

***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 12'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

Bronx Community Board 12

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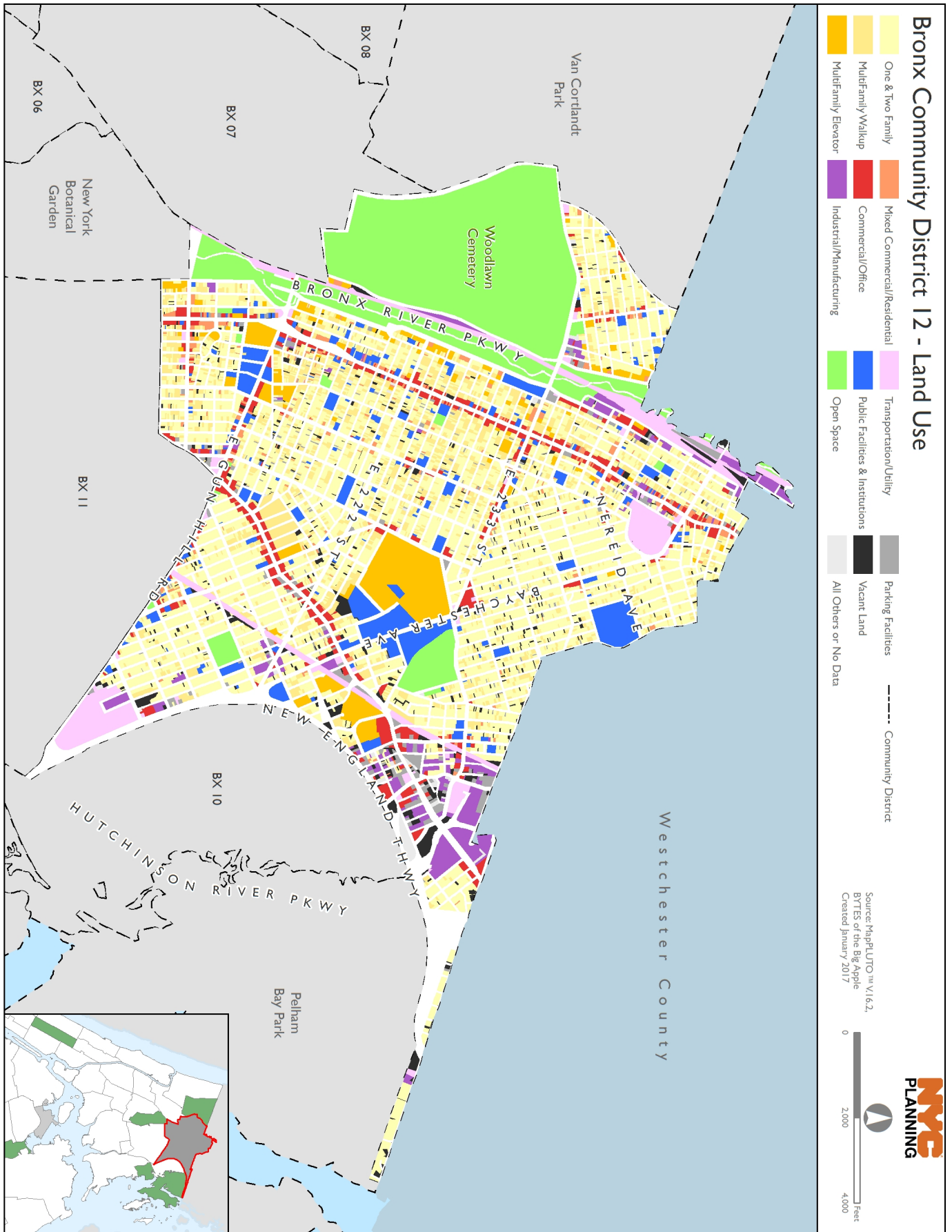
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2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

The greatest joy of serving our friends and neighbors at Community Board 12, The Bronx is that of meeting them and being able to assist them in a variety of ways. Whether it involves solving a difficulty arising between local residents, rectifying a problem relative to the delivery of government services, or just lending an open and understanding ear to one who is looking to be heard, it is a blessing to get to know people and have the opportunity to work on their behalf. These sentiments are shared, we know, by all who work at our Town Hall Headquarters.

Over our many years of service at Town Hall, we have strived to make local government effective and truly accessible to neighborhood citizens. The refurbishment and renovation of Town Hall and of our Carriage House, with the aid and the support of our elected officials, was a significant accomplishment in this regard. Important as well are our engagement in innumerable meetings, frequent telephone calls, and copious correspondence that cause the hours of a typical day at the Community Board to fly by so quickly. Our objective is to keep in touch with our community and to make them aware of how much we value hearing from them.

Community Board 12 is composed of several distinct neighborhoods, each one unique and vibrant in its own way. Community Board 12 is an extremely diverse community welcoming both newly arrived Irish immigrants into Woodlawn and West Indian immigrants into Baychester. This rich diversity of cultures makes Community Board 12 a desirable community.

Baychester is located in the eastern part of the district, consists of low and flat land that used to be marshland and valleys. Its boundaries are East 222nd Street to the north, Pelham Parkway to the south and Bronxwood Avenue to the west. Eastchester Road is the main commercial thoroughfare. The local subway is the IRT Dyre Avenue number 5 line.

Eastchester covers roughly half a square mile. Its boundaries are the Bronx-Westchester County border to the north, the New England thruway to the east, Baychester Avenue to the south, and the intersection of East 233 Street and Baychester Avenue to the west. Boston Road is the primary thoroughfare, and Dyre Avenue is the main commercial strip.

The neighborhood includes an industrial district and one New York City Housing Authority development, Boston Sector Houses.

It is also home to Seton Falls Park, known as the “Grand Canyon” of the Bronx. Situated on more than 30 acres of land, this nature preserve offers a respite from its urban surroundings with a waterside walking trail, a manmade waterfall, and a bird sanctuary. Also boasting several playgrounds, Seton Falls Park offers recreation options for the whole family.

Edenwald is located north of Baychester, south of Wakefield, east of Bronxwood Avenue, and west of Boston Post Road. It is home to the 47th precinct of the New York City Police Department, and to two NYCHA public developments, Baychester Houses and Edenwald Houses.

Fishbay is a small, quaint neighborhood which covers approximately one-fifth of a square mile, and has a population of just under 8,000. The community is bounded by Laconia Ave. to the west and Boston Road to the east. Haffen Park, at the intersection of Gunther and Burke Avenues, has frequently been praised as a “kid-friendly playground” and has a pool.

Olinville is today considered part of the Williamsbridge neighborhood, and shares the 10467 zip code. It is situated west of White Plains Road between Allerton Avenue and Gun Hill Road, and is served by the IRT White Plains Road number 2 and 5 subway lines.

Wakefield was once woods and farmland like the rest of the northern Bronx. The boundaries of the 1.3 square mile neighborhood are the Westchester County border at East 243rd Street the north, East 222nd Street to the south, and the Bronx River, the Bronx River Parkway and the Metro-North Railroad tracks to the west.

Wakefield is home to a number of parks, the most popular of which is Shoelace Park, the northern section of Bronx

3. Overview of Community District

Park. Shoelace Park hugs the banks of the Bronx River, and includes a kayak launch at East 219th Street.

The neighborhood, is served by the IRT White Plains Road number 2 and 5 subway lines, MetroNorth's Harlem Line, and the BxM11 express bus line. White Plains Road is the main shopping district, popular for its many fresh produce markets and Spanish, West Indian, and East Indian specialty food shops.

Williamsbridge is located in the northeast section of the Bronx, and covers roughly a mile and a half. Its boundaries are East 222 Street to the north, Boston Road to the east, East Gun Hill Road to the south, and the Bronx River to the west. White Plains Road is the primary thoroughfare of Williamsbridge. The local subways are the IRT White Plains Road number 2 and 5 lines, and MetroNorth's Harlem Line also provides service to the neighborhood.

Woodlawn is at the very north end of the Bronx. Its boundaries are McLean Avenue to the north -- which is also the New York/Westchester County Line -- the Bronx River to the east, Woodlawn Cemetery to the south, and Van Cortlandt Park to the west.

The main commercial thoroughfare is Katonah Avenue, which runs north-south through the heart of Woodlawn, and is a popular destination for its many fine restaurants and specialty shops.

Woodlawn Cemetery is known as the resting place of many of history's greats and has been designated a National Historic Landmark.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Bronx Community Board 12 are:

- *Crime*
- *Quality of life issues (noise, graffiti, petty crime, etc.)*
- *Trash removal & cleanliness*

The Board chose these three items as the most pressing issues because these are the top complaints we receive as a Community Board. Every month at our District Service Cabinet Meetings and Full Board Meetings residents and constituents raise Quality of Life concerns that primarily focus on the lack of enforcement from City Agencies. The 47th Precinct covers Community Board 12. They have the most officers of any precinct in the borough because of the high incidents of crime. We have been fortunate because we have an excellent relationship with the 47th Precinct and the NYPD overall. The Neighborhood Coordination Officer program was first launched in the 47th Precinct. This program seeks to connect the local beat cop directly with the residents by making these select officers responsible to different sectors of the precinct. We hope this initiative leads to a reduction of the types of Quality of Life complaints we receive. Community Board 12 is a transit rich district insofar as we have two separate train lines that dissect our district. We have several major commercial corridors in Gun Hill Road, Boston Road and White Plains Road to name a few. Cleanliness and trash removal is a challenge especially under the "El" on White Plains Road. Even with assistance from the Doe Fund cleaning periodically White Plains Road is plagued with garbage strewn about its corridor. Additionally, many of our corridors are littered with automobile repair shops and chop shops. Many of these businesses take advantage of lax enforcement and park their vehicles illegally on the sidewalk or take up on-street parking with cars that have no plates or tags. The Community Board has been working with residents and concerned citizens to file the appropriate complaints with the City. It is our hope that with proper enforcement and renewed diligence we might be able to address some of these long standing problems.



Health Care and Human Services

Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

We choose to prioritize homelessness because our district is unfairly burdened by the City's lack of a comprehensive plan to deal with it. We find that not for profit organizations have targeted our district because rents are low or properties are cheaper to purchase than other portions of the City. They may also feel that there will be little to no resistance from the community at large. CB12 is saturated with homeless shelters in addition to other City and State funded facilities that only temporarily address the issue. We would welcome a strategy that looked to make these facilities permanent and make the residents stakeholders in the community.

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
9/11	DFTA	Senior center programs	Other senior center program requests	
11/11	HRA	Services to support low-income New Yorkers	Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP	Community Board 12 4101 White Plains Road

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Youth workforce development and summer youth employment

Increased funding is needed for the SYEP program to meet the demand of the youth that apply for these jobs. Summer jobs are a primary and effective means in developing skills in our youth and deterring youth crime.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/8	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>PS19</i>
4/8	DCAS	<i>Upgrade Town Hall facilities</i>	<i>Replace all of the windows with sound proof windows within Town Hall</i>	<i>4101 White Plains Road</i>
5/8	DCAS	<i>Upgrade Town Hall facilities</i>	<i>Fix the cupola and the roof of Town Hall</i>	<i>4101 White Plains Road</i>
CS	DCAS	<i>Upgrade Town Hall facilities</i>	<i>Replace the HVAC unit for Town Hall,</i>	<i>4101 White Plains Road</i>

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
5/11	DYCD	<i>Youth workforce development</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

It is my understanding that the 47th Precinct continues to be plagued by a high number of incidents. I cannot speak to why this is but I am certain it is not the other issues referenced above.

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/11	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	
3/11	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional housing police officers</i>	
4/11	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles</i>	<i>47th Precinct</i>
6/11	FDNY	<i>FDNY facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests</i>	



Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Cleanliness/trash collection

CB12 has two transit lines in addition to the Metro North. We have several commercial districts throughout the district. The cleanliness of the district or lack there of may be the number one issue. More services are required to keep high trafficked areas like White Plains Road clean and clear of debris.



Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Commercial district revitalization

CB12 has several commercial districts with many vacant storefronts. Moreover, there is no diversification of the types of services in those storefronts that are occupied. Many of our retail establishments are of the food services type; restaurants or convenience stores. We would like to see more offerings from retailers.

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
7/11	NYCHA	<i>Public housing upgrades or renovations</i>	<i>Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades</i>	



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Sidewalk and curb construction

There are many sidewalks and curbs that need to be fixed within the district. Unfortunately, this responsibility lies with the homeowner and many of my homeowners do not have the resources to fix this problem. Moreover, some of the sidewalks in need of repair are so because of the City's infrastructure. Trees and their roots have caused many sidewalks to buckle or become trip hazards. DOT is woefully underfunded in dealing with this issue. We would like to see the City add more money to DOT's budget to address this issue.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/8	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>East 222nd Street White Plains Road Bronx Boulevard</i>
8/8	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Katonah Avenue East 233rd Street</i>



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Community board resources (offices, staff and equipment)

This is very self serving since it impacts the Community Board directly. Boards budgets should increase to reflect the growing need to attract and keep the staff. Additionally, the services that are paid for through the budgets have gone up steadily without any increase to keep pace. As a result boards have been forced to make difficult decisions regarding the level of services offered. We would like to see a significant increase in funding for Community Boards.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/8	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Shoelace Park</i>
6/8	NYPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Eastchester Library</i>
7/8	NYPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Wakefield Library</i>
CS	NYPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Edenwald Library</i>

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/11	OMB	<i>Community board facilities and staff</i>	<i>Other community board facilities and staff requests</i>	
8/11	DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>	
10/11	DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</i>	

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
4/8	DCAS	<i>Upgrade Town Hall facilities</i>	<i>Replace all of the windows with sound proof windows within Town Hall 4101 White Plains Road</i>	<i>4101 White Plains Road</i>
5/8	DCAS	<i>Upgrade Town Hall facilities</i>	<i>Fix the cupola and the roof of Town Hall 4101 White Plains Road.</i>	<i>4101 White Plains Road</i>
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7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Bronx Community Board 12 Capital Requests

Bronx Community Board 12 submitted 8 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority /
Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/8	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Request: Capital Reconstruction of East 222nd Street between White Plains Road and Bronx Boulevard. Explanation: It is our understanding that there are small tributaries under East 222nd Street between White Plains Road and Bronx Boulevard causing the street to be undermined. A capital reconstruction project is needed to address this issue.</i>	East 222nd Street White Plains Road Bronx Boulevard	East 222nd Street Association.
2/8	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade Shoelace Park and the Bronx River Greenway. The Parks Department has a Master Plan for the reconstruction and modernization of Shoelace Park. Many of the playgrounds and facilities lie in the flood plane of the Bronx River. CB12 is asking for a plan on how best to implement the Master Plan. Considering the project cannot begin unless it is fully funded is it best to parcel the Master Plan into more project ready phases.</i>	Shoelace Park	
3/8	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Allocate funding for the construction of an extension to PS 19 in order to alleviate over crowding and to improve opportunities for student instruction and enrichment. There is an immediate need to expand PS 19 to include two Multi-Purpose rooms and space for Universal Pre-K. The school is also lacking a gymnasium, an adequate lunch room facility, a library, a sufficient space for administrative purposes and Kindergarten seats. There is land available and architectural plans already that have been drawn for the extension to the school building. Last year CB12 was told that this project had been funded and that the scope was underway. We would like a further explanation of this and invite SCA and DOE to hold those scoping meetings within the community.</i>	PS19	CEC 11, Councilman Cohen; PS 19 Parents Association
4/8	DCAS	Replace all of the windows with sound proof windows within Town Hall 4101 White Plains Road	<i>Because of the elevated train tracks (Number 2 line) it becomes difficult to hear constituents while the train is passing.</i>	4101 White Plains Road	
5/8	DCAS	Fix the cupola and the roof of Town Hall 4101 White Plains Road.	<i>When it rains and snows there are leaks throughout the building. The cupola has not had any repairs since the 47th Precinct move from this location.</i>	4101 White Plains Road	

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
6/8	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Request: Allocate funding for Eastchester Library: fund the full renovation (\$4,725,000); HVAC replacement (\$800,000); rehabilitate the front entrance, and select interior space (including ADA compliance). Explanation: The Eastchester Library is in need of full renovations.	Eastchester Library	Block and Civic Associations.
7/8	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Request: Allocate funding for the Wakefield Library: rehabilitate the front entrance to ADA compliance, renovate interior spaces ADA compliance, and boiler replacement. Explanation: The Library is in need of full restoration	Wakefield Library	Block and Civic Associations.
8/8	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Request: Build a Municipal Parking Facility for 24-hour use by the merchants, business patrons, and residents of Woodlawn Heights on the northeast corner of Katonah Avenue and East 233rd Street. Explanation: Available parking for the businesses along Katonah Avenue and for the residents of Woodlawn Heights is woefully inadequate. Illegal parking in residential driveways causes inconvenience to homeowners and that in fire zones is outright dangerous. A Municipal Parking Facility would provide a safe and sensible response to the aforesaid difficulties.	Katonah Avenue East 233rd Street	
CS	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	It is our understanding that \$5.3 million dollars were allocated for this project between the City Council, Bronx Borough President and Speaker Heastie's Office. CB12 would like to offer continued support until the project is completed.	Edenwald Library	Block and Civic Associations.
CS	DCAS	Replace the HVAC unit for Town Hall, 4101 White Plains Road	The air conditioning and heating system does not work at all in the Carriage House. The air conditioning and heating systems do not work properly on the second and third floors. We are looking to make Town Hall more energy efficient. The Board was informed that this project was included in FY 17's budget. We would like to see where this project is and when it will be implemented.	4101 White Plains Road	

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Bronx Community Board 12 Expense Requests

Bronx Community Board 12 submitted 11 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/11	OMB	<i>Other community board facilities and staff requests</i>	<i>Please increase funding for Community Boards. We ask that the City to increase each Boards budget to \$350,000 so that Boards will have the adequate resources to provide the Charter-mandated services to their Districts. Last year response stated that the budget was increased. Yes, it was increased to included the union mandated raises required of the Mayor's Pay Plan. There has not been a significant increase in years. Either increase the Boards budget to allow us to function or do away with the Boards. However, do not let us perish from our inability to attract and keep talent.</i>		<i>Community Board #12 and Its Civic and Neighborhood Associations</i>
2/11	NYPD	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>Request: Community Board 12 would like to see an increase in Police Officers assigned to the 47th Precinct. We would also like to see an increase in the NCO Program. Explanation: The present crime statistics for the Precinct place it at the top of the list in the Borough and the City, particularly in the numbers of murders and shootings. Serious crime has recently begun to abate and come under control due to the significant infusion of long-needed additional Police Officers. should remain in the precinct, and we should look to increase these Police Officers.</i>		<i>Civic and Block Associations; 47th Precinct Council</i>
3/11	NYPD	<i>Assign additional housing police officers</i>	<i>Request: Assign Additional Housing Bureau Police Officers to Provide Greater Uniformed Presence in Our New York City Housing Authority Developments. Community Board 12 would like to see an increase in Police Officers assigned to the 47th Precinct. We would also like to see an increase in the NCO Program. Explanation: Police personnel are needed to provide greater uniformed presence. Car thefts, burglaries, and drug dealing and other serious crimes within the four NYCHA developments are seriously impacting the residents quality of life. The present manpower is insufficient to provide adequate public safety.</i>		<i>All NYCHA Tenant Associations in Bronx Community District #12; 47TH Precinct Council</i>
4/11	NYPD	<i>Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles</i>	<i>Please make sure that the 47th Precinct has an adequate number of vehicles. Explanation: The recent spike in crime that brought about a much-needed assignment of new Police Officers to the Precinct urgently mandates the addition of new transportation vehicles for N.Y.P.D. personnel and the diversification of such in order to facilitate effective and diversified methods of policing. Additionally, the heavy wear-and-tear inflicted upon police vehicles mandates an ongoing program of replacing worn and/or damaged vehicles.</i>	<i>47th Precinct</i>	

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5/11	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	<i>Increase funding for SYEP and look to end the yearly budget dance. Base line the increases so that those participating in the program can build upon their programs to offer better outcomes and services for our youth. We should look to models used in other City's like Philadelphia and work with the private sector to offer more meaningful summer jobs to youth. Use the SYEP program as the doorway to internships that would otherwise not be available to those of us that do not have someone advocating on their behalf. Offer multi-year placements so that our youth have an opportunity to grow with one particular employer. End the lottery system to make sure that once a youth enters the SYEP program they can stay in it. Incentivize the hiring of youth similar to what SBS does.</i>		
6/11	FDNY	<i>Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>Request: Purchase Emergency Generators for E-38/L-51 on Eastchester Road and E-62/L-32 on White Plains Road Explanation: In light of recent experiences with extreme weather conditions and the prospect of more in the future alone with the occurrence of numerous black-outs and lost of electricity in our area, it is absolutely imperative that all fire companies in Community Board 12 be able to respond to emergency and dispatcher situations, absent re-location to other quarters that will place them at a greater distance from the neighborhoods they serve</i>		
7/11	NYCHA	<i>Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades</i>	<i>Provide funding for cameras throughout Edenwald, Boston Secor, Baychester, NYCHA Developments in order to deter crime. Crime in our N.Y.C.H.A. Housing Developments persists as a major problem and concern. The installation of cameras has only partially taken place in some projects. A complete monitoring system must be installed in each of our N.Y.C.H.A. Developments for the safety of the tenants. At budget consultations this year we were told that the monies were allocated for these projects. We would like to know when they will be installed and urge NYCHA to make efforts to step up installation of these cameras.</i>		
8/11	DPR	<i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>	<i>Request: Provide Funding for cameras in Seton Falls Park, Shoelace Park and Haffen Park in order to deter crime. Explanation: There has been several major incidents in our parks over the past year. Community Board 12 believes that installing cameras would act as a deterrent to these crimes and provide evidence that could aid law enforcement officials in the prosecution of crime in these parks. The Board asks that the Department of Parks and Recreation purchase these cameras in order to address this significant public safety issue.</i>		

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
9/11	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Request: Provide Additional Funding to Our Neighborhood Senior Centers. Explanation: Senior centers operate on a minimal budget and are highly dependent on additional funding from elected officials and other sources. As many of these funding sources dry up due to the weakened economy and to budgetary reductions, senior centers are finding it extremely difficult to maintain effective operations. We request that DFTA increase basic allowances for senior centers without forcing them to turn to RFPs and other external grants that may no longer be available.</i>		
10/11	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Request: Provide Funding for Additional PEP Officers or Transfer money to the NYPD so that they take the roll of the PEP Officers in all NYC Parks. Explanation: Additional PEP officers are needed to patrol our parks and playgrounds. Vandalism has increased and there is a need for additional PEP officers to patrol the parks. It is inconceivable that year after year, park patrons in Community Board #12 have to endure numerous quality of life issues because existing PEP officers are not present. We request that the Department hire more officers in order to protect our parks and their patrons.</i>		
11/11	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP	<i>CB12 has served as a satellite facility for HRA's outreach efforts on Food Stamps/SNAP. Every Tuesday and Wednesday CB12's offices become a hub of activity of those seeking HRA's assistance for Food Stamps/SNAP benefits. We encourage an expansion of these services to five days a week and that additional services are offered like APS. In years past HRA has said that further study was required of the agency. We met with officials from HRA and thought we were close to negotiating an expansion of services at our office. Unfortunately, those conversations ended with no change or expansion to the current services. We would like to know what happened.</i>	Community Board 12 4101 White Plains Road	