

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

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

a) Overarching Community District Needs

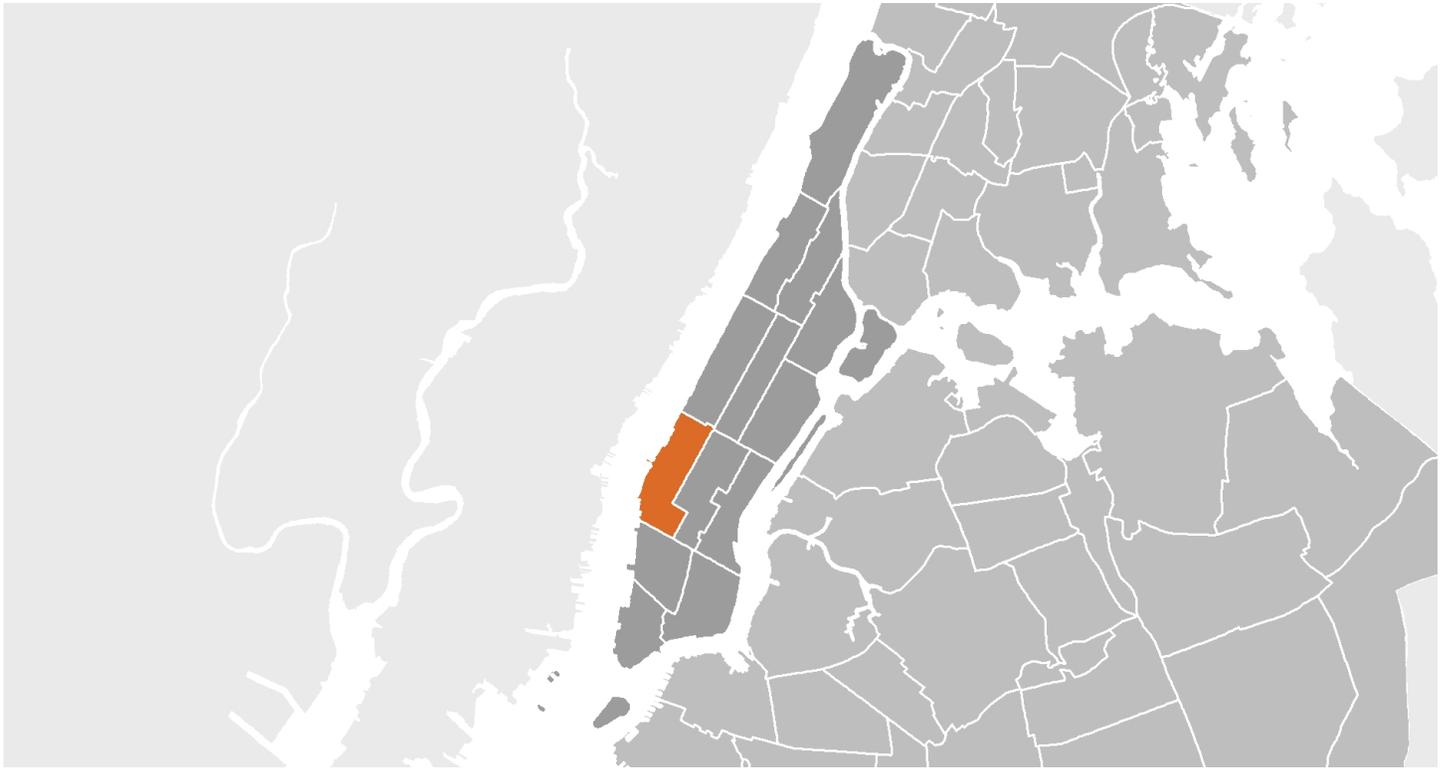
Sections 1 – 4 provide an overview of the community district and the top three pressing issues affecting this district overall as identified by the community board. Any narrative provided by the board supporting their selection of their top three pressing issues is included.

b) Policy Area - Specific District Needs

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

c) Community Board Budget Requests

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



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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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1. Community Board Information

Manhattan Community Board 4

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2. Community District Profile

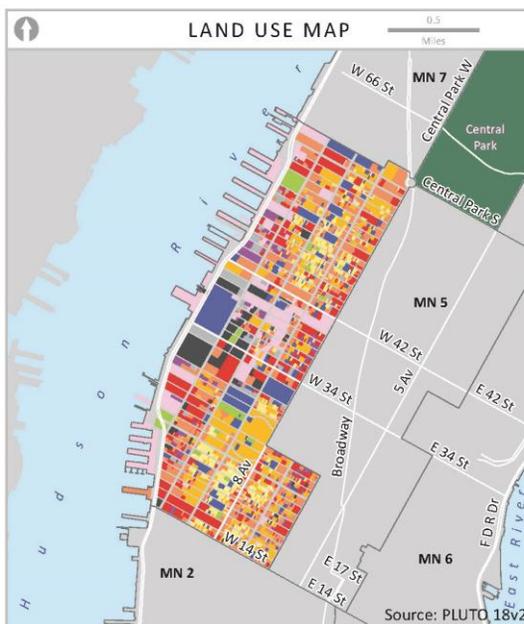
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Manhattan Community District 4



Neighborhoods¹: Chelsea, Clinton, Hudson Yards

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
87,479	103,245	+18%
2012-2016 Estimate ⁴		
Square Miles		1.8
Population Density		57,358/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

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

- Affordable housing
- Neighborhood preservation
- Traffic

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

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	156	1%
Multifamily Walk-up	985	6%
Multifamily Elevator	321	12%
Mixed Use	978	17%
Commercial	437	13%
Industrial	131	3%
Transportation/Utility	93	26%
Public/Institutional	169	10%
Open Space	20	2%
Parking	97	3%
Vacant	89	7%
Other	9	0%

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

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	53
Public Libraries	2
Hospitals and Clinics	26
Parks	21
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Manhattan CD 4	Manhattan
34%	37%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Manhattan CD 4	Citywide Target
94%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Manhattan CD 4	Manhattan
26	31 minutes
minutes	NYC
	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Manhattan CD 4	Manhattan
10%	16%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Manhattan CD 4	Manhattan
23.8	16.4
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Manhattan CD 4	Manhattan
74%	60%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Manhattan CD 4	Manhattan
4.1%	4.6%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2012 to 2016	NYC
	5.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Manhattan CD 4	Manhattan
11%	15%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	20%

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

2. Community District Land Use

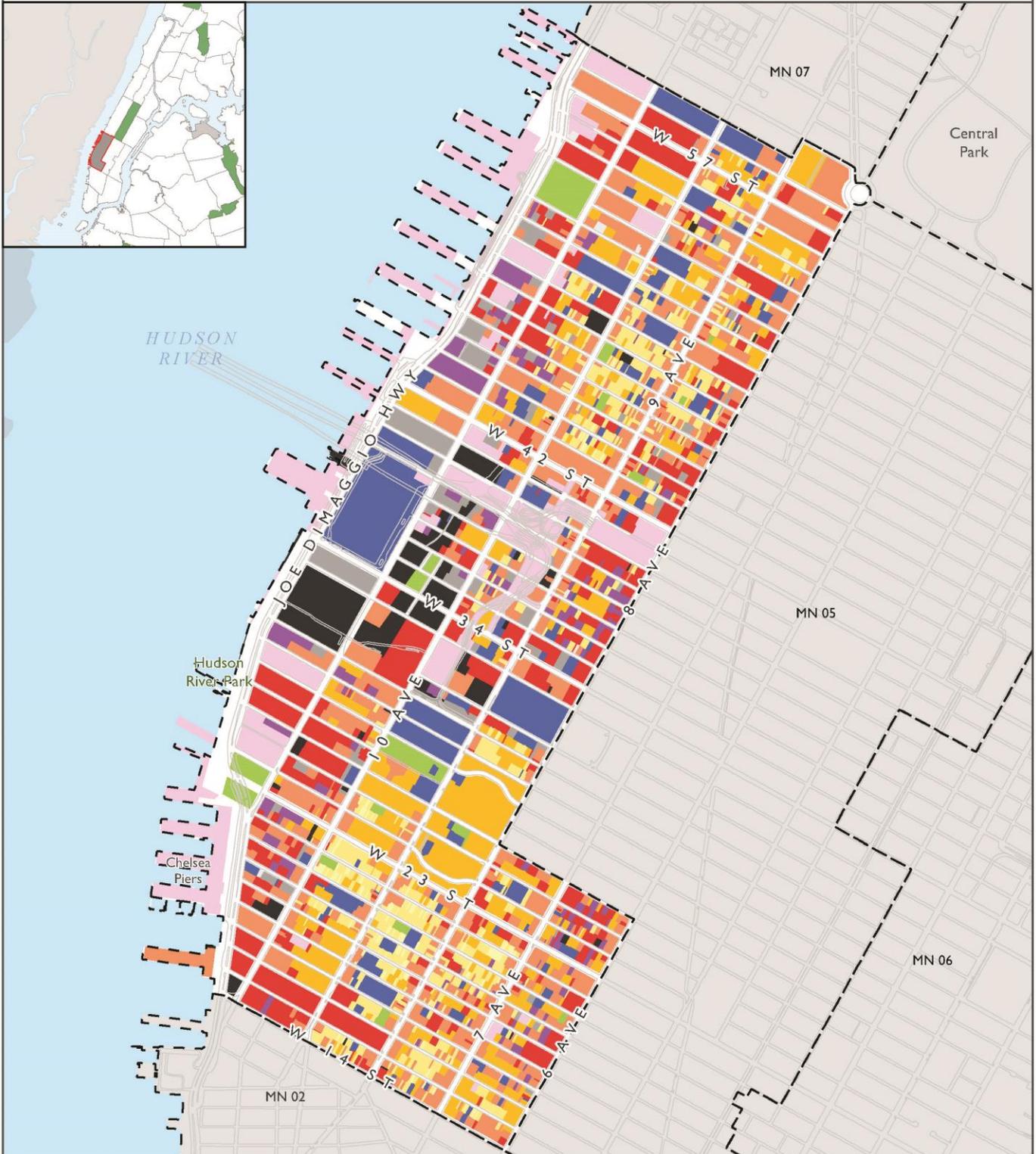
Manhattan Community District 4 - Land Use



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3. Overview of Community District

Manhattan Community District 4 (“MCD4”) 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. MCD4 borders Greenwich Village, the Flatiron District, the Upper West Side and the Midtown central business district.

Portions of several well-known areas exist within MCD4's boundaries, including the Garment District, the Flower District, the Gansevoort Meat Packing District, the Ladies’ Mile Shopping District, the West Chelsea Historic District and the Theater District. Other notable sites in MCD4 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, the Hudson Boulevard and Park and the northern half of Hudson River Park.

The total population of MCD4 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. The stock of hotels has been building at a fast rate adding to traffic congestion and sidewalk crowding. Large segments of our neighborhoods are under construction. The rapid increase in land value is accelerating the displacement of many long-time tenants and small business owners, while the new benefits of the development have yet to materialize and may not be available to all. Members of MCD4 have 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 MCD4.

This mass of new construction is exacerbated by the development of large-scale proposals within MCD4, 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. MCD4 is intent on preserving the character of our neighborhoods while taking regional needs into account.

MCD4'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;
- Improving quality of air, water, and land;
- 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 rapidly increasing school-age population;

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- Creating additional green spaces to combat the lack of parkland;
- 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; and
- Working with the City to ensure its commitments generated by previous rezoning actions (affordable housing, bus garage, parks, arts Spaces) are completed within a timeframe that addresses the looming threats of gentrification.

Overall Most Pressing Issues:

The massive rezoning actions on the West Side have created thousands of market rate units. It made the neighborhoods of Chelsea and Hell's kitchen very attractive and expensive. This increasingly expensive supply has accelerated the loss of affordable housing 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 and also results in increased vehicular traffic through the Lincoln Tunnel, which continues to be a major safety and quality of life concern.

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

- Affordable housing
- Neighborhood preservation (development trends)
- Traffic & Air Quality

Funded Requests: MCD4 would like to thank various agencies for their response to certain requests included in last year's budget and their assistance in addressing these pressing needs.

Thank you:

- FDNY for funding the alternative energy Ambulate project to eliminate idling from emergency vehicles.
- FDNY and City Council to confirm a permanent location for EMS Station #7 which currently is housed on West 23rd Street under the Highline.
- DPR and City Council for completing the funding for the Upgrades to the Chelsea Recreation Center
- DPR and City Council for funding the new "20th Street Park"
- DPR and City Council for funding the design for the new park at at West 48th Street and 10th Avenue.
- HPD for initiating the Affordable Housing RFP for a 705 10th Avenue and 806 9th Avenue.
- DHS and City Council funding the open roof at the Bowery Residents' Committee Homeless Shelter on West 25th Street and making it green so that residents can socialize out on it.
- OMB and DPR for approving a funding mechanism to design and build Block 5 and 6 of Hudson Blvd. Park.
- OMB and City Council for increasing the funding for Community Board Operation Budget.

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- DHS for funding additional Homeless Outreach staff.
- DSNY for funding additional overtime corner basket pickup
- Media NYC for funding the Small Theatre Study

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

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- *Traffic*

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Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

Homelessness has become a major issue in MCD4 over the last several years. Large public facilities located within MCD4, such as the Port Authority Bus Terminal (where recent issues of human trafficking have arisen) and Penn Station are a natural gathering place for people without homes. Many homeless people need social services, in particular substance use treatment, mental health services, and vocational training. The presence of very large homeless shelters, such as BRC, and drug rehabilitation centers has also brought major stress to the community. We do not oppose homeless shelters in our district, however, 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 neighborhoods have consistently been ranked as ones with the highest rates of new HIV diagnoses among all five boroughs, almost four times the citywide rate. The recent re-opening of the Chelsea Sexual Health Clinic along with long-standing community partners in our district, Ryan-Chelsea Clinton Community Health Center, Callen-Lorde, and Gay Men's Health Crisis, are crucial partners in this fight; but more resources are needed for the efforts to make PrEP, PEP, and rapid HIV testing more accessible to all members of our community district.

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 MCD4), the Visiting Nurse Service of New York and the Rodney Kirk Center of Manhattan Plaza (a 1700 unit Section 8 building 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 now-Speaker Corey Johnson's office, the Advisory Committee continues to meet and coordinate efforts to improve the quality of life for seniors in MCD4. The Committee identified several main priorities:

- Education/Outreach to seniors about the increase of SCRIE
- A 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

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Community District Needs Related to Services for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

According to the NYU Furman Center, MCB4 represents the interests of the neighborhoods with one of the highest levels of income inequality in New York City. Our district is also home to three large public housing developments: the Chelsea-Elliott Houses, the Robert Fulton Houses, and Harborview Terrace. As stated in an October 2017 letter, the Board is deeply concerned there are only four vendors in our district who participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), all who happen to be small businesses. Two stores serve the 507 WIC participants within Chelsea zip codes, Ideal Marketplace and Western Beef, while the other two vendors serving our district are Sugar Deli and Liberty Bagel Deli and Grocery located in Clinton. More resources are needed to help MCB4 residents access WIC providers and help more grocery stores become authorized WIC vendors.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/33	DHS	Provide new homeless shelters or SROs	Downsize the BRC shelter at 131 West 25th Street and close the Aladdin Shelter at 317 West 45 Street . In exchange establish a new family with children shelter.	Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/43	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	Include additional funding for after placement support for homeless families that are selected through the recently announced DHS family preference for buildings receiving 421a benefits. These buildings are typically luxury buildings with no supportive services. Both the families coming from the DHS shelter system and the building management will benefit and may require additional supportive services to assist the family to acclimate into their environment.	Community Wide
3/43	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.	Community Wide
7/43	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	Expand existing programs for Seniors (DFTA) Meal programs at the following locations: Penn South NORC - 290 9th Ave Encore Community Services - 239 West 49th Street The SAGE Center Midtown - 305 Seventh Avenue	Community Wide
8/43	DOHMH	Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services	As referenced in the 2015 NYC DOHMH Community Health Profile for Clinton and Chelsea neighborhoods, CD4 ranks highest in the rate of new HIV diagnoses, almost four times the citywide rate. 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.	Community Wide
15/43	DFTA	Increase case management capacity	As the SARA program expands affordable senior housing, an increase in funding for support services are needed to help seniors age-in-place. 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.	Community Wide
20/43	DFTA	Other services for homebound older adults programs	Increase funding for existing programs for Seniors at the following Organizations: Ryan Chelsea Clinton Clinic, 645 10th Ave and GMHC, 307 W 38th Street. In particular: In-home Supportive Services; Preventive Health; Social services	Community Wide
22/43	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	Increase existing funding for mental health services for low income seniors at Ryan Chelsea Clinton Clinic, 645 10th Ave. Possibly by partnering with service providers such as Service Program for Older People (SPOP). With the number of people age 65 and older doubling by 2030, more case management and mental health services are needed.	Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
28/43	DHS	Expand street outreach	Further expand staffing and resources for Street Homeless Outreach Program	Community Wide
38/43	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance anti-eviction legal services	Continued Support: Expand HRA Anti-Harassment Legal Services to Manhattan Community District 4. These important homeless prevention programs are only provided in East Harlem and Inwood neighborhoods in Manhattan. 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 increasing amount of tenant harassment due to the increasing development pressures as a result of the rezoning. Enhanced legal services are needed to represent individual tenants and tenant associations in Manhattan CD4.	Community Wide
41/43	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	Continued Support: Further increase funding for Caseworkers. 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.	Community Wide



Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

The current number of existing and planned schools in MCD4 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 MCD4 with particular emphasis on the number of school age children and the number of public schools that can accommodate this population. Because of the number of larger apartment units being built, the traditional measures of the number of school-age children based on apartment size is inadequate to estimate the number of seats needed.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

The Challenges Facing Our Public Schools. Capacity: The current number of existing and planned schools in MCD4 is not meeting the demand for seats of school age children who are currently living in our community and the expected increase in students from new residential developments being planned. Due to the increasing number of larger apartment units being built, traditional methods for estimating the number of school-age children is inadequate in determining the future needs for school seats. As development continues all along the west side of MCD4, more children are entering our district schools and impacting schools already operating at full or near capacity. At the same time, some schools are at less than full capacity. Funds need to be allocated to both acquire space for new schools and to address the issues that keep some schools underutilized.

Needs Related to Student Welfare and Programs: Several schools in MCD4 have been experiencing an increasing enrollment of students who, with their families, are living in temporary hotel shelters. These students bring new challenges and needs to the system. They include: longer travel time, lack of laundry services, social and psychological needs and an unstable housing environment. Additional social services are needed for these students at the school level. As the population in the district continues to become more diverse our schools need to reflect that same diversity. Efforts should be made to enable our schools to mirror our diverse community and thereby benefiting the social development of our students. Our priority should be to provide our students with the resources to enable them to perform at their best level and develop the skills needed to continue their education. In addition, funding needs to be made available to make all schools ADA compliant as required by law.



Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/33	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	Food and Science High School: Fund \$2 million for a chemistry lab.	Food and Science High School 525 West 50th Street
9/33	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	H.S. Environmental Studies: Complete funding for \$100,000 shortfall for new roof at High School for Environmental Studies.	HS for Environmental Studies 444 West 56 Street
16/33	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	PS 111 - Upgrade adult and student bathrooms on lower level. Upgrade pre-k bathrooms and sink areas	P.S. 111 440 West 53rd Street
18/33	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	NYC Lab School: Increase Funding for additional \$300,000 to complete renovation of Third Floor student and staff bathrooms. Increase funding for additional	NYC Lab School 333 West 17th Street
19/33	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	P.S.35M: Increase funding of \$135,000.00 to upgrade library to include also computer and media lab.	P35M at Manhattan High School 317 West 52 Street
27/33	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	Fund upgrades to make P.S. 111 School entrance and gymnasium ADA accessible.	P.S. 111 Manhattan
29/33	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	PS51: Increase Funding for the following items: Fund a \$100,000 Earth Science Lab, three Laptop Carts, 25 Chromebooks, and 25 Teach Macbooks	PS 51, The Elias Howe School 525 West 44th Street
30/33	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	Arts & Craftsmanship High School: Fund \$70,000 for 10 Smartboards for classrooms.	Arts & Craftsmanship High School 439 West 49th Street
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	Continue funding to renovate the following areas and items in P.S. 33: Bathrooms Kitchen Cafeteria PA system Security cameras	P.S. 33 281 9 AVENUE
CS	SCA	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.	Community Wide
CS	SCA	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



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Crime prevention programs

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. Congestion, spill-back and idling are major concerns. In addition, with the reductions achieved in many categories of crimes, more focus can now be applied to quality of life issues in our community and the enforcement of quality of life regulations.

Community District Needs 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. More traffic agents. Enforcement of bus routes, layover, spill-back and idling are needed.

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.



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
26/33	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.	Community Wide
33/33	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	Community Wide
CS	FDNY	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	Continue to fund the permanent relocation of the West 23rd Street #7 EMS station (FDNY) to West 29th Street (11/12 Ave) 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.	Community Wide

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
24/43	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	DEPLOY 9 traffic officers to increase enforcement of the following traffic violations: Vehicular spill-back, Parking in no standing, Bus drivers using unauthorized routes, Vehicular idling, Bicycles riding on sidewalks, Wrong way on bike paths and streets, Running red lights, Illegal electric bikes, Vehicles blocking bike lanes, and Unnecessary honking.	Community Wide
27/43	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	Increase funding to increase salaries and benefits for Crossing Guard positions.	Beacon School 522 West 44 Street



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Air quality and pollution

Street sanitation has become much worse in the high traffic corridors of 8th and 9th Avenues and along 10th Avenue by the Highline. Poor garbage storage (and infrequent collection) and led to a serious pest control problem. MMCD4 does not have a sufficient number of DSNY trash pickup trucks, despite its rapidly increasing population. In addition, with the increase in restaurants has brought sidewalk obstructions (multiple sandwich boards, menus stands, plants etc.) that make it nearly impossible for pedestrians to navigate 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 MCD4 and portions of the West Chelsea Historic District is categorized as High Risk Flood Zones. MMCD4 is especially concerned about the southern and western areas of MCD4 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, MCD4 is at particular risk from unhealthy air affected by emissions from motor vehicles, especially from the diesel engines in trucks and buses. Another major cause of air pollution in MCD4 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 MCD4 consistently rank among the highest registered by DEP and are rising, especially at night. The main sources of noise are from clubs and lounges (sound equipment and revelers in the wee hours leaving), construction, mechanical/air handling equipment (typically on roof tops), truck traffic (especially private sanitation trucks making pick-ups in the middle of night), emergency vehicles, honking and Fire Department Vehicles and Ambulances struck in traffic.

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

The board is very concerned with the frequency of pick-up of garbage in the public wastebaskets that are often overflowing and attracting rodents. This situation has seen minimal improvement since last year and needs immediate attention. With the increase in restaurants in the district, accompanying sidewalk obstructions (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	Request	Explanation	Location
22/33	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	Provide funding for the following Sanitation vehicles: Two new additional trucks for basket pick up service to raise total capacity to four for MCD4.	Community Wide

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	Request	Explanation	Location
5/43	DEP	Investigate air quality complaints at specific location	Increase Funding to Increase pollution monitors in CD4. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the third highest levels of air pollution in the five boroughs. Air pollution increases incidents of chronic lung disease. 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.	Community Wide
18/43	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Baseline the existing DSNY staff overtime for additional basket pick up and expand funding to reach four basket pick crews in total.	Community Wide
19/43	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	Increase funding for DSNY staff for an additional two crews to bring residential and recycling pick-up service on Thursday and Saturday equivalent to the rest of the week.	Community Wide
32/43	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	Increase funding for NYC organics collection program	Community Wide
35/43	DEP	Investigate and address water pressure complaint at specific address or on specific street segment	Continued Support: 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 Ave West 48th St West 49th St
36/43	DEP	Evaluate a street segment or intersection for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, and plan for construction if feasible	Continued Support: 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 2020 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.	Community Wide
37/43	DEP	Investigate noise complaints at specific location	Continued Support: 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.	Community Wide



Main Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Affordable housing preservation

Affordable Housing 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 commitments 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, Housing Preservation and Development, and other relevant agencies to bring them to completion. Nine years after the Special West Chelsea District's creation, it is past time for the City to follow through with its promises. The loss of affordable housing stock in our Special Districts is also highly alarming. Protections were put in place following rampant harassment throughout our District and now due to lack of enforcement and identification of buildings that should be protected from demolition, owners inadvertently or intentionally are obtaining demolition permits and are attempting to redevelop with market rate housing.

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, Economic Development Corporation, Housing Preservation and Development and other relevant agencies.

Supporting Materials:

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

[*Points of Agreement - Hudson Yards*](#)

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

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

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

As stated in MCD4's Affordable Housing Plan, affordable housing within the district is critical to the diverse population of artists, students, minimum wage, earners, and seniors. This mixed population includes the many of the most frail and isolated members of our community as well as the backbone of the service and cultural economy that is essential to NYC. It is vital that the City free up subsidies to replenish the inventory of affordable housing units in Chelsea & Hell's Kitchen. MCD4 has developed a detailed plan to generate and preserve almost 10,000 units in our district. MCD4 stands to lose a significant amount of affordable housing due to expiring use in the immediate future. Sadly, our district has been plagued by the illegal demolition of buildings which were "protected" by zoning enacted in large part due to the efforts of this Community Board. We have been fighting against these illegal demolitions but the City needs to step up and do its part. It is unacceptable that 150 units of affordable housing have already been lost because of dishonest landlords and inactive agencies. MCD4 faces additional problems from being home to the second greatest amount of illegal bed and breakfast conversions in the City. Such usage is prevalent in rent-regulated housing and in buildings that benefit from tax abatement programs such as 421- and J-51. The largest concentration of SRO housing in our community lies between 8th and 9th Avenues from W. 42nd to W. 57th Streets. In that area, 62 buildings contain nearly 2,200 SRO units. West 51st Street alone contains 12 buildings with a total of 574 units. West 46th Street has 21 buildings with 289 units. Supporting Materials: The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) found in the Appendix into a browser.



Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

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

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

More than a decade after the rezoning of the Hudson Yards (2005) and West Chelsea (2007), and nearly a decade after the rezoning of the Western Rail Yards (2009), buildings have been built, residents have moved in and businesses have opened but the much-promised resources for housing and infrastructure have not been delivered: many of the City's commitments remain unfulfilled.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Housing, Economic Development and Land Use



Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/33	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Designate a developer from the current RFP process and Provide additional adequate capital subsidy for the HPD development at the NYCHA Harborview Terrace site located at West 55 Street and 10th Avenue.	Harborview Terrace 525 W 55th St
2/33	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	Assign developers to the RFPs for the offsite affordable housing developments committed to the Western Rail Yards points of Agreements. DEP Site: 705 10th Avenue MTA Site: 806 9th Avenue	Community Wide
4/33	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Provide adequate capital subsidy for the Multifamily Preservation Loan Program (MPLP) and the Senior Affordable Rental Apartments (SARA) for the following affordable housing projects: 560 West 52nd Street - (MPLP) 500 West 52nd Street - (SARA)	500 & 560 West 52nd St
8/33	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Fund a Brooklyn\Chelsea Ferry service to serve the large workers population in the lower part of our district. Location Site Street: 11th Avenue/Pier 57 Cross Street 1: West 14th Street Cross Street 2: West 14th Street Fund a Brooklyn\Chelsea Ferry service to serve the large workers population in the lower part of our district. Location Site Street: 11th Avenue/Pier 57 Cross Street 1: West 14th Street Cross Street 2: West 14th Street	Pier 57
12/33	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Harborview Terrace (525 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019) - Prioritize Funding for the following items: Roof repair, Boiler upgrade, New Building entrance doors, Upgraded lighting for public hallways, Retiling public hallways, New hoper doors (garbage shoot doors), Renovate garbage storage area for senior building, and New apartment front doors.	Harborview Terrace 525 West 55th Street
13/33	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. Elliot-Chelsea (425 West 25th Street) Cameras in front of the Hudson Guild pathway and playground 441 West 26th Street	Community Wide
14/33	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Fulton Development (421 West 17th Street New York, NY 10011): Increase funding to renovate\upgrade the following items: New Elevators at 418-419 West 17 Street and 420 West 19 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; Additional bench's for seniors and families to sit throughout the whole complex	421 West 17th Street



Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/33	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Elliot-Chelsea (425 W 25th St): Repainting all building lobbies	425 West 25th Street
CS	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	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.	495 11th Avenue
CS	EDC	Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts	Fund Block 5 and 6 of Hudson Boulevard Park. Rezone northern part of Hudson Yards to complete the park and allow more residential uses. Blocks 4 of the park is planned to be funded through a private developer working through the Hudson Yards Development Corporation. However block 5 and 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



Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/43	DOB	Expand code enforcement	Expand funding for Dept. of Buildings Code Enforcement to provide a dedicated inspector for Special District enforcement to ensure compliance of Land Use regulations in the Special Districts. In addition, raise the priority of updating the DOB website so applications for improper demolitions and certificates of Non-harassment in special districts can be flagged earlier.	Community Wide
6/43	DOB	Expand code enforcement	Increase 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. In particular, Increase the number of Inspectors, Community Coordinators, and Administrative Associates.	Community Wide
14/43	DOB	Expand code enforcement	Provide additional funding for Dept. of Buildings enforcement inspectors for non-compliant ADA entrances.	Community Wide
23/43	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Fund study to review moving the heliport at West 30th Street in the Hudson River Park.	Community Wide
29/43	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Fund study to 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
30/43	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Implement 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.	Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
31/43	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.	Community Wide
34/43	DOB	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	Continued Support: 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.	Community Wide



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Traffic congestion

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

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Trucks and buses are a looming presence on residential streets. The current off-street facilities for buses and commuter vans are inadequate, and environmental pollution is a constant quality of life complaint and threat to public health. Due to sidewalk obstructions, pedestrians are forced to compete with each other for every inch of walkable sidewalk and are often forced to walk in traffic. Compounding the issue, pedestrian ramps are poorly maintained. Crosstown bike lanes are more popular and more dangerous than ever; protected bike lanes are needed in order to adequately protect riders. With the planned shutdown of the L subway line, the scores of workers coming to and from Brooklyn need additional modes of transportation, such as ferry service between Brooklyn and the west side. Bus service continues to deteriorate: more dedicated bus lines are needed on 9th Avenue and 42nd Street. There is less and less space for charter bus parking and it is urgent to build the garage that was promised during the Hudson Yards rezoning.

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

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Transportation

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/33	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Convert painted pedestrian islands, extensions and neck downs to permanent concrete structures (9th Avenue, 10th Avenue, and 11th Avenue)	Community Wide
24/33	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.	Community Wide
25/33	DOT	Repair or construct new 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.	Community Wide
28/33	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Work with MTA to design the West 41st and 10th Ave station for the # 7.	West 41 St 10th Ave 11th Ave
31/33	DOT	Repair or construct new 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 St
32/33	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 Ave West 55th St West 34th St
CS	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Expand funding to the L line repair project to provide critical upgrades, including ADA access, to the 8th Avenue and West 14th Street Stop. And reopen the passage between 6th and 7th Avenues.	8th Ave West 14th St



Transportation

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/43	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 St West 57 St
9/43	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Study sidewalk capacity and pedestrian demand along 8th and 9th Avenue North of 34th Street. In particular, study space effectively allocated to pedestrians, sidewalk obstructions and pedestrian volumes resulting in a true pedestrian level of service. Make recommendation to address congestion and lack of pedestrian flow.	8th and 9th Ave West 34th St West 59th St
10/43	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Fund Study on pedestrian safety at 11th Avenue from West 20th Street to West 23rd Street.	11th Avenue West 20th Street West 23rd Street
12/43	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Install signal changes: Split phases and/or Barnes Dances for 4 priority intersection from the DOT Vision Zero pedestrian Action plan and already requested by Council member Johnson. Locations: West 42 Street and 8 Avenue - 5 pedestrians Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI); West 57 Street and 10 Avenue - 6 pedestrian KSI; 7 Avenue and West 14 Street - 4 pedestrian KSI; 11th Avenue and West 42nd Street; 6th Avenue and West 14th Street; 9th Avenue and West 42nd Street.	Community Wide
13/43	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 identified the need of a garage to accommodate additional off-street parking sites for tourist and commuter buses and vans, services, and waiting "black cars". Currently these buses and cars layover on the street and idle. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the third highest levels of air pollution in the five boroughs.	Community Wide
16/43	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Conduct Study of Protected Bike Lane on 10th Avenue from West 13th to West 59th Streets.	10th Avenue West 13th Street West 59th Street



Transportation

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
21/43	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.	Community Wide
25/43	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 Ave 44th St 57th St
26/43	DOT	Provide new bike lanes	Study new protected crosstown bike lanes in midtown - between West 36th Street and West 33rd Street.	Community Wide



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Library facilities and access

Although significant progress has been made in recent years relating to the number of parks and open spaces in MCD4, the huge influx in the number of residents to the District means that even these new spaces are overburdened. Further, the facilities of the Department of Parks and Recreation in our District provide other services, as emergency shelters, and providing support for other city agencies. Thus, support for our parks cannot be seen as an afterthought, but must be prioritized.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

While many of the parks in our District have had some upgrades in recent years, much work still needs to be done. Restroom facilities in three major parks have not been upgraded in years, while other recreational facilities have been. This has resulted in bringing more people into our parks but not providing adequate restroom facilities. These restrooms must be upgraded. Such upgrades will also allow DPR to provide a full-time, on-site park keeper to address constituents' concerns, provide security and perform routine maintenance. Funding should also be dedicated to support Green Thumb Community Gardens and pruning for street trees. Funding should also be 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 MCD4 in the last nine 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. This vitalizes our New York City and our community, both culturally and commercially, on a block-to-block level. In addition, support services for theater and other artistic services within MCD4 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

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

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

Since the 1990s, budgets (outside of personnel services) have not been re-evaluated for inflation.



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/33	NYPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Fund \$500,000.00 to replace HVAC system with energy efficient model.	Muhlenberg Branch
10/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Fund the renovation and construction of the bathrooms at the following parks: Dewitt Clinton Park - West 52/54 from 11/12 Ave Matthews-Palmer Park - 445 W 45th St Chelsea Park - 450 West 27th Street Without new and updated bathrooms these parks can not live up to their potential and support needed fixed post park staff.	Community Wide
11/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Fund complete renovation of Gertrude Kelly Playground and park area	Gertrude Kelly Playground 320 West 17th Street
17/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Increase funding additional \$1 Million to renovate Penn South Basket Ball Court	Penn South Playground
20/33	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Fund \$800,000 for needed roof repair of Columbus Avenue Branch Library.	Columbus Branch 742 10th Avenue
21/33	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Increase funding for two Dept. of Parks trucks for the transportation of equipment and seasonal employees.	Community Wide
23/33	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	Increase funding for street tree pit guards to include existing trees. A number of existing 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.	Community Wide
CS	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Continue to Fund the \$1.3 needed to complete the design for a new park at West 48th Street and 10th Avenue as committed to during Western Rail Yard rezoning and negotiations.	10th Ave West 48th St West 49th Str



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/43	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Increase funding for fixed post staff at Dewitt Clinton Park Mathew Palmer Park, and Chelsea Park. 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.	Community Wide
33/43	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Continued Support: 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.	Community Wide
39/43	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Continued Support: Fund the develop of study and database for accessibility of Theatre groups for accessible rehearsal space sharing for the purposes of preserving and creating affordable space for small to mid-sized art and theatrical groups, and other non-profit performance and visual art organizations. MCB4 has long avocated 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. A database and the subsidy program would help ensure permanent locations for existing and displaced nonprofit arts entities.	Community Wide

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
40/43	DHS	Funding for Supplies	Continued Support: Midtown Community Court located at 314 West 54th Street is partially funded through the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice. The MCC serves over 1000 homeless clients in a year and needs additional funding to assist them with basic needs. They are a critical resource for our community and CB4 requests a dedicated line of funding of an additional \$5,000 for supplies for their work with the homeless.	Midtown Community Court 314 West 54th Street
42/43	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Continued Support provide full funding for after school programs:	Community Wide
43/43	LPC	Conduct Historic District Study	Continued Support: Expand funding and the mandate of LPC to recognize that the significant development at Hudson Yards and the West Chelsea area have begun threatening the surrounding existing built neighborhoods. LPC needs to be directed to work with Community Board 4 to identify, approve, and expand the historical districts in the neighborhood.	Community Wide

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Manhattan Community Board 4 Capital Requests

Manhattan Community Board 4 submitted 33 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority / Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/33	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Designate a developer from the current RFP process and Provide additional adequate capital subsidy for the HPD development at the NYCHA Harborview Terrace site located at West 55 Street and 10th Avenue.	Harborview Terrace 525 W 55th St	Council Member Helen Rosenthal; Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer
2/33	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	Assign developers to the RFPs for the offsite affordable housing developments committed to the Western Rail Yards points of Agreements. DEP Site: 705 10th Avenue MTA Site: 806 9th Avenue	Community Wide	West Side Neighborhood Alliance; Housing Conservation Coordinators
3/33	DHS	Provide new homeless shelters or SROs	Downsize the BRC shelter at 131 West 25th Street and close the Aladdin Shelter at 317 West 45 Street . In exchange establish a new family with children shelter.	Community Wide	West 25th Street Project; West 45 Street Block Association
4/33	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Provide adequate capital subsidy for the Multifamily Preservation Loan Program (MPLP) and the Senior Affordable Rental Apartments (SARA) for the following affordable housing projects: 560 West 52nd Street - (MPLP) 500 West 52nd Street - (SARA)	500 & 560 West 52nd St	Clinton Housing Development Corporation; Westside Neighborhood Alliance
5/33	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Convert painted pedestrian islands, extensions and neck downs to permanent concrete structures (9th Avenue, 10th Avenue, and 11th Avenue)	Community Wide	
6/33	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	Food and Science High School: Fund \$2 million for a chemistry lab.	Food and Science High School 525 West 50th Street	
7/33	NYPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Fund \$500,000.00 to replace HVAC system with energy efficient model.	Muhlenberg Branch	Council of Chelsea Block Associations

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Manhattan Community Board 4 Capital Requests

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Priority / Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
8/33	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Fund a Brooklyn\Chelsea Ferry service to serve the large workers population in the lower part of our district. Location Site Street: 11th Avenue/Pier 57 Cross Street 1: West 14th Street Cross Street 2: West 14th Street Fund a Brooklyn\Chelsea Ferry service to serve the large workers population in the lower part of our district. Location Site Street: 11th Avenue/Pier 57 Cross Street 1: West 14th Street Cross Street 2: West 14th Street	Pier 57	
9/33	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	H.S. Environmental Studies: Complete funding for \$100,000 shortfall for new roof at High School for Environmental Studies.	HS for Enviromental Studies 444 West 56 Street	
10/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Fund the renovation and construction of the bathrooms at the following parks: Dewitt Clinton Park - West 52/54 from 11/12 Ave Matthews-Palmer Park - 445 W 45th St Chelsea Park - 450 West 27th Street Without new and updated bathrooms these parks can not live up to their potential and support needed fixed post park staff.	Community Wide	Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Alliance; Council of Chelsea Block Associations
11/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Fund complete renovation of Gertrude Kelly Playground and park area	Gertrude Kelly Playground 320 West 17th Street	
12/33	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Harborview Terrace (525 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019) - Prioritize Funding for the following items: Roof repair, Boiler upgrade, New Building entrance doors, Upgraded lighting for public hallways, Retiling public hallways, New hoper doors (garbage shoot doors), Renovate garbage storage area for senior building, and New apartment front doors.	Harborview Terrace 525 West 55th Street	Harborview Terrace Tenants Association; Council Member Helen Rosenthal

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13/33	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. Elliot-Chelsea (425 West 25th Street) Cameras in front of the Hudson Guild pathway and playground 441 West 26th Street	Community Wide	Elliot-Chelsea Tenant Association; Fulton House Resident Association
14/33	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Fulton Development (421 West 17th Street New York, NY 10011): Increase funding to renovate\upgrade the following items: New Elevators at 418-419 West 17 Street and 420 West 19 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; Additional bench's for seniors and families to sit throughout the whole complex	421 West 17th Street	Fulton Houses Residents Association
15/33	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	Elliot-Chelsea (425 W 25th St): Repainting all building lobbies	425 West 25th Street	Elliot-Chelsea Tenant Association
16/33	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	PS 111 - Upgrade adult and student bathrooms on lower level. Upgrade pre-k bathrooms and sink areas	P.S. 111 440 West 53rd Street	
17/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Increase funding additional \$1 Million to renovate Penn South Basket Ball Court	Penn South Playground	
18/33	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	NYC Lab School: Increase Funding for additional \$300,000 to complete renovation of Third Floor student and staff bathrooms. Increase funding for additional	NYC Lab School 333 West 17th Street	
19/33	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	P.S.35M: Increase funding of \$135,000.00 to upgrade library to include also computer and media lab.	P35M at Manhattan High School 317 West 52 Street	

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20/33	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Fund \$800,000 for needed roof repair of Columbus Avenue Branch Library.	Columbus Branch 742 10th Avenue	
21/33	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Increase funding for two Dept. of Parks trucks for the transportation of equipment and seasonal employees.	Community Wide	
22/33	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	Provide funding for the following Sanitation vehicles: Two new additional trucks for basket pick up service to raise total capacity to four for MCD4.	Community Wide	Chelsea Council of Block Associations; Council Member Corey Johnson
23/33	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	Increase funding for street tree pit guards to include existing trees. A number of existing 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.	Community Wide	CHEKPEDS; Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Alliance
24/33	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.	Community Wide	CHEKPEDS
25/33	DOT	Repair or construct new 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.	Community Wide	CHEKPEDS

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26/33	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.	Community Wide	
27/33	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	Fund upgrades to make P.S. 111 School entrance and gymnasium ADA accessible.	P.S. 111 Manhattan	P.S. 111 PTA
28/33	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Work with MTA to design the West 41st and 10th Ave station for the # 7.	West 41 St 10th Ave 11th Ave	HYHK Alliance; CHEKPEDS
29/33	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	PS51: Increase Funding for the following items: Fund a \$100,000 Earth Science Lab, three Laptop Carts, 25 Chromebooks, and 25 Teach Macbooks	PS 51, The Elias Howe School 525 West 44th Street	
30/33	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a high school	Arts & Craftsmanship High School: Fund \$70,000 for 10 Smartboards for classrooms.	Arts & Craftsmanship High School 439 West 49th Street	
31/33	DOT	Repair or construct new 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 St	
32/33	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 Ave West 55th St West 34th St	CHEKPEDS

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33/33	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	Community Wide	
CS	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	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.	495 11th Avenue	Council Member Corey Johnson; Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer
CS	SCA	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.	Community Wide	
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	Continue funding to renovate the following areas and items in P.S. 33: Bathrooms Kitchen Cafeteria PA system Security cameras	P.S. 33 281 9 AVENUE	Community Education Council District 2
CS	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Expand funding to the L line repair project to provide critical upgrades, including ADA access, to the 8th Avenue and West 14th Street Stop. And reopen the passage between 6th and 7th Avenues.	8th Ave West 14th St	

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CS	SCA	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
CS	EDC	Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts	Fund Block 5 and 6 of Hudson Boulevard Park. Rezone northern part of Hudson Yards to complete the park and allow more residential uses. Blocks 4 of the park is planned to be funded through a private developer working through the Hudson Yards Development Corporation. However block 5 and 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	Council Member Corey Johnson; Hudson Yards\Hell's Kitchen Alliance
CS	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Continue to Fund the \$1.3 needed to complete the design for a new park at West 48th Street and 10th Avenue as committed to during Western Rail Yard rezoning and negotiations.	10th Ave West 48th St West 49th Str	47/48 Street Block Association
CS	FDNY	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	Continue to fund the permanent relocation of the West 23rd Street #7 EMS station (FDNY) to West 29th Street (11/12 Ave) 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.	Community Wide	Council of Chelsea Block Associations; Council Member Corey Johnson

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1/43	DOB	Expand code enforcement	Expand funding for Dept. of Buildings Code Enforcement to provide a dedicated inspector for Special District enforcement to ensure compliance of Land Use regulations in the Special Districts. In addition, raise the priority of updating the DOB website so applications for improper demolitions and certificates of Non-harassment in special districts can be flagged earlier.	Community Wide	West Side Neighborhood Alliance; Housing Conservation Coordinators
2/43	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	Include additional funding for after placement support for homeless families that are selected through the recently announced DHS family preference for buildings receiving 421a benefits. These buildings are typically luxury buildings with no supportive services. Both the families coming from the DHS shelter system and the building management will benefit and may require additional supportive services to assist the family to acclimate into their environment.	Community Wide	
3/43	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.	Community Wide	
4/43	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 St West 57 St	CHEKPEDS; Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Association
5/43	DEP	Investigate air quality complaints at	Increase Funding to Increase pollution monitors in CD4. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the third highest levels of air pollution in the five boroughs. Air pollution increases incidents of chronic lung disease. 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.	Community Wide	

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6/43	DOB	Expand code enforcement	Increase 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. In particular, Increase the number of Inspectors, Community Coordinators, and Administrative Associates.	Community Wide	Save Chelsea; West Neighborhood Alliance
7/43	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	Expand existing programs for Seniors (DFTA) Meal programs at the following locations: Penn South NORC - 290 9th Ave Encore Community Services - 239 West 49th Street The SAGE Center Midtown - 305 Seventh Avenue	Community Wide	Clinton Housing Development Corp.
8/43	DOHMH	Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services	As referenced in the 2015 NYC DOHMH Community Health Profile for Clinton and Chelsea neighborhoods, CD4 ranks highest in the rate of new HIV diagnoses, almost four times the citywide rate. 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.	Community Wide	Actors Fund; GMHC
9/43	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Study sidewalk capacity and pedestrian demand along 8th and 9th Avenue North of 34th Street. In particular, study space effectively allocated to pedestrians, sidewalk obstructions and pedestrian volumes resulting in a true pedestrian level of service. Make recommendation to address congestion and lack of pedestrian flow.	8th and 9th Ave West 34th St West 59th St	
10/43	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Fund Study on pedestrian safety at 11th Avenue from West 20th Street to West 23rd Street.	11th Avenue West 20th Street West 23rd Street	Council of Chelsea Block Associations
11/43	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Increase funding for fixed post staff at Dewitt Clinton Park Mathew Palmer Park, and Chelsea Park. 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.	Community Wide	

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12/43	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Install signal changes: Split phases and/or Barnes Dances for 4 priority intersection from the DOT Vision Zero pedestrian Action plan and already requested by Council member Johnson. Locations: West 42 Street and 8 Avenue - 5 pedestrians Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI); West 57 Street and 10 Avenue - 6 pedestrian KSI ; 7 Avenue and West 14 Street - 4 pedestrian KSI; 11th Avenue and West 42nd Street; 6th Avenue and West 14th Street; 9th Avenue and West 42nd Street.	Community Wide	Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Association; CHEKPEDS
13/43	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 identified the need of a garage to accommodate additional off-street parking sites for tourist and commuter buses and vans, services, and waiting "black cars". Currently these buses and cars layover on the street and idle. According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, this community suffers the third highest levels of air pollution in the five boroughs.	Community Wide	
14/43	DOB	Expand code enforcement	Provide additional funding for Dept. of Buildings enforcement inspectors for non-compliant ADA entrances.	Community Wide	
15/43	DFTA	Increase case management capacity	As the SARA program expands affordable senior housing, an increase in funding for support services are needed to help seniors age-in-place. 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.	Community Wide	
16/43	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Conduct Study of Protected Bike Lane on 10th Avenue from West 13th to West 59th Streets.	10th Avenue West 13th Street West 59th Street	ChekPeds
17/43	NYPD	Other zoning and land use requests	Fund study to review moving the tow pound on Pier 76 at West 34th Street. Study should explore how these sites will support 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.	Hudson River Park	

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18/43	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Baseline the existing DSNY staff overtime for additional basket pick up and expand funding to reach four basket pick crews in total.	Community Wide	Council Member Corey Johnson; Council of Chelsea Block Associations
19/43	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	Increase funding for DSNY staff for an additional two crews to bring residential and recycling pick-up service on Thursday and Saturday equivalent to the rest of the week.	Community Wide	
20/43	DFTA	Other services for homebound older adults programs	Increase funding for existing programs for Seniors at the following Organizations: Ryan Chelsea Clinton Clinic, 645 10th Ave and GMHC, 307 W 38th Street. In particular: In-home Supportive Services; Preventive Health; Social services	Community Wide	Ryan Chelsea Clinton Clinic; GMHC
21/43	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.	Community Wide	New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer
22/43	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	Increase existing funding for mental health services for low income seniors at Ryan Chelsea Clinton Clinic, 645 10th Ave. Possibly by partnering with service providers such as Service Program for Older People (SPOP). With the number of people age 65 and older doubling by 2030, more case management and mental health services are needed.	Community Wide	Ryan Chelsea Clinton Clinic
23/43	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Fund study to review moving the heliport at West 30th Street in the Hudson River Park.	Community Wide	
24/43	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	DEPLOY 9 traffic officers to increase enforcement of the following traffic violations: Vehicular spill-back, Parking in no standing, Bus drivers using unauthorized routes, Vehicular idling, Bicycles riding on sidewalks, Wrong way on bike paths and streets, Running red lights, Illegal electric bikes, Vehicles blocking bike lanes, and Unnecessary honking.	Community Wide	CHEKPEDS
25/43	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 Ave 44th St 57th St	CHEKPEDS

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26/43	DOT	Provide new bike lanes	Study new protected crosstown bike lanes in midtown - between West 36th Street and West 33rd Street.	Community Wide	
27/43	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	Increase funding to increase salaries and benefits for Crossing Guard positions.	Beacon School 522 West 44 Street	Manhattan Borough President's Office
28/43	DHS	Expand street outreach	Further expand staffing and resources for Street Homeless Outreach Program	Community Wide	Council of Chelsea Block Associations; Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Association
29/43	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Fund study to 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
30/43	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Implement 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.	Community Wide	Save Chelsea; Council of Chelsea Block Associations
31/43	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.	Community Wide	Manhattan Borough President; CHEKPEDS
32/43	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection	Increase funding for NYC organics collection program	Community Wide	

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33/43	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Continued Support: 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.	Community Wide	Council of Chelsea Block Association; CHEKPEDS
34/43	DOB	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	Continued Support: 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.	Community Wide	Housing Conservation Coordinators; Westside Neighborhood Alliance
35/43	DEP	Investigate and address water pressure complaint at specific address or on specific street segment	Continued Support: 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 Ave West 48th St West 49th St	47/48 Block Association; Council Member Corey Johnson
36/43	DEP	Evaluate a street segment or intersection for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, and plan for construction if feasible	Continued Support: MCB4 lauds DEP's 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 2020 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.	Community Wide	

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37/43	DEP	Investigate noise complaints at specific location	Continued Support: 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.	Community Wide	Council of Chelsea Block Associations; HK50/51 Block Association
38/43	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance anti-eviction legal services	Continued Support: Expand HRA Anti-Harassment Legal Services to Manhattan Community District 4. These important homeless prevention programs are only provided in East Harlem and Inwood neighborhoods in Manhattan. 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 increasing amount of tenant harassment due to the increasing development pressures as a result of the rezoning. Enhanced legal services are needed to represent individual tenants and tenant associations in Manhattan CD4.	Community Wide	Housing Conservation Coordinators
39/43	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Continued Support: Fund the develop of study and database for accessibility of Theatre groups for accessible rehearsal space sharing for the purposes of preserving and creating affordable space for small to mid-sized art and theatrical groups, and other non-profit performance and visual art organizations. MCB4 has long avocated 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. A database and the subsidy program would help ensure permanent locations for existing and displaced nonprofit arts entities.	Community Wide	League of Independent Theaters

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40/43	DHS	Funding for Supplies	Continued Support: Midtown Community Court located at 314 West 54th Street is partially funded through the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice. The MCC serves over 1000 homeless clients in a year and needs additional funding to assist them with basic needs. They are a critical resource for our community and CB4 requests a dedicated line of funding of an additional \$5,000 for supplies for their work with the homeless.	Midtown Community Court 314 West 54th Street	
41/43	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	Continued Support: Further increase funding for Caseworkers. 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.	Community Wide	
42/43	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Continued Support provide full funding for after school programs:	Community Wide	
43/43	LPC	Conduct Historic District Study	Continued Support: Expand funding and the mandate of LPC to recognize that the significant development at Hudson Yards and the West Chelsea area have begun threatening the surrounding existing built neighborhoods. LPC needs to be directed to work with Community Board 4 to identify, approve, and expand the historical districts in the neighborhood.	Community Wide	Save Chelsea; Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Association

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.

Housing, Economic Development and Land Use



Points of Agreement - Hudson Yards

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=86065D2B-5388-4CB4-B331-194448C9B009>

affordable-housing-plan-Jan-2016

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WRY FINAL EXECUTED POA & COVER LETTER

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Points of Agreement - West Chelsea - Signed

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