

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

Fiscal Year
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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 Manhattan Community Board 4'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.

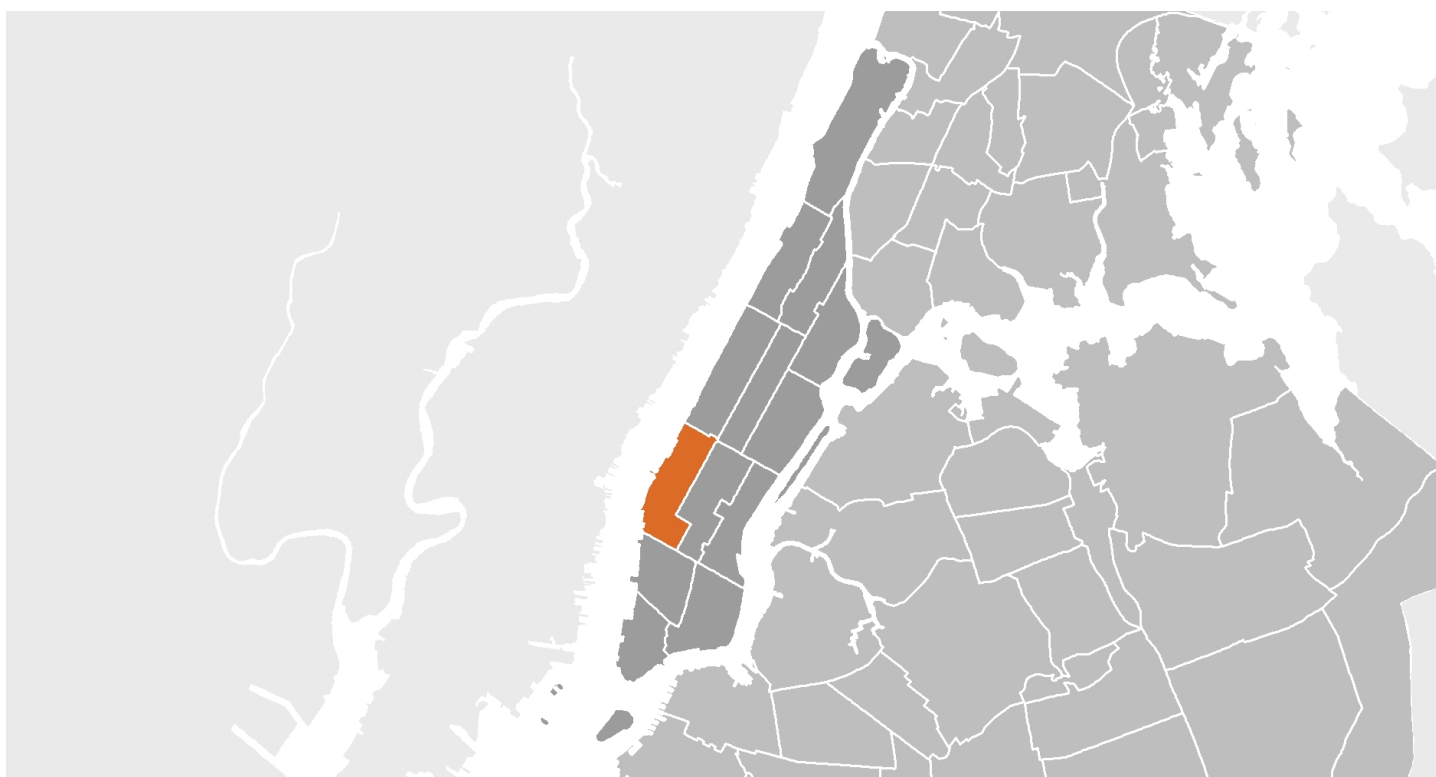
c) Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

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

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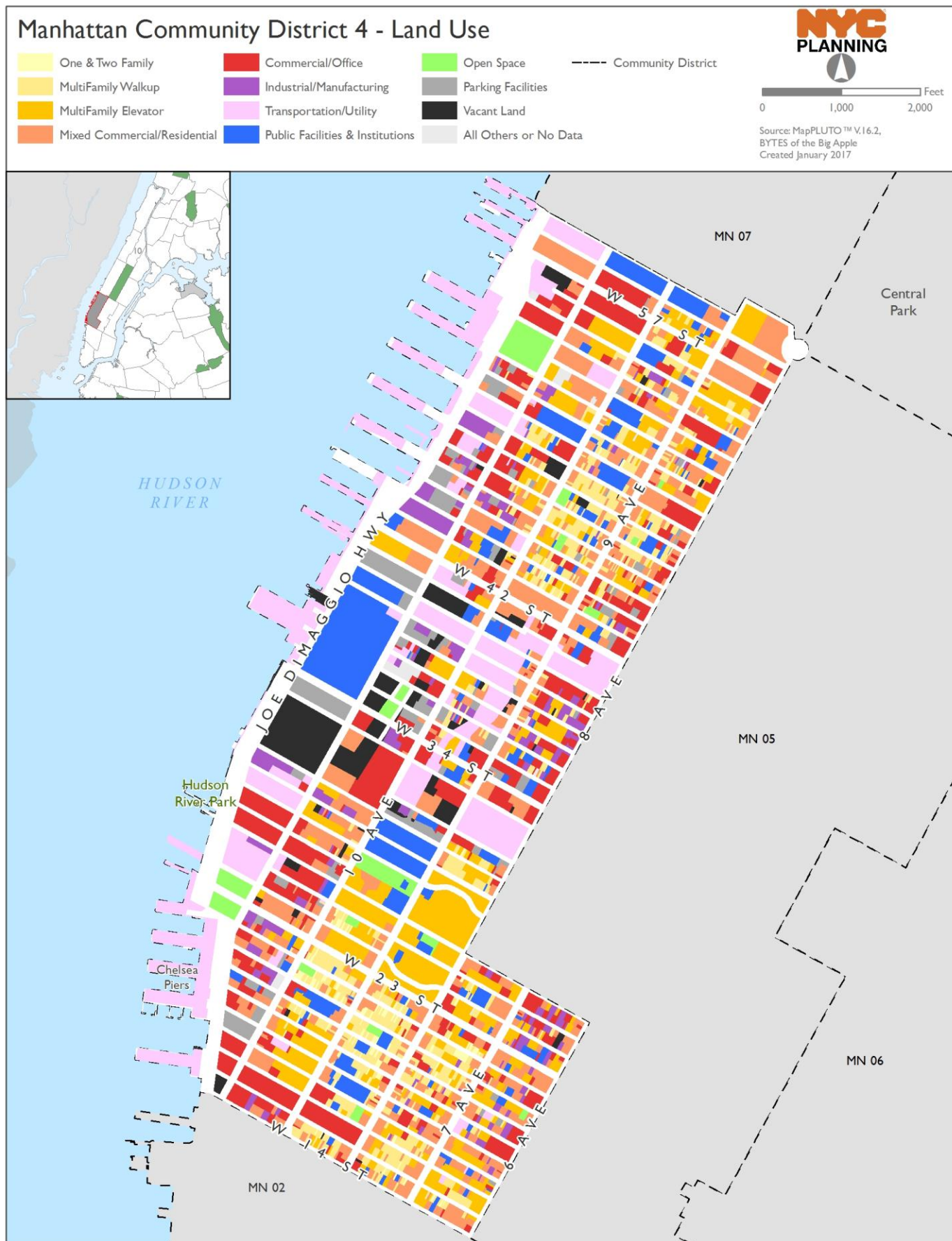
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2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Manhattan Community District 4 is comprised of three neighborhoods on the west side of Manhattan: Chelsea, Clinton/Hell's Kitchen and Hudson Yards. The southern border of CD4 is West 14th Street, the northern border is West 59th Street, the eastern border is Sixth Avenue south of West 26th Street and Eighth Avenue north of West 26th Street and the western border is the Hudson River. CD4 borders Greenwich Village, the Flatiron District, the Upper West Side and the Midtown central business district.

Portions of several well-known areas exist within CD4's boundaries, including the Garment District, the Flower District, the Gansevoort Meat Packing District, the Ladies' Mile Shopping District and the Theater District.

Other notable sites in CD4 include: Restaurant Row, The High Line, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, the Circle Line, the Javits Center, the Rubin Museum, Chelsea art galleries, Columbus Circle, Maritime Piers 56 - 99, the Farley Building/Moynihan Station, the Lincoln Tunnel, the Port Authority Bus Terminal and the northern half of Hudson River Park.

The total population of CD4 has grown from approximately 87,000 in 2000 to over 104,000 according to the 2010 Census. This represents 19% growth overall, much of it concentrated in recently rezoned areas. This rate of growth is faster than most parts of New York City. As a result of rezoning, significant new commercial and residential development is now possible in formerly industrial areas of CD4. Large segments of our neighborhoods are under construction. The rapid increase in land value is accelerating the displacement of many long time tenants and services, while the new benefits of the development have yet to materialize. MCB4 has strived for balance between the redevelopment of these areas with the preservation and expansion of the district's residential neighborhoods. A major priority is ensuring that new development helps produce more permanently affordable housing. The increased development has also put enormous pressure on transportation systems in the area. Overall, the rezoning and subsequent construction has contributed to the deterioration of the quality of life of residents of CD4.

This mass of new construction is exacerbated by the development of large-scale proposals within CD4, including Hudson Yards, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, Amtrak's Gateway Tunnel proposal, and the conversion of the Farley Post Office into the new Moynihan Train Station. Further, traffic congestion caused by the Port Authority Bus Terminal and the Lincoln Tunnel are increasingly incompatible with the new residential zoning of the surrounding neighborhoods. MCB4 is intent on preserving the character of our neighborhoods while taking regional needs into account.

CB4's priorities include:

Maintaining neighborhood character and preventing displacement and eviction of residents and small businesses, to enhance diversity and positive neighborhood relations among disparate groups;

- Preserving affordable housing and creating additional affordable housing for people making between 60 and 80% of AMI;
- Maintaining the stability of a long-standing local retail presence in our communities and preserving affordable commercial space for businesses, community, arts and cultural groups;
- Developing a coherent transportation infrastructure for our district, including increasing public safety in transportation, strengthening and improving public bus and rapid transit systems and fostering a better balance in street usage between pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles, particularly buses;
- Building new elementary and middle schools, to combat overcrowding and accommodate the increasing school-age population;
- Creating additional green spaces to combat the lack of parkland;

3. Overview of Community District

- Increasing services to the homeless, seniors and youth
- Addressing the quality of life issues associated with construction, a multitude of bars and restaurants and poor sanitation services;
- Improving environmental quality of air, water, and land; and
- Completing the city commitments generated by previous rezoning actions (affordable housing, bus garage, parks, arts spaces).

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

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

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

The massive rezoning actions on the west side have created thousands of market rate units. It made the neighborhoods of Chelsea & Hell's kitchen very attractive and expensive. This increasingly expensive supply has accelerated the loss of affordable units and it is threatening the preservation of the neighborhood character with loss of diversity in residents as well as in businesses. This increase in population puts additional stress on an underfunded transportation system such as Port Authority Bus Terminal and the MTA and also results in an increase in vehicle traffic through Lincoln tunnel which continues to be a major safety and quality of life concern.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

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

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

The Clinton and Chelsea ranks highest in the rate of new HIV diagnoses, almost four times the citywide rate.

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

According to the US Bureau of the Census, there are 16,972 individuals (12.1%) over 65 years of age living in the Chelsea/Clinton Neighborhoods. The majority of them, 52.3%, live alone. The vast majority live in rental apartments. 21% of those living in public housing are elderly; 37.1% of the seniors have income below \$20,000 a year; 27.3% had incomes between \$20,000 – \$50,000; and 14% have mobility and self-care impairments. The number of people over age 65 began to increase substantially beginning in 2011 as the oldest members of the baby-boom generation reach the 65-year mark. The number of people age 65 or older will nearly double between 2000 and 2030. To better understand the growing needs of our seniors, in 2013, the Board partnered with The Actors Fund (a human service organization for the performing arts with many constituents living in CD4), Visiting Nurse Service of New York and the Rodney Kirk Center of Manhattan Plaza (a 1700 unit Section 8 building for the performing arts with over 1100 seniors) to conduct a survey of seniors residing in Community District 4. An Advisory Committee of over 40 senior service, health care, affordable housing providers, local political representatives and entertainment unions came together to focus on the needs, concerns and supports required for this community. Since the completion of the survey, with the help of Councilman Corey Johnson's office, the Advisory Committee continues to meet and coordinate efforts to improve the quality of life for seniors in CD4. Priorities for the Committee include:

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

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

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Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/41	DHS	<i>Facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>317 West 45th Street</i>
4/41	DHS	<i>Facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>131 West 25th Street</i>
5/41	DHS	<i>Facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>Provide new homeless shelters or SROs</i>	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Health Care and Human Services

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/52	DHS	<i>Services for the homeless</i>	<i>Expand street outreach</i>	
7/52	HRA	<i>Homelessness prevention programs</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance anti-eviction legal services</i>	
10/52	DFTA	<i>Services for homebound older adults</i>	<i>Increase home delivered meals capacity</i>	
11/52	DHS	<i>Services for the homeless</i>	<i>Other request for services for the homeless</i>	
12/52	DHS	<i>Homelessness prevention programs</i>	<i>Expand homelessness prevention programs</i>	
14/52	DFTA	<i>Services for homebound older adults</i>	<i>Other services for homebound older adults programs</i>	
26/52	DOHMH	<i>Programs to address HIV/AIDS or other infectious diseases</i>	<i>Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services</i>	
35/52	DOHMH	<i>Programs to address other public health issues</i>	<i>Other programs to address public health issues requests</i>	<i>Gay Men's Health Crises 446 W 33rd St</i>
37/52	DFTA	<i>Senior center programs</i>	<i>Other senior center program requests</i>	
46/52	DFTA	<i>Services for homebound older adults</i>	<i>Increase case management capacity</i>	
52/52	DHS	<i>Facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>Other facilities for the homeless requests</i>	<i>Bowery Residents Committee 127 West 25 Street</i>

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Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

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

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

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

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
20/41	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</i>	<i>320 West 21 Street</i>
23/41	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	
24/41	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school</i>	
38/41	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide technology upgrade</i>	<i>P.S. 111 440 West 53 Street</i>

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
9/52	DYCD	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	
24/52	DOITT	<i>Upgrade to 311 System</i>	<i>Streamline 311 update process</i>	
26/52	LPC	<i>The Hudson Yards and West Chelsea Dev. are threatening unidentified possible Historical Properties</i>	<i>Conduct Historic District Study</i>	



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Other/Violation of City traffic regulations is a major quality of life issue in our district is made more urgent with the increased number of residents, schools and school children and the presence of numerous tourists. In addition, with the reductions achieved in many categories of crimes, more focus can now be applied to quality of life issues in our community and the enforcement of quality of life regulations.

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Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

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

Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

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

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
14/41	FDNY	FDNY facilities and equipment	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	
22/41	FDNY	FDNY facilities and equipment	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	
33/41	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	
41/41	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
15/52	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	
16/52	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional uniformed officers	
32/52	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	
34/52	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing	
39/52	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional crossing guards	Beacon School 522 West 44 Street
41/52	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing	



Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Cleanliness/trash collection

The street sanitation situation has grown much worse in the high traffic corridors of 8th and 9th Avenues and along 10th Avenue by the Highline. There seems to be a decrease in the frequency of pick-up of garbage in the public wastebaskets. Pest control continues to be a serious problem due to poor garbage storage. MCD4 does not have a sufficient number of DSNY trash pickup trucks, while the population increases rapidly. In addition, with the increase in restaurants in the district, multiple sandwich boards, menus stands, plants etc. have appeared on sidewalks making it nearly impossible for pedestrians to navigate on the sidewalk on 9th Avenue, north of 34th street and on 8th Avenue. Increased enforcement is required to ensure a safe pedestrian experience.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

The entire coastline of CD4 and portions of the West Chelsea Historic District are categorized as High Risk Flood Zones. MCB4 is especially concerned about the southern and western areas of CD4 and the entrances to the Lincoln and Amtrak tunnels. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the second highest incidents of chronic lung disease of any community in Manhattan south of Harlem. Given the proximity of the Chelsea and Clinton/Hell's Kitchen neighborhoods to the Lincoln Tunnel and to the Port Authority Bus Terminal, CD4 is at particular risk from unhealthy air affected by emissions from motor vehicles, especially from diesel engines in trucks and buses. Another major cause of air pollution in CD4 is carbon emissions from buildings still using "dirty boilers" that burn heating oil #4 and #6. Many of the buildings using these dirty boilers are rent-regulated and cannot (or will not) pay for the cost of converting to cleaner alternatives. Noise complaints from CD4 consistently rank among the highest registered by DEP and are rising in the Board area, especially at night. The main sources of noise are from clubs and lounges (sound equipment and revelers in the wee hours leaving), construction equipment, mechanical/air handling equipment (typically on roof tops), truck traffic (especially private sanitation trucks making pick-ups in the middle of night), emergency vehicles, honking and Fire Department Vehicles and Ambulances stuck in traffic.

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

The board is very concerned with the decrease in the frequency of pick-up of garbage in the public wastebaskets that are often overflowing and attracting rodents. This situation has worsened since last year and needs immediate attention. With the increase in restaurant in the district, multiple sandwich boards, menus stands, plants, etc. have appeared on the sidewalk making it nearly impossible for pedestrians to navigate on the sidewalk on 9th Avenue, north of 34th Street and on 8th Avenue. Increased enforcement is required to ensure a safe pedestrian experience.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
8/41	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling infrastructure	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	
9/41	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	
31/41	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Build new, expand or repair storm sewers	
36/41	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Provide new or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/52	DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	
19/52	DEP	Water supply system	Other water supply system maintenance requests	10th Avenue West 48th Street West 49th Street
21/52	DEP	Environmental protection	Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs	
29/52	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Other sewer maintenance requests	
44/52	DEP	Environmental protection	Address air quality issues	
45/52	DEP	Environmental protection	Address air quality issues	
49/52	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	



Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Affordable housing programs

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

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

Years after both Hudson Yards and West Chelsea in 2005 and the Western Rail Yards in 2009, construction is in full swing but many City commitments remain unfilled. A number of items that were agreed to by the developers, the Administration and the City Council await completion. They need the commitment of financial resources from both the expense and capital budgets to support staff and implementation from the Department of City Planning (DCP), Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) and other relevant agencies.

Supporting Materials:

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[WRY FINAL EXECUTED POA & COVER LETTER](#)

[Points of Agreement - Hudson Yards](#)

[Points of Agreement - West Chelsea - Signed](#)

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

As stated in MCB4's Affordable Housing Plan, affordable housing within CD4 is critical to house the diverse population of artists, students, minimum wage earners and seniors. This mixed population includes the backbone of the service and cultural economy of the city, as well as many of the most frail and isolated members of our community. It is critical that the city free up subsidies to replenish the inventory of affordable housing units in the West side of Manhattan. MCB4 has developed a detailed plan to generate and preserve about 10,000 units in our district. CD4 stands to lose a significant amount of affordable housing due to expiring uses in the immediate future. CD 4 is the second largest neighborhood in terms of bed and breakfast illegal conversion in the city. Most relate to affordable units. Such uses are prevalent in rent-regulated housing and in buildings receiving tax abatement's programs such as 421-a and J-51 programs. The largest concentration of SRO housing in our community lies between Eighth and Ninth avenues from W. 42nd Street to W. 57th Street. In that area, there are 62 buildings that contain nearly 2,200 SRO units. The majority of those units are found on W. 51st Street where twelve buildings contain 574 units. W. 46th Street is home to the largest concentration of SRO buildings, with 21 buildings housing 289 units.

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[affordable-housing-plan-Jan-2016](#)

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Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

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

Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/41	HPD	Affordable housing programs	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	10th Avenue West 40th Street West 41 Street
2/41	HPD	Affordable housing programs	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	495 11th Avenue
10/41	NYCHA	Public housing upgrades or renovations	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	421 West 17th Street
11/41	NYCHA	Public housing upgrades or renovations	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	525 West 55th Street
12/41	NYCHA	Public housing upgrades or renovations	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	425 West 25th Street
13/41	EDC	Economic development investments	Expand public programming and activation of public spaces on City-owned sites	Hudson Blvd Park
16/41	NYCHA	Public housing maintenance, staffing and management	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	HARBORVIEW TERRACE COMPLEX
17/41	HPD	Affordable housing programs	Provide more housing for medium income households	
18/41	HPD	Affordable housing programs	Other affordable housing programs requests	
19/41	NYCHA	Public housing upgrades or renovations	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades	

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/52	DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	Expand code enforcement	
4/52	DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	
6/52	DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	Expand code enforcement	
8/52	DCP	Zoning and land use	Other zoning and land use requests	Hudson River Park
17/52	DCP	Zoning and land use	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Hudson Yards
22/52	DCP	Zoning and land use	Other zoning and land use requests	
27/52	DCP	Zoning and land use	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Special West Chelsea District
36/52	DCP	Zoning and land use	Other zoning and land use requests	
38/52	DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	Expand code enforcement	
42/52	DCP	Zoning and land use	Other zoning and land use requests	



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Traffic safety

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

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Trucks and buses are an increasing presence on residential streets, off-street facilities for all types of buses and commuter vans are inadequate, and environmental pollution is a constant quality of life complaint and threat to public health. Pedestrians compete with each other and obstructions on the sidewalk, with turning cars at the crossings and often find themselves walking in traffic. Finally, Pedestrian ramps are poorly Maintained.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
6/41	DOT	<i>Traffic and traffic flow</i>	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	
7/41	DOT	<i>Traffic and traffic flow</i>	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	
15/41	NYCTA	<i>Transit Infrastructure</i>	<i>Other transit infrastructure requests</i>	<i>West 41 Street 10th Avenue 11th Avenue</i>
25/41	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps</i>	
26/41	DOT	<i>Traffic and traffic flow</i>	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	
27/41	NYCTA	<i>Transit Infrastructure</i>	<i>Other transit infrastructure requests</i>	
29/41	NYCTA	<i>Transit Service</i>	<i>Other transit service requests</i>	
30/41	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps</i>	
32/41	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps</i>	<i>Dyer Avenue West 35th Street West 35th Street</i>
35/41	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Install streetscape improvements</i>	<i>8th Avenue West 34th Street West 34th Street</i>
39/41	NYCTA	<i>Transit Service</i>	<i>Other transit service requests</i>	<i>West 34 Street 9th Ave Dyer Ave</i>
40/41	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>9th Avenue West 55th Street West 34th Street</i>



Transportation

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
5/52	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Conduct traffic or parking studies	
13/52	NYCTA	Transit Service	Other transit service requests	
18/52	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Provide new bike lanes	
20/52	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Address traffic congestion	9th Avenue 44th Street 57th Street
30/52	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Address traffic congestion	22nd street at 11th avneue
33/52	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Address traffic congestion	11th Ave West 42 Street West 57 Street
51/52	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Address traffic congestion	11th Avenue 37th Street 34th street



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Quality of parks and park facilities

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

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

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

- Integrate Parks Planning into Neighborhood, Citywide and Resiliency Planning;
- Restrict and Strongly Regulate the Privatization of Parkland
- Increase Transparency and Efficiency of the Parks Department to Ensure Equitable Distribution of Resources; overhaul of how the Parks Department is funded.
- Each park in our district should have a full-time, on-site park keeper to address constituents' concerns, provide security and perform routine maintenance of that park alone.
- Funding dedicated to support Green Thumb Community Gardens and pruning for street trees;
- Funding directed towards full-time gardeners, maintenance workers, PEP officers, as well as seasonal aides and playground associates for the summer.

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

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

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

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

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

Community Board Other Than Personal Services Budgets have not been reevaluated for inflation since the 1990s.



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
21/41	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Dewitt Clinton Park
28/41	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	West 40th Street 8th Avenue 9th Avenue
34/41	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	10th Avenue West 48th Street West 49th Street
37/41	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Other park maintenance and safety requests	
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Clement Clark Moore Park
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Chelsea Recreation Center
CS	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Muhlenberg Branch
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	West 20th Street 6th Avenue 7th Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
23/52	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Other park maintenance and safety requests	
25/52	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	
28/52	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	553 West 51st Street
31/52	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Other street trees and forestry services requests	
40/52	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	
43/52	OMB	Community board facilities and staff	Other community board facilities and staff requests	
47/52	DPR	Park programming	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	
48/52	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Other park maintenance and safety requests	

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
24/52	DOITT	Upgrade to 311 System	Streamline 311 update process	
26/52	LPC	The Hudson Yards and West Chelsea Dev. are threatening unidentified possible Historical Properties	Conduct Historic District Study	

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/41	HPD	<i>Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs</i>	<i>Provide affordable housing subsidy for Covenant House\Hunter College Site RFP to maximize both affordable and supportive housing. MCB4 has long welcomed supportive housing targeted for Seniors, Homeless, disabled, and HIV/AIDS residents within it's borders. This Large Scale Development plan will accommodate a modern facility for Covenant House, at least 60 % of permanently affordable units at various level of AMI beyond 60%, 100 units of at risks youth housing, the preservation and building of the Hell's Kitchen library and green open space, while preserving space for the infrastructure needed to build out the #7 subway station at 41st street and 10th Avenue. Height will be limited to 45 stories on the Avenue and 20 stories on the side street.</i>	10th Avenue West 40th Street West 41 Street	Council Member Corey Johnson; Covenant House
2/41	HPD	<i>Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs</i>	<i>Provide affordable housing subsidy for Slaughterhouse Site RFP located at 495 11th Ave. This 100% permanently affordable development will satisfy two commitments made by the City in the rezoning for affordable apartments to be built on Site M, and on the 20th Street sanitation parking space. It will be affordable at 80 to 165% of AMI. The project will have a height of 45 stories, will include an affordable supermarket and not include a hotel. http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb4/downloads/pdf/2015%20PDFs/july/37%20CHKLU%20letter%20to%20EDC%20re%20Slaughterhouse%20and%20RPF%20Process.docx.pdf</i>	495 11th Avenue	Council Member Corey Johnson; Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer
3/41	DHS	<i>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>Upgrades to the heating and air conditioning systems and amenities such as kitchenette are needed for the Aladdin Shelter located at West 4th Street between 8th and 9th. In addition, amenities such as laundry washers and dryers and security measures such as security cameras both inside and outside the facility are needed in all shelters.</i>	317 West 45th Street	West 45th Street Block Association
4/41	DHS	<i>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>Complete and green the BRC roof so residents can use that area for socialization rather than gathering on 25th street. Projected cost \$250,000.</i>	131 West 25th Street	Council Member Corey Johnson; West 25 Street Project
5/41	DHS	<i>Provide new homeless shelters or SROs</i>	<i>Build additional shelter facilities to allow for the downsizing of the West 25th Street BRC site so as to alleviate community conflicts.</i>		West 25th Street Project

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6/41	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Install signal changes: Split phases for pedestrian safety at 8 locations already studied by DOT 30th & 8th, 36th & 8th, 50th & 8th, 45th & 9th, 47th & 9th, 49th & 9th, 53rd & 9th 39th & 9th.		CHEKPEDS; Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Association
7/41	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Install signal changes: Split phases and Barnes Dances for 4 priority intersection from the DOT Vision Zero pedestrian Action plan and already requested by Council member Johnson W 42 Street and 8 Avenue - 5 pedestrians Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI), W 40 Street and 8 Avenue - 7 pedestrians KSI, W 57 Street and 10 Avenue - 6 pedestrian KSI, 7 Avenue and W 14 Street - 4 pedestrian KSI 11th Avenue and 42nd Street 6th Avenue and 14th Street 8th Avenue and 57th Street 8th Avenue and 24th Street 9th Avenue and 42nd street		Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Association; CHEKPEDS
8/41	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	Add two new additional trucks for basket pick up service bringing the total amount of trucks for MCD4 to four.		Chelsea Council of Block Associations; Council Member Corey Johnson
9/41	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	Provide more on street trash cans and recycling cans.		West 25 Street Project; Council of Chelsea Block Associations
10/41	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Fulton Houses (421 West 17th Street New York, NY 10011) 400 West 17 Street - New Sump Pit\Pumps for 401 West 16 Street - New Sump Pit\Pumps for 420 West 19 street - New Sump Pit\Pumps for 434 West 17 Street - New security fence in the rear of all buildings - New Lights for roof landings in all 19 buildings - Additional bench's for seniors and families to sit throughout the whole complex.	421 West 17th Street	Fulton Houses Residents Association
11/41	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Harborview Terrace (525 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019) - New trash compactors for both buildings - 28 New hoppers (Compactor doors) on each floor of both buildings - Complete replacement of hallway light fixtures with New light fixtures for both buildings (240) - New Radiator covers for all floors in both buildings - Upgrade the lighting in the lobby and exterior courtyards. - Motion detection door for the senior	525 West 55th Street	Harborview Terrace Tenants Association

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12/41	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Chelsea Elliot (425 W 25th St) - Repainting all Lobbies - New fence and gate surrounding playground in front of 420 West 26th Street and 425 West 25th Street.	425 West 25th Street	Chelsea Elliot Tenant Association
13/41	EDC	Expand public programming and activation of public spaces on City-owned sites	Fund Block 4, 5 and 6 of Hudson Boulevard Park Rezone northern part of Hudson Yards to complete the park and allow more residential uses Blocks 3 to 6 of the Hudson Yards Boulevard are not currently funded. A rezoning of Hudson Yards North is needed to provide a mechanism to fund the park, and to reflect the realities of the market, which needs to give priority to residential development in this area.	Hudson Blvd Park	HY\HK Alliance; Council Member Corey Johnson
14/41	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	Accelerate the implementation of Shore power Alternative Energy Pilot Program at curbside locations. This program would eliminate the noxious diesel fumes emanating from the idling emergency vehicles at the the Temporary 23rd Street EMS station (FDNY). These fumes are a major health concern for the resident of adjacent units.		Council Member Corey Johnson; State Senator Brad Hoylman
15/41	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Work with MTA to design the West 41st and 10th Ave station for the # 7.	West 41 Street 10th Avenue 11th Avenue	HYHK Alliance; CHEKPEDS
16/41	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	Re-issue RFP and provide adequate capital Subsidy for NYCHA Harborview Terrace site located at West 55 Street and 10th Avenue.	HARBORVIEW TERRACE COMPLEX	Council Member Helen Rosenthal; Borough President Gale A. Brewer
17/41	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	In the Clinton Urban Renewal Area (CURA) in Hells Kitchen, the few remaining city-owned properties to be developed should maximize the number of medium income units dedicated to affordable housing. Initiate RFPs for the offsite affordable housing developments committed to the Western Rail Yards points of Agreements.		West Side Neighborhood Alliance; Housing Conservation Coordinators
18/41	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Provide funding for the Clinton Urban Renewal Area (CURA) as the agency goes forward with the development projects and and Initiate RFPs for the offsite affordable housing developments committed to the Western Rail Yards points of Agreements.		Clinton Housing Development Corporation; Westside Neighborhood Alliance
19/41	NYCHA	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades	Fulton Houses (421 West 17th Street New York, NY 10011): Install security cameras on the roof of all buildings Chelsea Elliot (425 West 25th Street) Cameras in front of the Hudson Guild pathway and playground 441 West 26th Street		Chelsea Elliot Tenant Association; Fulton House Resident Association

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20/41	DOE	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	PS11 Captial Needs: Complete Scope and fund Handicap Lift for universal access to the building. This school of approximately 950 students is not yet handicap accessible.	320 West 21 Street	PS11 PTA
21/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Dewitt Clinton Park does not live up to its full potential. The restrooms, the steps midblock on West 52 Street, and the seating areas are all in need of renovation.	Dewitt Clinton Park	Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Alliance; 47/48 Block Association
22/41	FDNY	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	Permanently relocate the West 23rd Street #7 EMS station (FDNY) to a new facility MCB4 specifically requests immediate funding for a relocation of the EMS station that is temporarily located on W. 23rd Street and Tenth Avenue. The current temporary location was never designed for the heavy use the EMS is placing on this site. The current small, cramped location adjacent to residential buildings has resulted in noise and exhaust pollution. The site is unsafe for both FDNY personnel and nearby residents and pedestrians.		Council of Chelsea Block Associations; Council Member Corey Johnson
23/41	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	With schools operating a full or over capacity, we need to identify sites to build new elementary schools - particularly in midtown, where Hudson Yards will bring in an extraordinary number of students, in a short time frame.		
24/41	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	With schools operating a full or over capacity, we need to identify sites to build new district middle schools. Development on the west side, including Hudson Yards, will bring in an extraordinary number of students, in a short time frame.		
25/41	DOT	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	Extend the sidewalks: Both corners of Ninth Avenue and West 41st Street (Hells Kitchen Transportation Study). South side of West 45th Street. 8th Avenue from 34th Street to 47th Street. In particular, on the west side of Eighth Avenue between West 42nd and 43rd Streets (bike lane extensions).		CHEKPEDS
26/41	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Install 10 raised pedestrian crossing at various intersection starting with 45th street and 9th Avenue to facial circulation of seniors and disabled persons and clam the traffic		Council member Corey johnson has provided capital funding; CHEKPEDS
27/41	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Work with MTA to dedicate \$2 million to complete the work of the #7 Train Extension Study Group to extend the #7 train to Frank R. Lautenberg Station (FRL Station) in Secaucus.		CHEKPEDS

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28/41	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	CB4 recommends adding libraries in proportion to the residential development in our neighborhoods. Such as building the Library on West 40 Street between 9th and 10th Avenues.	West 40th Street 8th Avenue 9th Avenue	
29/41	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	MCB4 continues to receive complaints about deficiencies in various aspects of the Para-transit system, Access-a-Ride service. Additional vehicles as well as upgrades vehicles are needed. better customer service training is needed.		CHEKPEDS
30/41	DOT	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	Fulfill the city commitment to install ADA compliant ramps at intersections - Dyer Ave and W. 34th street - North side of West 42 Street and Dyer Avenue - where ramp is missing - South west corner of 39th street and 8th Avenue ramp is unusable - West 48th Street and Eighth Avenue the ramp is missing In addition, Install up to 30 audible pedestrian signals - Especially at 15th street and 9th Avenue.		CHEKPEDS
31/41	DEP	Build new, expand or repair storm sewers	Expand funding to expedite wait list of broken catch basins. - Northeast corner of West 42 Street and 9th Avenue, has been flooded for 5 years - Northeast and Northwest corners of West 23rd street and 9th Avenue, - Northeast corner of 21st Street at Tenth Avenue. - All corners of Tenth Ave and West 21st & 20th Street.		Council Member Corey Johnson; Council of Chelsea Block Associations
32/41	DOT	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	Fulfill the city commitment to reduce radius of West 35th Street turn at Dyer Avenue (Hudson Yards rezoning follow up actions, Western Rail yards negotiations.	Dyer Avenue West 35th Street West 35th Street	
33/41	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Relocate the Tow Pound from Pier 76: The Hudson River Park Act calls for the City to use its best efforts to find a new location for the existing tow pound so that Pier 76 can be developed as 50% parkland and 50% compatible commercial use. We urge the City to consider alternatives as soon as possible so that Pier 76 can take its rightful place as part of Hudson River Park.		
34/41	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Fund a new park at West 48th Street and 10th Avenue as committed to during Western Rail Yard rezoning and negotiations.	10th Avenue West 48th Street West 49th Street	47/48 Street Block Association
35/41	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	Build bulb out for the Westbound M34 SBS stop at Eighth Avenue, which was put on hold due to adjacent construction.	8th Avenue West 34th Street West 34th Street	

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36/41	DEP	Provide new or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales	Expand permeable surface and sidewalk bio swale pilot program to include MCD4: The New York City Council passed a bill in 2014 to begin a pilot program of using permeable sidewalk surfaces to reduce runoff from entering our combined sewage system. MCB4 would like to extend that pilot program to our district, which includes High Risk Flood Zones in some of our neighborhoods. In addition to this measure sidewalk swales used in other parts of the city should be installed within our district. The pedestrian islands that were installed to accommodate the separated bike lines along Eighth, and Nine Avenues would be optimal locations for sidewalk swales. Notably all new parks should minimize run offs.		
37/41	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	DPR vehicle: Our District is in need of DPR vehicles including a refuse loader and van for the transportation of seasonal employees.		
38/41	DOE	Provide technology upgrade	Fund Ipads for P.S. 111 at 440 West 53 Street	P.S. 111 440 West 53 Street	
39/41	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	Consolidate Ninth Avenue and Dyer Avenue 34A bus stops into a single bus stop west of Ninth Avenue. As discussed during the installation of the SBS.	West 34 Street 9th Ave Dyer Ave	
40/41	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Ninth Avenue from West 55th to 34th Streets to implement changes resulting from the DOT study now underway. Implement neck downs on each street block directly to the East and West of Ninth Avenue.	9th Avenue West 55th Street West 34th Street	CHEKPEDS
41/41	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	Provide a new NYPD facility and precinct district for CD4: It is time to regroup all of MCB4 within a single precinct that incorporate all the new areas in development for commercial and residential use. These combined with the exponential influx of residents, commuters and businesses in and around Hudson Yards calls for the creation of a new precinct and a redistribution of territory. We request the remapping of our district from 4 precincts to 1 or at most 2 precincts		
CS	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Convert lots in West Chelsea on West 20th Street into interim or permanent parks as feasible.	West 20th Street 6th Avenue 7th Avenue	20th Street Park Coalition; Council Member Corey Johnson

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CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Chelsea Recreation Center: The center continues to be the most utilized public recreation center in New York City. Given its high level of use, systematic maintenance of this center is a crucial issue in avoiding costly repairs and in keeping future costs low. In particular the exercise equipment is showing age and needs to be upgraded.	Chelsea Recreation Center	Hudson Guild
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Fund horticultural plan for Clement Clark Moore Park.	Clement Clark Moore Park	Council of Chelsea Block Associations
CS	NYPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Continue funding: Muhlenberg Branch for existing project of the HVAC Replacement (ID# LRCA14MBG).	Muhlenberg Branch	Council of Chelsea Block Associations

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/52	DHS	Expand street outreach	Expand resources for homeless Outreach		Council of Chelsea Block Associations; Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Association
2/52	DOB	Expand code enforcement	Enhance tracking of illegal demos, permitting work without tenant safety plan, and work with out lack certificate of non-harassment. As well as coordinate enforcement of regulations between HPD and the Department of Buildings in the interests of efficiency. In particular, Development in all parts of CD4 must be monitored and adherence to previously agreed to standards of contextual zoning maintainedf		West Side Neighborhood Alliance; Housing Conservation Coordinators
3/52	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Expand funding for DSNY staff to provide more frequent litter basket collection		Council Member Corey Johnson; Council of Chelsea Block Associations
4/52	DOB	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	Expand funding for the enforcement of the new regulations recently signed into law by Governor Cuomo. Illegal hotel use in our district continues to grow exponentially. The NYS Attorney General report Airbnb in the City, found that CB4 is one most trafficked neighborhoods for illegal hotel use, and of the three community districts that collectively account for 41% of Airbnbs revenue in NYC. Illegal hotel use depletes our affordable housing stock, incentives tenant harassment and creates quality of life issues for existing tenants. Increase OSE resources including lawyers, investigators and inspectors dedicated to bringing litigation against illegal hotel use, particularly in the most problematic districts.		Housing Conservation Coordinators; Westside Neighborhood Alliance
5/52	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Study the location and construction of a Tour and charter Bus Garage. In the Hudson Yards rezoning in 2005 the city committed the building of a garage to accommodate additional off-street parking sites for tourist and commuter buses and vans, services, and waiting "black cars".		

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6/52	DOB	Expand code enforcement	Increase and dedicate Inspectors, Community Coordinators, and Administrative Associates to CD4 Special Districts: HPD and DOB inspectors and those assigned to the Mayor's Office of Special Enforcement (OSE) do essential work in our area. Their work is particularly important within Community District 4s Special Districts, including the Special Clinton, West Chelsea and Hudson Yards Districts, where we depend on their skills to enforce arcane, but essential provisions preventing the demolition of sound residential housing and protecting tenants from harassment. Enhance funding for staffing to pursue with due diligence the collection of outstanding fines owed by repeat violators, and enforce unsafe and after hours construction compliance is essential.		Save Chelsea; West Neighborhood Alliance
7/52	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance anti-eviction legal services	Homelessness prevention programs: While the administration is committed to supporting legal services to prevent harassment in districts that are to be rezoned in the near future, community districts such as CD4 which was subject to three large rezonings in the past decade, need enhanced funding to mitigate the effects of the zoning and harassment of tenants; provide enhanced legal services to represent individual tenants and tenant associations.		Housing Conservation Coordinators
8/52	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	Complete the zoning text amendment to create a Hudson River Park development rights transfer district. This new district will fund the construction and maintenance of sections of Hudson River Park and bring some predictability to the development community for sites one block east of the Park. This effort should include a plan to remove the heliport at West 36th Street and the tow pound on Pier 76.	Hudson River Park	Friends of Hudson River Park; Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer
9/52	DYCD	Other educational programs requests	Provide full funding for after school programs:		
10/52	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	Expand existing programs for Seniors (DFTA) Meal programs. - Encore Community Services 239 West 49th Street - The SAGE Center Midtown 305 Seventh Avenue		Clinton Housing Development Corp.
11/52	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	Casework for families with a multitude of issues, including dealing with homeless and often poverty, can better be assessed by a licensed professional who may also provide mental health services within the shelter. Addressing this may also help in creating more successful exiting strategies.		
12/52	DHS	Expand homelessness prevention programs	Support for families and adults exiting shelter to decrease homeless recidivism through GED completion and job training and continuity of social services, for at least 3 months after exiting shelter.		

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13/52	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	NYC DOT Para-Transit Service Access-A-Ride vehicles have GPS capabilities but do not use them. Training staff to utilize the GPS technology is needed as well as better customer service training is needed.		New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer
14/52	DFTA	Other services for homebound older adults programs	Expand existing programs for Seniors in the following areas: In-home supports supportive housing Preventive health and social services		Clinton Housing Development Corp.
15/52	NYPD	Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	Increase enforcement staff for idling laws: work with DEP to conduct repeated and targeted operations in areas identified by our communities. The hundreds of buses idling in our community warrant a much level higher of enforcement.		
16/52	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Expand funding to add 10 traffic officers (enforcement and traffic) to the district The top areas of complaints are: vehicular failure to yield to pedestrians, - vehicular spillback, - illegal bus parking/standing, especially tourist buses on the west side, from 30th Street to 57th Street. - bus drivers using unauthorized routes, - vehicular idling, - bicycles riding on sidewalks, going the wrong way bike paths and streets, and running red lights. - Illegal electric bikes- vehicles blocking bike lanes - unnecessary honking, - liquor license stipulations-tagging of food delivery bikes.		CHEKPEDS
17/52	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Explore rezoning the northern part of Hudson Yards to complete the planned park and allow for additional residential units. A rezoning of Hudson Yards North is needed to provide a mechanism to fund the construction of the planned Hudson Yards Blvd. park, and to reflect the realities of the market which favors residential development over commercial development.	Hudson Yards	Clinton Housing Development Corp; Council Member Corey Johnson
18/52	DOT	Provide new bike lanes	Study new protected crosstown bike lanes in midtown - between 36 and 33rd street should be moved to expenses		
19/52	DEP	Other water supply system maintenance requests	MCB4 requests that NYC DEP finalize transfer mechanism of portion of DEP site at West 48th Street and 10th Avenue to the City's Parks Department. This transfer has been committed as part of the Western Rail Yards re zoning and the water maintenance tunnel construction is completed at this location.	10th Avenue West 48th Street West 49th Street	47/48 Block Association; Council Member Corey Johnson
20/52	DOT	Address traffic congestion	Study the creation of bus lane on 9th Avenue from 44th street to 57th street to increase the M11 reliability and consistency of its service	9th Avenue 44th Street 57th Street	CHEKPEDS
21/52	DEP	Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs	Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs: Additional resources are needed for night inspections when the noise pollution is most acute and invasive.		Council of Chelsea Block Associations; HK50/51 Block Association

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22/52	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	Modify the special permit process for off-street parking in new residential buildings. The current methodology for calculating parking for special permit findings does not reflect the realities of CD4, particularly in West Chelsea. The methodology encourages the building of unnecessary parking spaces which attract more cars in an area that is already overwhelmed by traffic and has excellent mass transit.		Manhattan Borough President; CHEKPEDS
23/52	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	The parks in the CD4 district that have comfort stations should have fixed post staff to address constituents' concerns, provide security and perform routine maintenance of that park alone.		
24/52	DOITT	Streamline 311 update process	Reprogram 311 to direct A frames complaints to Dept. of Sanitation. Currently they are erroneously directed to NYPD. Program 311 to direct Illegal Storm Enclosures complaints to DOB or DOT. This has been an on going issue for years and currently there is no category for illegal storm enclosures.		
25/52	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Preserve and create affordable space for small to mid-sized art groups theatrical and other non-profit performance and visual art organization as well as their support services such as artists' studios, rental storage space for art, costumes, scenery, lighting, and rehearsal studios. MCB4 has long advocated for the creation of a subsidy program, as part of the overall budget of the Department of Cultural Affairs as well as through the theater Sub-district. This program would ensure permanent locations for existing and displaced nonprofit arts entities is an ongoing need and a high priority for this community.		League of Independent Theaters
26/52	DOHMH	Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services	Over the last 10 years, HIV rates in the Chelsea/Clinton area were 50% higher than the average of New York City. Given the demographics of the resident population in Chelsea and Clinton, the district requires increased funding for education, prevention and treatment that is specific to our neighborhoods.		Actors Fund
26/52	LPC	Conduct Historic District Study	The significant development at Hudson Yards and the West Chelsea area have begun threatening the surrounding existing built neighborhoods. LPC needs to put a higher priority on working with Community Board 4 to identify and approve historical districts.		Save Chelsea; Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Association

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27/52	DCP	<i>Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs</i>	<i>Study the extension of the Special West Chelsea District (SWCD) to adjacent areas. It is now time, nine years after the creation of the SWCD, for the City to follow through with the promises it made including those listed then as Points of Agreement. Also it is important that the City examine the unforeseen problems, which have emerged as development rises in the SWCD creating pressures on adjacent areas like West 14th Street that might necessitate new zonings or the expansion of the SWCD itself.</i>	<i>Special West Chelsea District</i>	<i>Save Chelsea; Council of Chelsea Block Associations</i>
28/52	DCLA	<i>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</i>	<i>Expand funding to bring the Irish Arts Center project to completion.</i>	<i>553 West 51st Street</i>	<i>Clinton Housing Development Company</i>
29/52	DEP	<i>Other sewer maintenance requests</i>	<i>MCB4 lauds DEPs NYC Green Infrastructure Program we ask that DEP and agency partners, including the Federal government design, construct and maintain a variety of sustainable green infrastructure practices within MCD4. A portion of the FY 2016 budget should be earmarked to conduct a feasibility study of measures that can limit the damage of storm surges including flood gates. It has been estimated that the cost to design and construct flood gates at Verrazano Narrows, Arthur Kill and Throgs Neck is approximately \$10 billion.</i>		
30/52	DOT	<i>Address traffic congestion</i>	<i>install a no truck traffic - only local deliveries at 22nd street and 10th avneue , which si being used as a short cut by construction trucks</i>	<i>22nd street at 11th avneue</i>	
31/52	DPR	<i>Other street trees and forestry services requests</i>	<i>Tree guards for dangerous tree pits: A number of tree pits have been identified as dangerous for pedestrians and for low vision individuals in particular. More tree guards should be used to resolve this problem, which presents a real danger to low-vision pedestrians.</i>		<i>CHEKPEDS; Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Alliance</i>
32/52	NYPD	<i>Assign additional traffic enforcement officers</i>	<i>Expand funding to add 10 traffic officers (enforcement and traffic) to the district. The top areas of complaints are: vehicular failure to yield to pedestrians, - vehicular spillback, - illegal bus parking/standing, especially tourist buses on the west side, from 30th Street to 57th Street. - bus drivers using unauthorized routes, - vehicular idling, - bicycles riding on sidewalks, going the wrong way bike paths and streets, and running red lights. - Illegal electric bikes- vehicles blocking bike lanes - unnecessary honking, - liquor license stipulations- tagging of food delivery bikes</i>		<i>CHEKPEDS</i>

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33/52	DOT	Address traffic congestion	Convert 11th avenue to one-way southbound from 57th Street to 42nd Street. Reduce congestion by re-balancing traffic between 9th and 11th Avenue as recommended in the Hells Kitchen study. Add pedestrian safety features and a protected bus lane. Make Eleventh Avenue one-way southbound from West 57th Street to West 44th Street to ensure the reliability of the new bus route.	11th Ave West 42 Street West 57 Street	CHEKPEDS; Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Association
34/52	NYPD	Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing	Provide additional resources to further train officers in the following: Traffic officers and agents: Pedestrian safety Bus/truck laws including idling Preventing gridlock Precinct Officers: Collision investigation (10-190). It is critical that all agents responding to crashes be educated in the 10-190 laws and be ready to report all crashes causes.		
35/52	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	Substance Abuse: The Board is concerned about reports that the use of crystal methamphetamine and K2 is gaining a foothold in our community. In addition to other health and mental health dangers, use of this drug has been associated with increased use of other illicit drugs, as well as sexual practices that enhance the chances of contracting HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.	Gay Men's Health Crises 446 W 33rd St	
36/52	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	Revise the CEQR manual to correctly calculate the need for school seats resulting from cumulative rezoning. With an additional 20,000 residents and further developments under way, our capacity to deliver a proper education to our students is woefully inadequate. Revise Chapter 6 of the City Environmental Quality Review, which grossly and unfairly under counts needed school seats in our community. The problem is worst in Manhattan; as each residential unit is calculated to yield three times more 4-17 year olds in the Bronx [.74] than in Manhattan [.22]. Calculations must be based on the most recently available data to update the borough formulas.		Council Helen Rosenthal
37/52	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	Expand existing mental health services for low income seniors by partnering with service providers such as Service Program for Older People (SPOP)		Actor's Fund; Clinton Cares
38/52	DOB	Expand code enforcement	Training and stricter enforcement are needed to remove storm enclosures that are illegal and encroach in the pedestrian right of way. A focused effort is needed on 8th and 9th avenue and a proper coding in 311 is necessary.		CHEKPEDS; HK 50/51 Block Association
39/52	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	Add two crossing guards 10th Avenue and 43rd, 44th; 45th Streets and 10th and 11th Avenues where the Beacon School is moving to with 1,500 additional students.	Beacon School 522 West 44 Street	Manhattan Borough President's Office

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40/52	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Tree Pruning: Many of the trees within our district are in desperate need of pruning and may not survive until the next seven-year cycle for pruning comes up.		Council of Chelsea Block Association; CHEKPEDS
41/52	NYPD	Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing	Provide resources to train officers in noise measurement to address the many noise complaints due to the 700 bars restaurants and clubs and now massive number of construction activity.		
42/52	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	Conduct a study of publicly accessible Community Facilities. Create a publically accessible Community Facilities database that would index information contained in the COO of every building located within MCD4.		MANHATTAN LEAGUE OF INDEPENDENT THEATERS
43/52	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	Reevaluate Community Board's OTPS budget for inflation.		
44/52	DEP	Address air quality issues	Conduct air pollution studies: Provide Funding to conduct air pollution studies in the Lincoln Tunnel Corridor. Given the proximity of the Chelsea and Clinton/Hells Kitchen neighborhoods to the Lincoln Tunnel and to the Port Authority Bus Terminal, MCD4 most likely is at particular risk from unhealthy air. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the second highest incidents of chronic lung disease of any community in Manhattan south of Harlem.		
45/52	DEP	Address air quality issues	Increase incentives for building owners to Convert dirty boilers that burn heating oil #4 and #6. DEP needs to work with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and the Energy Efficiency Corporation to develop specialized financing solutions to towards this effort.		Housing Conservation Coordinators
46/52	DFTA	Increase case management capacity	The number of people over age 65 began to increase substantially beginning in 2011 as the oldest members of the baby-boom generation reach the 65-year mark. The number of people age 65 or older will nearly double between 2000 and 2030.		
47/52	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	Programming in needed for all age groups in our parks; more art in the parks in the form of exhibits, dance or musical performances would be a great way to engage the community.		
48/52	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Expand fund support Green Thumb Community Gardens		
49/52	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	Expand NYC organics collection program		

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51/52	DOT	Address traffic congestion	Continued Support - restart the two way traffic flow on 11th Avenue between 34 and 37th street as it was before the resurfacing and repair of the street. This route is used by Lincoln tunnel bound truck and traffic which is now overloading 10th avenue .	11th Avenue 37th Street 34th street	CHEKPEDS; DOT
52/52	DHS	Other facilities for the homeless requests	Continued Support to provide funding for DHS Peace officers to address Bowery Residents Committee (BRC) 127 West 25th Street (BRC) Community Advisory Committee issues.	Bowery Residents Committee 127 West 25 Street	Council Member Corey Johnson; West 25 Street Project

Appendix - Supporting Materials

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

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



affordable-housing-plan-Jan-2016

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=41DAA953-F69B-4F08-AE88-75424C4A713E>

WRY FINAL EXECUTED POA & COVER LETTER

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Points of Agreement - Hudson Yards

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Points of Agreement - West Chelsea - Signed

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