

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

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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 5's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018*. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the Community Board, collected through an online form available to community boards from September to November 2016.

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 FY18 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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1. Community Board Information

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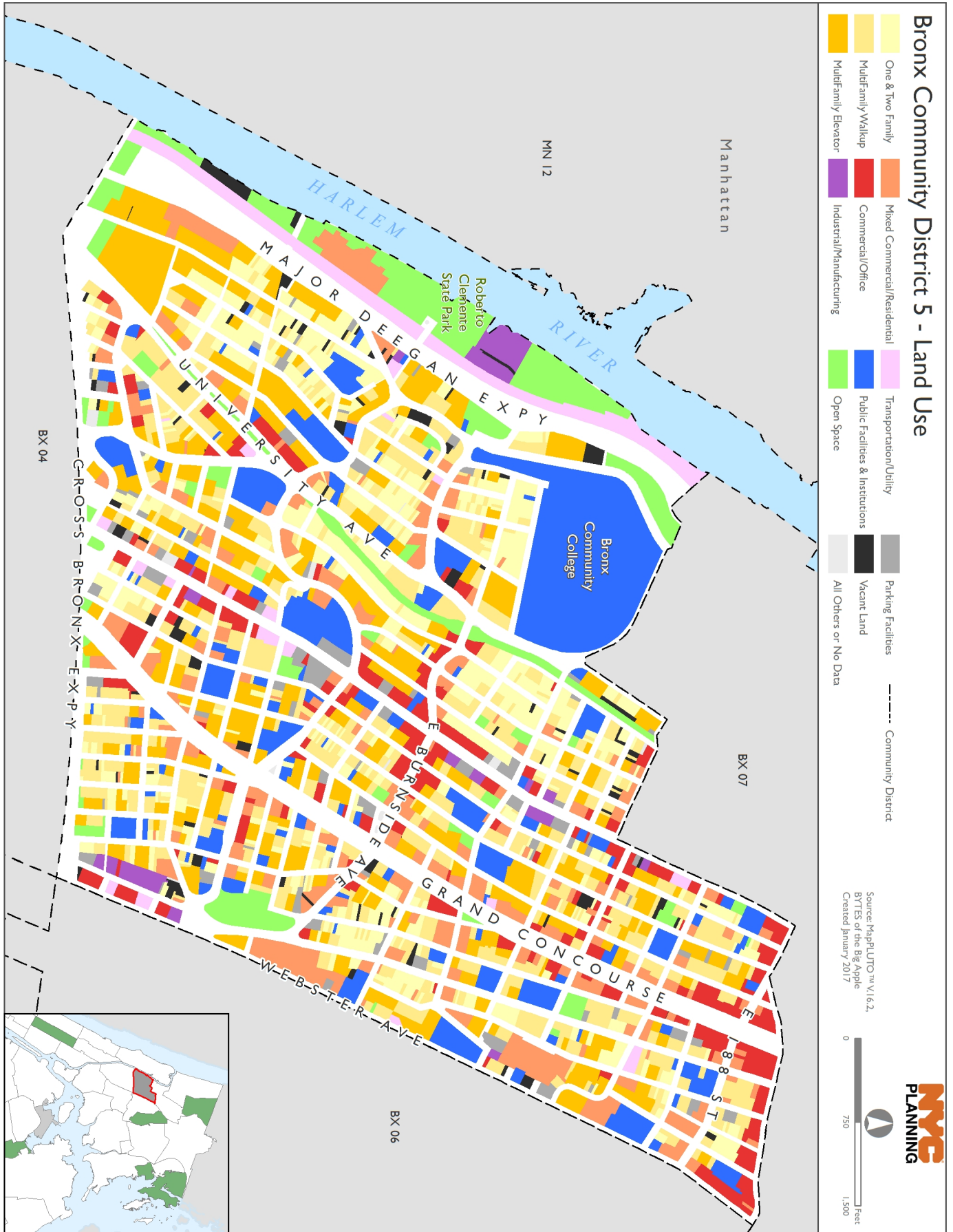
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2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Bronx Community District 5, known as the West Tremont area, is located in the mid-West Bronx with a total land area of 1.5 square miles. It is bounded by the Harlem River to the West, in the Cross Bronx Expressway on the South, Webster Avenue on the East, and the northern boundary extends from Hall of Fame Terrace at Bronx Community College to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and 183rd Street, East to Jerome Avenue and North to Fordham Road. The major streets running East to West are Fordham Road, Burnside and Tremont Avenues. The major streets running North and South are Jerome Avenue, Grand Concourse, Bainbridge, and 3rd Avenue. The Grand Concourse is a major North/South corridor. Our district overlaps with City Council districts 14, 15, and 16.

Bronx Community District 5 is comprised of the following four neighborhoods: South Fordham, University Heights, Morris Heights, and Mount Hope.

The overall population count in this district was 131,879 in 2012, the last year the data was made available, and its population density (1,000 persons per square mile) was 87.4. There was a 2.8 percent increase in the population from the year 2010. The racial diversity of our residents is rich and the majority of the population is Hispanic and Black/African American. According to the 2010-2012 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates, 68.6 percent of the population in this district is of Hispanic origin; 33.7 percent of the residents are Black/African American; 1.1 percent of the residents are Asian or Pacific Islander; 12.9 percent of the residents are White; 0.8 percent of the residents are American Indian or Alaska Native. The ACS estimated that of the Hispanic/Latino group, 6.4 percent of the residents are Mexican; 18.3 percent of the residents are Puerto Rican; 0.5 percent of the residents are Cuban; 43.5 percent of the residents identify themselves as part of another Hispanic or Latino group.

There are also a significant proportion of residents that is foreign born. The population of foreign-born residents increased from 34.8 percent in 2000 to 43.4 percent in 2012. The ACS 2008-2012 data breaks down the region of birth of the foreign born population in our district: 12 percent of the foreign born population is African of which 11 percent is West African; 85 percent of the foreign born population is Latin American; 2 percent of the population is Asian; 1 percent of the population is European.

The growth of our foreign born population and the large population of Hispanic or Latino residents has potentially impacted the primary languages represented in our district. Of the residents living in our district for five years and more, 70.2 percent speak a language other than English and Spanish speakers make up 62.3 percent of this group.

In addition to race, the age groups contribute to the diversity of the residents living in this area. The population of residents in the 65 and older age group increased from 5 percent in 2000 to 8.2 percent in 2012. The households with children under 18 years old decreased from 55.4 percent to 43.9 percent from 2000 to 2012.

Although there is a range in the socioeconomic makeup of the residents in the district, the percent of households living near the poverty line and who are considered to be low-income is high. The proportion of residents with a household income below \$20,000 increased from about 35 percent to about 46 percent from 2000 to 2012. The poverty rate also increased from 40.6 percent to 42.3 percent from 2000 to 2012. It was ranked as one of the community districts with the highest number of households with the total income below the poverty level. For the year 2012, the median household income was \$21,959 which is significantly less when compared to the Bronx overall (\$33,006) and New York City (\$51,750). It was ranked as one of the community districts with the lowest median household income levels. The percent unemployed is about 20.9 percent. The proportion of residents who used supplemental security income was 18.3 percent. The proportion of residents who needed cash public assistance income was 12.3 percent. The proportion of residents requiring food stamps/SNAP benefits was significant at 50.6 percent.

Morris Heights is the lowest density area in District 5. Morris Heights is along the western ridge of the district, covering the area from Jerome Avenue valley to the Harlem River Valley. Here, the zoning ranges from R5 (typically 2 and 3-family row houses and small apartment buildings). In addition to the low density development, several high-rise developments including Sedgwick Houses, a NYC Housing Authority Development complex and several large private apartment towers along the Undercliff and Sedgwick Avenues, as well as River Park Towers along the Harlem River.

3. Overview of Community District

University Heights is part of the same rock ridge that characterizes most of Morris Heights, and is similar, architecturally. One of the key landmarks in this area is the beautiful Bronx Community College Campus, which gives the neighborhood its name. This public facility is the highest geographic point in New York City. University Heights is the least dense area of the district and benefits from a large proportion of 1-4 family housing stock.

The area East of Jerome Avenue and Fordham Road encompasses two neighborhoods: South Fordham, North of Burnside to Fordham Road, and Mount Hope, South of Burnside Avenue to the Cross Bronx Expressway. Both extend east to Webster Avenue. The Mount Hope/South Fordham neighborhoods are densely populated mostly with five and six-story housing. At the eastern edge of these neighborhoods is a large residential development known as Twin Parks West, consisting of four residential towers.

At the northern portion of this area is the Fordham Road Shopping District, the third largest generator retail sales in the City of New York. Fordham Road has approximately 1-million square feet of retail space.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Bronx Community Board 5 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Neighborhood preservation (development trends)*
- *Unemployment*

Community Board #5 has an old housing stock with over half our housing built before 1930, and it is defined as a primarily a multi-dwelling bedroom community. The homeownership rate in our district is categorized as having the lowest rates in the New York City community districts. It has a homeownership rate of 2.8 percent. Also, our district is ranked as having the highest number of renter households whose gross rent was more than 50 percent of their pre-tax income. Other issues affecting housing quality are increasing utility costs for landlords and homeowners; the percentage of housing with five or more maintenance deficiencies has increased over 35 percent; a lack of code enforcement (this district ranks in the top 20 in serious housing code violations throughout the City); an increase in building debts due to over-financing. Approximately 44.4 percent of the rental housing units considered overcrowded (our district ranks 6th overall in the City). Community Board #5 currently has an unemployment of 18% compared to the Bronx overall unemployment rate of 8%. We have more than 10,000 households on cash assistance and 34, 000 cases for the SNAP. Which has impacted our median income of \$24, 000 which ranks us as one of the five lowest within in the city according to the NYU Furman Center report. The objective of our district is to maintain, preserve, and increase the stock of affordable housing. The Mayor's Housing New York Plan aims to support mixed income developments to improve economic development in the neighborhood through zoning changes. We require assistance from HPD to develop cooperative apartments and condominiums to advocate for more mix-income housing and homeownership in our community, especially since homeownership rates are low.



Health Care and Human Services

Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

Our district has a poverty rate that is the third highest in the city. Therefore, makes us one of the severely rent burden households with low incomes which ranks us second in the city. Many of our families have less than living wage employment and are living from paycheck to paycheck or one household income. Loss of employment or illness will make them be major risk for homelessness. Prevention of homelessness is vital for the working poor as well as for the public assistance families.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Within the Bronx, the infant mortality rate (IMR) remains extremely high for black women (including African American, African immigrants, and non-Hispanic Afro-Caribbean women) compared to the average IMR in the borough at the community level. This statistic is relevant for Community Board 5, since 33.7 percent of our residents are Black/African American. From 2007 to 2009, the IMR surpassed 10 deaths per 1,000 live births for black women under the age of 20 in the University/Morris Heights neighborhood. We urge the Department of Health Services to increase funding to address this health issue in our district. Also, Bronx Community Board 5 has the 4th highest number of asthma hospitalization in the City. Our district requests the DHS to increase funding for asthma treatment. Our other requests are an increase of funding for the expansion of the Pest Control Unit to add additional personnel and field inspectors/Exterminators, and to improve the teen pregnancy obesity programs in our district.

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

The elderly population in our district continues to increase. The proportion of the population group of 65 and older has increased from 5 percent to 8.2 percent from 2000 to 2012. We are requesting that the city provides for the special needs of our seniors especially for the recent seniors which require services that will keep them active. Community Board 5 is requesting that long range planning include housing, health and mental health care, home care and senior centers. With this approach, Community Board 5 feels we can improve their quality of life and prevent the isolation which many of our elderly are at risk for. Our priorities include: · Increase funding for the improvement of senior citizens' facilities in Community Board 5. · Increase funding for senior housing · Increase funding for innovative senior programs in Community Board District 5, such as a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community.

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/23	DOHMH	<i>Animal and pest control services</i>	<i>Other animal and pest control requests</i>	
6/23	HRA	<i>Services to support low-income New Yorkers</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults</i>	
16/23	DFTA	<i>Senior center programs</i>	<i>Enhance educational and recreational programs</i>	
17/23	DFTA	<i>Senior center programs</i>	<i>Other senior center program requests</i>	



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

A large proportion of our residents fall under the youth category. The 2010 U.S. Census showed that about 42 percent of our population is under the age of 18. Also, Community Board 5 is ranked as the district with the 4th highest number of households with children under 18 years old. Students are performing at the lower levels of the city wide average scores in reading and math subjects; only 14.4 percent of the students were performing at grade level in math and only 12.3 percent of the students were performing at grade level in reading. Thus, it is very important for the Department of Education to assist our district to provide adequate services intended for this age group. We are requesting that as housing developments occur in our district, there are sufficient funds available for the

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

The development and improvement of youth services is integral for the future of our community. As stated earlier, 42 percent of our residents are under the age of 18 and we have the 4th highest number of households with children under 18 years old in NYC. We commend the work of the Kips Boys and Girls Club which is a major contributor to assisting the youth in our district. However, there is still more that needs to be done for our community. An establishment of a Beacon School in our district is a necessary initiative because it would assist the youth of our community regarding: skills necessary to graduate from school (i.e. tutoring and homework help), career awareness and transition programs, civic engagement, health and fitness, anti-gang prevention programs, and improving cultural arts and music programs. This initiative can also provide services to the adults in our community wishing to pursue education and obtaining skills related to parenting and education. Also, we urge the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) which oversees the Sedgwick Houses and Twin Parks buildings to create more youth services related to education and recreation.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/34	DCAS	<i>Renovation/Expansion of DCAS property</i>	<i>Renovation/Expansion of Davidson Community Center</i>	<i>Davidson Community Center 2038 Davidson Avenue</i>
31/34	ACS	<i>Child care</i>	<i>Other child care requests</i>	<i>1801-1805 Davidson Avenue</i>
34/34	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate exterior component</i>	<i>MS459 120 East 184th Street</i>

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/23	DYCD	<i>After school programs</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</i>	
20/23	DYCD	<i>After school programs</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</i>	
21/23	DYCD	<i>Literacy Programs</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services</i>	



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

Community residents feel that the 46th police pct physical appearance and chaotic parking, sanitation, are contributing to the quality life of local residents, like the broken window theory.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

Safety in our community is a major concern, and we believe more investment and efforts should be dedicated to strengthening the capacity of the police force in our district since District 5 still has some of the highest crime rates in the City. Also another primary objective is to expedite the process of acquiring and constructing a new 46th Precinct with parking facilities. This will definitely improve police department services and consequently improve the quality of life of our residents. In addition, we request that the local police precinct increase funding for the Operation Clean Hallways program. It should work with the City’s Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) agency to stop indoor drug dealing and loitering. This has been a quality of life and public safety issue for our community. In order to maintain security and enhance livability in our community, we require that there be more attention focused on the indoor drug dealing issue in our district. Our priorities for the NYC Police Department in our district include:

- Allocate funding to build a new front entrance ramp to make the existing 46th Police Precinct ADA accessible
- Increase funding for 911 emergency dispatchers to improve response time
- Increase funding to purchase noise meter devices and fire hydrant wrenches
- Increase funding for Narcotics’ Enforcement
- Increase funding for School Crossing Guards to assist students to navigate the wide street crossing corridors such as the Grand Concourse, University Avenue, and W. Tremont Avenue.
- Conduct a pilot initiative on Community Policing to enhance safety in our neighborhoods

Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

Our priority for the NYC Fire Department is to increase funding for 911 dispatchers Emergency Response Time for Ambulance Services. The average response time from the 2013 Mayor’s Management Report for the city was 4:06 for structural fires, and the response time in the Bronx was 4:12. We believe it is necessary to improve the capacity of our Fire Department to maintain the safety of our residents. We also request additional funding for carbon monoxide detectors, and medical kits for: each of our Engine Company and Juvenile fire setters program.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/34	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct</i>	<i>46th Precinct</i>
5/34	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</i>	<i>46th precinct</i>
17/34	FDNY	<i>FDNY facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</i>	
22/34	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Provide surveillance cameras</i>	<i>Burnside Avenue Grand Concourse Harrison Avenue</i>
27/34	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Provide surveillance cameras</i>	<i>West 181st Street Grand Avenue Davidson Avenue</i>



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
9/23	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>46th Precinct</i>
12/23	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Other NYPD staff resources requests</i>	<i>46th Police Precinct</i>
15/23	FDNY	<i>FDNY programs and staffing</i>	<i>Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives</i>	
23/23	NYPD	<i>NYPD programs</i>	<i>Other NYPD programs requests</i>	



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Water runoff and flooding

Community Board #5 has been a lock down community board with custodial hydrant locks since the early nineties. For the past ten years we have been top three in complaints. In the past four years we have been chosen for the HEAP Initiative. Community Board #5 welcomes this initiative but with changes for example: 1. the initiative is not operational until July, we would like to see it implemented earlier either late April or early May. 2. DEP should incorporate a speakers bureau consist of DEP, FDNY, NYPD personnel and Community Boards in order to speak on the impact full running hydrants have on public safety property damage and the exorbitant cost of the city. 3. CB #5 recommends DEP change its policy on what agency is issued hydrant wrenches e.g. DSNY hydrants can be shut during am hours

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Although sanitation has improved in the district, it still has the lowest sanitation score card rating in the borough related to sidewalk and street cleanliness. Sanitation has continued to be an important priority for Community Board 5 to improve the quality of life and economic stability and growth within our district. Therefore, we are requesting an increase of funding for cleaning personnel for our six commercial districts on Fordham Road, South Grand Concourse (Fordham Road), Burnside Avenue, West 183rd Street, West Tremont Avenue and University Avenue, and Featherbed Lane. Also, we request funding for our Canine Unit, additional personnel for the 13 Step Streets, cleaning personnel for Grand Concourse and University Malls, sanitation equipment (for cleaning the Grand Concourse and the University Malls, tree pruning, and weed whackers), and for personnel to service garbage baskets in our district (especially in commercial areas).

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
8/23	DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Other cleaning requests	
11/23	DEP	Water supply system	Monitor and address water quality issues	
13/23	DSNY	Sanitation Enforcement	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	



Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Zoning review and enforcement

Jerome Avenue: Jerome Avenue is a major street in our district running North and South, and the section we wish to focus on is an auto-body corridor from the Burnside Avenue to the Cross Bronx Expressway. The physical appearance of this corridor has a negative impact on the residents’ quality of life. Even though this corridor provides some employment opportunities (but not necessarily to residents in our community), we believe that the businesses should be relocated to another location. The objective is to change the existing C8 zoning along Jerome Avenue with the support of stakeholders and community members. We believe this is an opportunity area for mixed-use development, and request for a zoning change to residential with a commercial overlay. This is also an opportunity for afforda

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Study: Jerome Avenue is a major street in our district running North and South, and the section we wish to focus on is an auto-body corridor from the Burnside Avenue to the Cross Bronx Expressway. The physical appearance of this corridor has a negative impact on the residents’ quality of life. Even though this corridor provides some employment opportunities (but not necessarily to residents in our community), we believe that the businesses should be relocated to another location. The objective is to change the existing C8 zoning along Jerome Avenue with the support of stakeholders and community members. We believe this is an opportunity area for mixed-use development, and request for a zoning change to residential with a commercial overlay. This is also an opportunity for affordable housing on Jerome Avenue, and the establishment of an Inclusionary Housing Program can be a tool to incentivize this type of housing development along the corridor. Many community stakeholders have suggested that Jerome Avenue be revitalized to meet existing area needs and plan for the future. Through the planning process, City Planning and sister agencies will seek to address the needs of local residents, businesses, and institutions. The study and resulting community plan will evaluate and identify opportunities to promote a range of elements to support community vitality: affordable housing, job growth and training, economic development, cultural activities, pedestrian safety, parks, schools and daycare, retail and services. The study and plan will promote coordinated investments in infrastructure and services to shape a resilient, sustainable community. The study and plan will include land use and zoning changes and the application of a mandatory Inclusionary Housing program within the area to promote affordable housing. Bronx Community Board #5 is waiting for the Department of City Planning zoning and planning framework for Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Study.

Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
8/34	EDC	<i>Commercial district revitalization</i>	<i>Support non-profit organizational development and capacity building</i>	<i>Mount Hope Housing</i>
15/34	HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
22/23	EDC	<i>Economic development programs</i>	<i>Build or expand incubator or affordable work or research lab spaces</i>	



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Traffic congestion

A large proportion of our residents, about 68.2 percent, use public transportation to commute to work. Other popular modes of commuting to work include driving to work alone (11.5 percent) or carpooling (5.8 percent), or walking (9.6 percent). The objective of Bronx Community Board 5 is to improve the existing transportation infrastructure. The resurfacing of our most important street, the Grand Concourse from 175th to Fordham Road, is an important priority for our district. The objective is to initiate a greening project which would be vital for enhancing the beautification and improving economic development in the area. Also, due to the heavily utilized major thoroughfares in our district (including Grand Concourse, Fordham Road, University Avenue, and Tremont Avenue), traffic and ro

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/34	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	
4/34	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Upgrade or create new step streets	Palisades Place Sedgwick Avenue
13/34	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or provide new street lights	Jerome Avenue Cross Bronx Expressway Fordham Road
14/34	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Rehabilitate bridges	Grand Concourse Bridge
20/34	DPR	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	University Avenue 174th Street Cross Bronx Expressway
21/34	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Install streetscape improvements	University Avenue East Burnside Avenue Valentine Avenue
23/34	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Upgrade or create new step streets	Davidson Avenue Featherbed Lane
28/34	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Upgrade or create new step streets	Sedgwick Avenue Cedar Avenue
30/34	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Upgrade or create new step streets	Marion Avenue 187th Street
32/34	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Upgrade or create new step streets	West Tremont Avenue Harrison Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
10/23	NYCTA	Transit Service	Other transit service requests	
14/23	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Other transportation infrastructure requests	
19/23	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Conduct traffic or parking studies	



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Quality of parks and park facilities

According to the Furman Report, 100 percent of the residential units in District 5 are located within ¼ mile of a park. The report required that the park was at least ¼ of an acre in size and it included the Greenstreets program. However, there is still a small amount of usable open space available, about 32 acres of open space, especially considering the high density of our neighborhoods and the number of hidden open space areas (such as Bridge Park, Echo Park, Cedar Park, and Aqueduct Walkway). New Yorkers for Parks stated that the Bronx has the second lowest number of residents per park acreage when compared to other NYC boroughs. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) defines underserved open space areas as “areas of high population density in the City that are generally the

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

Immigration: The foreign born comprises more than one-third of the population within Community Board #5. In order to serve our immigrant residents a increase in funding is needed to enable our immigrant population to integrate into the social and economic fabric of Community Board #5.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

Community Board 5 (Bronx) has two branches of the New York Public Library (NYPL) system: Francis Martin and Sedgwick

- Based on a 2015 report from the Center for an Urban Future, libraries in the Bronx saw the biggest increase in program attendance and circulation out of the five boroughs. The Bronx has seen a 225 percent increase in program attendance and a 35 percent increase in circulation . Data shows that these statistics will continue to increase throughout the New York public Library system.
- The libraries are especially important to low and moderate income residents who depend on the libraries for access to books, internet access, job search and film and as the only quiet place to read or do homework or other work.
- Residents who have laptop computers but cannot afford internet fees use the library for internet access.
- The arts and cultural programming along with English for Speakers of Other Languages and Out-of School Time programs in the neighborhood are extremely important to many residents, particularly families with children and seniors, who cannot otherwise afford access to commercial alternatives.
- The NYPL received an increase of \$18.860 million in operating funding in the FY 16 City Budget. This represents the largest single year increase in city funding in the Library’s history. However, the funding was not baselined and the Library will continue to work with the Mayor’s office with the goal of having the increased funding baselined. The restoration of expense funding in the city’s FY 16 budget will allow NYPL to increase hours, programs, services, materials and staff throughout the system. We seek to baseline the current level of library funding in order to preserve these systemwide enhancements.
- The NYPL libraries within CB 5 (Bronx) are used extensively. The community relies on them to provide essential library services, as well as educational programs and community space. Many of the library locations are in need of critical upgrades, including mechanical systems, bathrooms, roofs, facades and ADA upgrades. While other locations are in need of a complete renovation. We will provide a more detailed list of capital needs for the libraries in the district in the coming weeks.
- The NYPL will continue to work with the Mayor, Speaker, City Council and local elected officials to increase capital funding.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
6/34	DOT	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>University Woods</i>
7/34	NYPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Francis Martin 2105 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd</i>
9/34	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i>	<i>Aqueduct Walk</i>
10/34	NYPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Francis Martin Library</i>
11/34	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i>	
12/34	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i>	<i>Aqueduct Park</i>
16/34	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Block 3194, Lot 27</i>
18/34	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Block 2877, Lot 531</i>
19/34	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>University Avenue West Tremont Avenue 175th Street</i>
24/34	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Unversity Woods Park</i>
25/34	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Galileo Playground</i>
26/34	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Echo Park</i>
29/34	DCLA	<i>Cultural facilities and resources</i>	<i>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</i>	<i>1800-1808 Grand Concourse</i>
33/34	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Townsend Avenue East 175th Street</i>

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/23	NYPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	
4/23	DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</i>	
5/23	HRA	<i>Cultural facilities and resources</i>	<i>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</i>	
7/23	DPR	<i>Park programming</i>	<i>Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers</i>	
18/23	DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>	

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/34	DCAS	<i>Renovation/Expansion of DCAS property</i>	<i>Renovation/Expansion of Davidson Community Center</i>	<i>Davidson Community Center 2038 Davidson Avenue</i>

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1/34	NYPD	<i>Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct</i>	<i>Construct New 46th Precinct Facility. The 46th Precinct is in need of a new facility. The current facility is old, dilapidated, archaic and most of the furniture is old & broken. There is no space for parking, causing the streets to be congested with very little space for pedestrians. This situation must be improved not only for the working police officers, but also for the surrounding community.</i>	46th Precinct	<i>Mount Hope Organization; 46th Precinct Community Council</i>
2/34	NYCTA	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>Install an Elevator/Escalator at the IRT #4 Burnside Avenue Station. The IRT #4 Burnside Avenue Station is heavily used in Bronx Community Board 5. It is highly elevated facility having three sets of stairs before a passenger arrives at the mezzanine level. Disabled individuals, people with carriages/strollers and seniors have a difficult time getting to the platform of this station serves as a main gateway to Bronx Community College, Roberto Clemente State Park and other institutions in our district. The community has signed a petition with over 1000 signatures for an elevator/escalator at this station.</i>		<i>Morris Heights Health Center, Bronxworks,; Alliance for Community Services, Davidson Community Center</i>
3/34	DCAS	<i>Renovation/Expansion of Davidson Community Center</i>	<i>Davidson Community Center is a DCAS leased property. The Center is seeking to renovate their existing space as well as potentially add 2 additional stories to the existing building. This space would be used for an expansion of youth and community services for the residents of the district. In addition, this renovation would add an elevator for handicap accessibility and add a kitchen for meal preparation.</i>	Davidson Community Center 2038 Davidson Avenue	<i>Davidson Community Center</i>
4/34	DOT	<i>Upgrade or create new step streets</i>	<i>Reconstruct Step Streets from Palisades Place to Sedgwick Avenue. Step Streets are important access points. These are in extremely dangerous condition which must be addressed promptly.</i>	Palisades Place Sedgwick Avenue	
5/34	NYPD	<i>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</i>	<i>Handicap Accessibility in Front of the 46th Precinct. Seniors and physically challenged residents are requesting a ramp and handrails to the entrance of the 46th Precinct to make it ADA accessible.</i>	46th precinct	<i>Community Board #5; 46th Precinct Council</i>
6/34	DOT	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Request Funding for Lighting Via Flood lights from the Light Post for the Steps of the park. Also funding Stage/Presentation/Community area at the top of the park. Restoration of walls, railings and update the fencing. To shift the current physical conditions and negative community perceptions of University Woods and help other communities use their parks to improve the conditions of the surrounding neighborhoods.</i>	University Woods	<i>Friends of the Woods</i>

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7/34	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	The Library is seeking much-needed capital funding to ensure that our branches can continue to meeting 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 -ADA Bathroom renovations	Francis Martin 2105 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd	Community Board #5
8/34	EDC	Support non-profit organizational development and capacity building	Requesting Phase II of Mount Hope Housing Inc. Project to Construct Indoor Gymnasium, Parking Facility as Well as a Useable Pavilion Roof top on City Owned Land. The Mount Hope Housing project has just completed phase I a state of the art Community Center. In order to make this facility viable it needs parking facilities to accommodate conference hall and gymnasium participants.	Mount Hope Housing	Mount Hope Housing Company
9/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Improve & Develop the Environment Walk at Aqueduct Land from Morton Place to Burnside Avenue. Build a Pedestrian Bridge, ADA Compliance Step Street or Ramp. Aqueduct Walk is adjacent to the newly constructed Morton Playground & Morton Place Homeowners Association. Walkway is in dire need of improvement.	Aqueduct Walk	Morton Place Homeowners Association
10/34	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Partial Renovation of Francis Martin Library Branch. Francis Martin Library Branch needs the front faade rehabilitated, HVAC replaced additional units), electrical system upgraded, PC Refresh and VoIP Technology, 1st floor and lower level, (including ADA compliance), including elevator and bathrooms upgraded.	Francis Martin Library	Community Board #5
11/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Increase Funds to Parks Department for Miscellaneous Park Repairs. (P-245) Contract is Needed for Replacing Play Equipment-\$150k Per Borough. This funding is used for a variety of basic renovation efforts such as paving, fencing and benches. This line is primarily used to stress rehabilitation, rather than new construction.		
12/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Replace Lighting in Aqueduct Park from Morton Place to Burnside Avenue. During the rehabilitation of this park the lighting was not replaced and subsequent vandalism has incapacitated all of the lights. It is necessary to replace all of the park lights in Aqueduct Park form Morton Place to Burnside Avenue.	Aqueduct Park	

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13/34	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Install Higher Intensity Lighting along Jerome Avenue, from the Cross Bronx Expressway to Fordham Road. Special lighting is needed for streets with elevated rail lines. Presently, Jerome Avenue is dark and unsafe because of improper lighting. This is a public safety measure.	Jerome Avenue Cross Bronx Expressway Fordham Road	
14/34	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	Reconstruct Grand Concourse Bridge over 175th Street-Walls over 175th Street/ Part of Subway System. Walls on east and west side of Grand Concourse over 175th Street have been damaged by years of leaking water. The community youth mural project is on hold as a result.	Grand Concourse Bridge	Transit Authority; Promesa Neighborhood Council
15/34	HPD	Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings	Increase Funds to 8A Loan Program for Upgrading and Ongoing Maintenance Needs in Rehabilitated Buildings. New focus is to preserve existing housing of what has been rehabilitated. HPD indicates the fund is drying up.		
16/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Acquire Block 3194, Lot 27 to Extend Existing Parks Managed Property/ West 181st Street & Grand Avenue. Additional Funding to repair retaining wall. The retaining wall is crumbling and created dangerous conditions in the playground.	Block 3194, Lot 27	Aqueduct Homeowners Association
17/34	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	Fund Firehouse Renovations/Upgrades. Funding is needed for firehouse renovations and upgrades in CD5 such as new roof (waterproofing), apparatus floor replacements, emergency generators, window replacements, pointing, electrical as well as kitchen and bathroom. Engine Company 42, Engine Company 43 and Engine Company 48		
18/34	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Acquire & Develop Empty Lot Block 2877, Lot 531 on Montgomery Avenue corner of Popham Avenue. This lot has been neglected for many years. The development of a tot lot at this location will enhance the quality of life for the children of our community.	Block 2877, Lot 531	Popham Homeowners Association, South Bronx Job Corporation,; BronxWorks, Bronx West YW- YWCA Early Learning Center
19/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Community Board #5 is Requesting the Redesign of the University Avenue Park Malls. University Avenue from West Tremont Avenue to 175th Street. Community Board #5 is requesting that these malls be redesigned to accommodate some benches as well as some additional spaces for tree pits.	University Avenue West Tremont Avenue 175th Street	Bronx Pro Real Estate Management Corporation; Community Board #5

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20/34	DPR	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	The Redesign and Expansion of existing Green Street Median on University Avenue, 174th Street and Cross Bronx Expressway. Community Board #5 feels that the existing median is too narrow, the location would be enhanced if medians were redesigned and expanded as a traffic calming device as well as provide a beautiful Green Street which will enhance the South West gateway presences of Community Board #5.	University Avenue 174th Street Cross Bronx Expressway	Bronx Pro Real Estate Management Corp.; Community Board #5
21/34	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	The Placement One-for-One of regular COBRA-Head Street lights with "M" Pole-Type Distinctive Lamp Posts is an appropriate design that would be most compatible with the Vision for Residential, Burnside Avenue Shopping District from East Burnside Avenue & Valentine Avenue to University Avenue & Burnside Avenue. The "M" Pole-type of street lights is the preferred street amenities and streetscape enhancements in our neighborhood.	University Avenue East Burnside Avenue Valentine Avenue	Burnside Avenue Shopping Steering Committee
22/34	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	New York Police Department Surveillance Cameras along Burnside Avenue Shopping District from Grand Concourse to Harrison Avenue. Burnside Avenue Shopping district is Vibrant. Merchants and shoppers have concerns about public safety. Surveillance cameras would enhance public safety and would serve as deterrent.	Burnside Avenue Grand Concourse	Burnside Avenue Shopping Steering Committee
23/34	DOT	Upgrade or create new step streets	Rehabilitate Step Street at Davidson Avenue between Featherbed Lane and Davidson Avenue Proper is seriously deteriorated. Many steps are loose and pose a danger to pedestrian access to the subway station. Heavy pedestrian traffic, vandalism and weather have caused severe deterioration of the step street. Include hand railings and better lighting.	Davidson Avenue Featherbed Lane	
24/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Phase II Construction for University Woods Park to Develop the Plaza/Stage area of the park. University Woods Park construction improvements will enhance public safety perception and will increase environmental and recreational programming activities within the park.	University Woods Park	Department of Parks and Recreation
25/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovation of Galileo Playground. Galileo Playground is an outdoor science playground classroom with play equipment that stimulates children's imagination. It focuses on the Solar System and the individual planets. This playground is in disrepair and in need of capital improvement.	Galileo Playground	

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26/34	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Funding for Capital Reconstruction of Echo Park. Echo Park is in poor physical condition. We are requesting the following enhancements basketball courts, playground area, park house and construct an amphitheater. In addition improve parks natural landscaping, plant new shrubs and trees.	Echo Park	Community Board #5
27/34	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Aqueduct Homeowners Request Surveillance Camera's for Grand Avenue, Davidson Avenue and West 181st Street. Homeowners have public safety concerns. Surveillance camera's would enhance public safety and quality life. Cameras will serve as a deterrent.	West 181st Street Grand Avenue Davidson Avenue	Community Board #5
28/34	DOT	Upgrade or create new step streets	Reconstruct Step Street from Sedgwick Avenue to Cedar avenue. Step Streets are important access points. This particular step street provides access form Sedgwick Avenue to Cedar Avenue which is the gateway to Roberto Clemente State Park. This location is in extremely poor condition and must be addressed promptly.	Sedgwick Avenue Cedar Avenue	Roberto Clemente State Park; Con Edison
29/34	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	Site Acquisition of 1800-1808 Grand Concourse. 1800-1808 Grand Concourse is an art-deco property known as the United Pilgrim Church. This building has numerous outstanding violations. The Community Board has identified this site for the Mount Hope Center for the Arts. Currently, not one cultural arts center exists within the community board five area.	1800-1808 Grand Concourse	
30/34	DOT	Upgrade or create new step streets	Reconstruct Step Street from Marion Avenue to 187th Street. The Step Street has been seriously deteriorated. There is heavy pedestrian traffic e.g. students, patrons and residents. Request additional lighting.	Marion Avenue 187th Street	Marion Avenue Tenants Association
31/34	ACS	Other child care requests	Request for 1801-1805 Davidson Avenue Property transferred from ACS to DCAS then be transferred to NYC Department of Parks and Recreation. 1801-1805 Davidson Avenue is extremely deteriorated, dangerous and eyesore in he community. Community Board #5 is in desperate need of open space.	1801-1805 Davidson Avenue	New Roots; Mount Hope Housing Company
32/34	DOT	Upgrade or create new step streets	Create Step Street at Kingsland Place (between West Tremont Avenue and Harrison Avenue) This location is in poor condition. DOT has paved and resurfaced this location in the prior fiscal year, however it remains unsafe and is heavily usedby pedestrians and children. Creating a step street would improve pedestrian mobility.	West Tremont Avenue Harrison Avenue	M. S. 306 Parent Association

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33/34	DPR	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Transfer & Develop the Greenthumb Property at Townsend Avenue & East 175th Street to the Department of Parks & Recreation. This Greenthumb, maintained by the Mount Hope Housing Company, is a beautiful resource with the potential of becoming a playground for neighborhood children.</i>	<i>Townsend Avenue East 175th Street</i>	<i>Mount Hope Housing Company</i>
34/34	DOE	<i>Renovate exterior component</i>	<i>Community Board #5 requests that the schoolyard of MS 459X be renovated for use by the school community, as well as programs sponsored by Good Shepherd Services and B.R.A.G. The schoolyard includes basketball courts, handball courts and a play area and is need of rehabilitation and new fixtures and play equipment.</i>	<i>MS459 120 East 184th Street</i>	<i>Good Shepard Services; B.R.A.G. Bronx Rises Against Guns</i>

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1/23	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</i>	<i>Provide additional funds for CD 5 area youth programs: Fair Share Delinquency prevention, specialized programs and a Beacon School. Youth programs remain at funding levels of ten years ago. Youngsters make up approximately 40% of population. Needs far outweigh ability to provide services/programs.</i>		<i>Community District #5 Youth Committee</i>
2/23	DOHMH	<i>Other animal and pest control requests</i>	<i>Expand Pest & Animal Control Units to also include Animal Inspectors; additional Personnel Needed. CD5 is experiencing a major rat infestation. With major redevelopment, new construction and a growing population, rats are multiplying and moving into buildings/homes. Rats pose a health and safety danger with diseases they carry, especially to children.</i>		
3/23	NYPL	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	<i>New York Public Library Request the City Restore Funding. The New York Public Library requests that the City restore funding to provide robust six day service including increased hours, diverse programming, strong collections and sufficient staff to support these functions. in these challenging economic times, the services provided through the Library are needed by New Yorkers more than ever.</i>		<i>New York Public Library; Community Board #5</i>
4/23	DPR	<i>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</i>	<i>Hire Parks Enforcement Police Officers for Bronx Parks. Our parks are becoming increasingly dangerous and are often unattended/un-patrolled by NYPD. Many parks are becoming havens for drug dealers.</i>		
5/23	HRA	<i>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</i>	<i>Requesting Funding for Special Needs Services for Immigrants. For example, citizenship applications, residency, employment applications, spousal waivers, accessing resources and other legal documents. The foreign born are more than one-third of the population in Community Board #5. By addressing these immigrant specific concerns will ultimately enable the foreign born to contribute even more to the economic vitality of the community.</i>		<i>Bronxworks</i>
6/23	HRA	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults</i>	<i>Provide Independent Living Skills Programs for Single Mothers. Community Board #5 is in dire need of funding for the Independent Skills Services program in our district. This program will provide a solid support system to single mothers who are working to make the transition from public dependency to self sufficiency.</i>		<i>Community Board #5 Health & Human Services Committee; Hope Program</i>
7/23	DPR	<i>Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers</i>	<i>Hire Parks Recreation Specialist-Consider Seasonal Hires for Cost Containment. Our parks and playgrounds are in dire need of adequate staff with which to provide recreational activities for the tens of thousands of young people using our parks. We presently have only one recreation staff person for all our parks and playgrounds.</i>		

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8/23	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	Create a Step Street Task Force to Clean the City's 128 Step Streets. Until the recent use of Work Experience Program (WEP) workers for cleaning step streets, DOS had abandoned its responsibility for these public streets. CD5 has 12 step streets which are mad unsightly and dangerous by litter.		
9/23	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Feasibility Study for the Expansion of the Existing 46th Precinct. Increase in personnel has made it extremely crowded in this old dilapidated and archaic building. This situation must be improved not only for the working police officers, but also for the surrounding community.	46th Precinct	Community Board #5
10/23	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	Create a NYC Transit Authority Clean Team. A special team is needed to clean and paint elevated subway line stations, fight graffiti and work with communities on anti-litter/ant-graffiti activities.		
11/23	DEP	Monitor and address water quality issues	Hire additional Inspectors for the Department of Environmental Protection. Personnel Inspectors to Monitor Fire Hydrants (Opening and Closing). Community District 5, for the last three years, has experienced the highest rate of hydrant openings in the borough of the Bronx. Ranking in the top three citywide.		
12/23	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	Hire Additional Clerical Workers for the 46th Precinct. The addition of 100 new officers to the 46th Precinct over the next 24 months will require additional support staff to process paper work and service community requests/complaints.	46th Police Precinct	
13/23	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	Increase Illegal Dumping Task Force from Current Low Level. Sanitation police personnel cannot serve the ire need of our district. Must improve ability of Department to conduct surveillance and apprehend illegal dumpers. his is a major quality of life concern in CD5.		
14/23	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Increase Staff in Bureau of Highways Maintenance Division: Additional Staff Persons Needed. With an increase in the need to repair streets as well as sidewalks and radways, there is a serious need for additional manpower in the Bronx Highways Maintenance Division. One gang is not sufficient to address the street repair needs in the borough.		
15/23	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Funding fire safety education outreach. The fire department needs to purchase smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for distributing to the public.		

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16/23	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	Community Board #5 is Requesting funding for Stay Well exercising programs for seniors who are fit and for those with disabilities. Seniors are in dire need of Aerobic exercise as well as routines designed to enhance balance, build muscle strength and aid in the performance o task associated with daily living.		BronxWorks Innovative, East Concourse, Heights Neighborhood &; Roberto Clemente Center
17/23	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	Requesting funding for computer labs and training. This will assist seniors to navigate computer and complex systems. The elderly have been an integral part of this community for generations. Seniors today live longer and despite some disabilities generally live better overall than their counterparts of pervious generations. Many older adults are isolated, frail, homebound, vulnerable to fraud and intimidation.		BronxWorks Innovative, East Concourse, Heights Neighborhood &; Roberto Clemente Center
18/23	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Restore Parks Maintenance Employees (to include the Division of Forestry and a Greenthumb Crew). Bronx Community District #5 has several playgrounds and parks which need to be properly maintained. Essential increases in maintenance staff are needed.		
19/23	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	On Street Parking Study for Community Board 5 Area. On Street Parking is a priority Quality of Life issue for district 5. CB 5 is highly dense bedroom community. In addition, we have 7 Commercial Shopping Districts (Fordham Road, Webster Avenue, South Grand Concourse, Burnside Avenue, West 183rd Street, University Avenue/West Tremont Avenue and Featherbed Lane) and street parking is vital for our Community Board area.		Community Board #5
20/23	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	The mission of the Featherbed Lane Improvement Assoc. two-fold: 1) to reduce the risk of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use / abuse, and 2) to assist socially and economically disadvantaged youth and young adults in attaining the skills, knowledge and motivation to become responsible self-sufficient citizens. The end result is stronger families and a better community. FLIA also utilizes evidence based program curriculums designed to help students develop self-control, communication skills, and acquire resources to help them resist drug use, improve decision making strategies, and develop the motivation not use drugs. The philosophy is to help children and families grow physically, healthy, emotionally strong, socially involved, educationally prepared, and more culturally aware.		

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21/23	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services</i>	<i>Community Board #5 requests that DYCD establish a Computer Coding Program in the district for residents, (Youth and Young Adults and senior citizens) to learn computer coding. This is a very important skill which leads to quality job opportunities and assists in their educational development.</i>		
22/23	EDC	<i>Build or expand incubator or affordable work or research lab spaces</i>	<i>Community Board #5 requests that the Department of Business Services establish a business incubator in the district to assist local business and Entrepreneurs to grow the businesses or establish new business ventures in technology, health care and retail areas, etc.. Possibly using Bronx Community College as a location for such an incubator.</i>		
23/23	NYPD	<i>Other NYPD programs requests</i>	<i>Community Board #5 requests that the city establish a Victim Support Services Program in the district which would deal with the victims of crimes or the families of victims of crime. The program would assist these victims and their family's with funeral arrangements, counseling, financial support and other needs of these residents.</i>		