are in poor condition and need partial or complete renovation. We respectfully request funding for renovation for both.	Community Wide	
20/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Claremont Park-Reconstruct/renovate both comfort stations	Claremont Park	
21/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Macombs Dam Park-Reconstruction of synthetic turf field	Macombs Dam Park	
22/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Complete reconstruction/renovation of Merriam Playground.	Merriam Playground	
23/31	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Exterior Street from 150 Street to 153rd Street (exit ramp to Major Deegan Expressway North). We request that DOT mimic all new capital infrastructure investments being made as part of the Bronx Point, particularly as the Bronx Children's Museum is scheduled to open in 2019.	Exterior Street 150 153	
24/31	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	Exterior Street from 150 Street to 153rd Street (exit ramp to Major Deegan Expressway North). We request identical treatments for signals and crossings as Bronx Point, particularly as the Bronx Children's Museum is scheduled to open in 2019.	Exterior Street 150 153	
25/31	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	Exterior Street from 150 Street to 153rd Street (exit ramp to Major Deegan Expressway North). We request identical treatments for curb cuts and pedestrian ramps as Bronx Point, particularly as the Bronx Children's Museum is scheduled to open in 2019.	Exterior Street 150 153	

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26/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	There is a storage house/facility in Franz Sigel that is underutilized. CB4 recommends that this facility be rehabilitated and converted to concessions and used as a facility for outdoor concerts and performances.	Franz Sigel Park	
27/31	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Additional BBQ zones within the District are requested along with better signage clearly stating the Parks Departments barbeque policy. Mill Pond is the only park within the entire District that is designed with barbeque grills on the park grounds. Mill Ponds limited grills, which are greatly enjoyed, fall short of the demand for such amenities throughout the District. This unmet demand is compounded by the fact that Mill Pond is remotely situated under the Major Deegan Expressway which, assuredly serves as a deterrent to travel to the location. Consequently, every weekend from late Spring through the end of Summer, the Districts marquis parks (Claremont, Franz Sigel, Mullaly and Joyce Kilmer) are overrun with unmanageable barbeque gatherings.	Community Wide	
28/31	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	Vehicles to replace aging fleet. The Parks Department relies on vehicles that are constantly out of service and over five years old. Parks also needs to service larger parks with smaller, safer, and more efficient small utility vehicles.	Community Wide	
29/31	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Claremont Park-Reconstruction of the playgrounds	Claremont Park	
30/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Goble Playground-Reconstruction of the playground	Goble Playground	

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31/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	West Bronx Recreation Center Provide new light posts (light fixtures) and summer water play sprinklers.	West Bronx Recreation Center 1527 Jessup	
CS	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Capital The Library is seeking much-needed capital funding to ensure that our branches can continue to meet the growing needs of our communities. Anticipated projects range from major renovations to targeted upgrades, including: - Heating and cooling system updates - New roof, windows and doors - Fire alarm, security and technology upgrades - ADA compliance - Elevator replacement Current priority capital needs in Bronx CB 4 - include: -Melrose Library \$ 1,220,000 -This branch will undergo a major renovation, replacing and improving outdated structures which will enhance the patron experience. The renovation will beautify the branches exterior and interior appearance and ensure the comfort of staff and patrons inside.	Melrose Library	

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1/27	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	The Board request a budget line item for a CB4 Parks Administrator. Under the supervision of the Bronx Borough Commissioner this individual would manage CB4 parks system wide and would be responsible for the following: maintenance, special events, recreational facilities, personnel, developing and helping to establish Friends of groups to assist with maintenance, cleanup, beautification in high trafficked areas, manage grant application and funding streams for special projects , community relations/outreach and programming.	Community Wide	
2/27	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	Increased bus service in areas such as Highbridge to improve access for area residents and merchants -Bx3, BX11, Bx36 or Bx18, BX6, Bx35, BX36,extent line along BX32 to 167th street, BX40/41, BX42	Community Wide	
3/27	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	This should be concentrated along commercial corridors (East 167th Street, Ogden Avenue, East 170th Street and 161st Street area.)	Community Wide	
4/27	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	Community District Four's many working families and single-parent households require no-cost after-school care. Free after-school care allows parents to work and maintain employment, keeps children safe, and enhances children's educational attainment. It also allows families to use scarce financial resources on other pressing needs. Accordingly, we request that DYCD increase funding at existing organizations district-wide to provide after school programs. They should also partner with local schools to provide additional funding to site after schools programs.	Community Wide	

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5/27	SBS	Other workforce development requests	Creation of a Local Employment Network for the purpose of connecting local residents to available job opportunities. Funding community-based organizations (i.e, WHEDco, Bronx Works) to enable them develop a network similar to the Lower East Employment Network for the purpose of engaging developers in the neighborhood, providing sector-specific trainings for local residents, screening candidates for available positions in emerging projects as well as make referrals where necessary. Localized Street Vendor Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Create a pilot program with DOHMH, SBS, MOIA and DCA o Legitimize existing food carts operating without a license (smaller fee) Ensures/promotes health and well-being by creating standards for business operation Incentivize program for non-chain stores 	Community Wide	
6/27	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	HPD should increase its funding for code enforcement inspectors and provide incentives to property owners to repair and retrofit their buildings in accordance with the building codes like 8A loan and Participation loan programs. The city should reinstate the Neighborhood Preservation Office to deal with code enforcement, anti-harassment and displacement. This would provide a team of individuals geographically-based to deal immediately and directly with these issues. This office could also focus on improving conditions on NYCHA campuses.	Community Wide	
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8/27	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	The 44th precinct is one of the most active in the city. We recently received new recruits from the academy but as the District grows we need growth in our key service sectors to keep pace. We request the City allocate funding for more permanent new officers in the next fiscal year. The Community Affairs Division is fantastic and with more officers in the division there is a great opportunity to increase their presence and awareness district wide and increase positive relations between police and the community. We request an increase in officers as well in the next fiscal year.	Community Wide	
9/27	NYPD	Assign additional community affairs officers	The Community Affairs Division is fantastic and with more officers in the division there is a great opportunity to increase their presence and awareness district wide and increase positive relations between police and the community. We request an increase in officers as well in the next fiscal year. This will be particularly helpful in staffing the NCO program and assigning additional resources to parts of the district that need it most. (i.e. Highbridge)	Community Wide	
10/27	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Community Board Four request that DCP engage in a robust master planning exercise to determine the highest and best use for the city-owned parcels (SEE ATTACHED) concentrated along Jerome Avenue and around Bronx Terminal Market. Uses that should be considered: Development of affordable housing at a variety of income levels Significant expansion of public school seat capacity in CSD 7 and CSD 9 Community facilities Business and non-profit entities as part of mixed-use developments Expansion of CB4 open space network Development of a State of the Art Recreation Center similar to West Bronx Recreation Center	Community Wide	

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11/27	DFTA	Increase transportation services capacity	Access and mobility are major concerns for seniors in the District. We request that DOHMH collaborate with existing senior centers and care providers in the district to create additional programs that will allow seniors to get out for shopping, exercise and entertainment. Mid-Bronx Senior Citizen Council, Highbridge Community Development Corporation and BronxWorks are organizations that work with seniors and operate senior facilities in the District.	Community Wide	
12/27	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	Actions to assist in the reduction in obesity and diabetes among residents in the district 1. Promote healthy eating options. a. Throughout the district, there are limited options for purchasing healthier foods at grocery stores and restaurants, particularly in our commercial corridors. We support programs such as the DOHMHs Shop Healthy Initiative help to educate store owners on how to provide positive messaging, setup healthier alternatives, and work with distributors to bring healthier foods to the stores. b. We also ask the NYCEDC to support the DOHMHs mission of expanding access to healthier foods by considering significant modifications to the Food Retail Expansion to Support Health (FRESH) program. These modifications should include smaller and varied tax break options.	Community Wide	
13/27	SBS	Assist with on-site business compliance with City regulations	As part of the Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Study -Enable businesses to be better neighbors by offering comprehensive services related to compliance and auto-industry standards. Work directly with business owners to remedy violation and licensing to increase their compliance.	Jerome Avenue McClellan Street Cross Bronx Expressway	

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15/27	EDC	Expand access to low cost financing to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space	We should support the continued growth and expansion of small businesses throughout the District. EDC and SBS should partner to help small businesses develop business plans and financing packages to support them.	Community Wide	
16/27	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	We have a number of facilities throughout the district for formerly homeless individual and families. Many of these are individuals with a history of mental illness. While we do not advocate for any additional facilities of this type in our district we want to ensure that the individuals that are here receive proper care. This benefits the individuals and their families as well as area residents. DOHMH should work with DHS to identify these facilities and target those that would benefit from additional programming and/or services.	Community Wide	
17/27	HRA	Assist low income households in paying for energy costs	Fifty-six percent of all District households are rent-burdened, meaning their gross rent was more than 35 percent of their household income. We request that HRA work with Con Edison, DEP and HPD to create literature and conduct outreach educating tenants on how to save energy and lower energy costs. Additionally, HPD should target older buildings in need of upgrades and offer low-interest loans to upgrade energy systems throughout - with the strict and clear understanding that the cost of these upgrades are to be shouldered by building owners, and NOT tenants.	Community Wide	

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18/27	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs	Homelessness has reached historic levels in NYC. According to the Coalition for the Homeless, as of August 2018, there are 62,166 homeless people, including 15,189 homeless families with 22,511 homeless children, sleeping each night in the New York City municipal shelter system. Families make up nearly three-quarters of the homeless shelter population. The city is investing hundreds of millions of dollars in new affordable housing. We respectfully request that the City ramp up it's efforts to permanently house families and individuals living in the shelter system.	Community Wide	
19/27	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job training	Unemployment plays a key role in the socio-economic status of local residents. While unemployment both nationally and in the Bronx has hit record lows (5.9 percent and 4.3 percent respectively), the residents of Community Districts Four are still contending with this issue. Unemployment in the district hovers around than fourteen percent. While the percentage of unemployed residents has consistently decreased, we must continue to create jobs and economic opportunities. Moreover, tens of thousands residents are underemployed, and therefore, still impoverished. Community District Four advocates for HRA to work with SBS, EDC and community-based organizations to create better employment opportunities for District residents.	Community Wide	

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20/27	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	As stated previously we have one of the highest teen birth rates and some of the lowest numbers in terms of English and Math proficiency. Providing positive reinforcement to our youth is important and Summer Youth Employment is desperately needed particularly in a District with a meager Area Median Income (\$32,120) and nearly thirty-five percent of the population living at the poverty level. DYCD should continue to increase funding for Summer Youth Employment. DYCD should also work with local organizations and the Bronx Borough President's office to create additional work places to host youth for the summer and throughout the school year as well.	Community Wide	
21/27	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	As nearly forty percent of our population is under the age of 25 it is important to underscore the importance of nutrition, healthy eating and physical activity. We request that DOHMH increase outreach and education related to food and nutrition. There should be a focus on targeting middle schools and working with community-based organizations with youth programs and active tenant associations and groups. Bronx Lebanon Hospital and Hostos Community College should be leveraged as resources.	Community Wide	
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24/27	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	Explore the possibility of a Select BX19 and Select BX1 to accommodate the continued growth along the Grand Concourse and along the 149th Street corridor.	Community Wide	
25/27	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Additional Playground Associates. Playground Associates are one of the best kept secrets during the summer months. Children can go to their neighborhood playground and have structured activities five days per week during the summer months when they are not in school. As we sorely lack, recreational and community centers, Thirty-Six (36) additional Playground Associates are requested for the entire borough.	Community Wide	
26/27	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	In highly trafficked commercial areas: 161, 167th, 170, Mt Eden and around our highly used park facilities there should be concerted efforts to clean those areas during peak times and after events.	Community Wide	
27/27	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Recreation Specialists for Recreation Centers Our Recreation Centers are centers of culture, programming, fitness, and inclusion. They host great programming, summer camps, workout classes, and they are a place for children and adults to feel safe. Twelve (12) Recreation Specialists are requested to increase programming in the centers.	Community Wide	

Appendix - Supporting Materials

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) into a browser.

Health Care and Human Services



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<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=1973DAE5-6786-46E7-BBE3-100CFA6FE2B7>

Housing, Economic Development and Land Use



Severely Rent Burdened

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=E7F2E826-1EED-484C-9C9B-290D6A3F6774>

Unemployment

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=C93BDEF1-ECE2-40D2-A58B-7D8EEFEACCD6>

Poverty Level

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=B56F392C-1FC3-4EC8-9039-4A7EA502A255>

Parking Garage on 153rd Street

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=B170BB93-7A96-4593-BB0E-7A6B398AD02F>

Parking Lot between 164-165 and River Avenue

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Bronx Parking Development Lots

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Parking Garage on 164 and River Avenue

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Parking Lot on 153 and River Avenue

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