COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

FY2023 CD Needs and Budget Requests

Summary of Top 3 Issues and Most Important Issues by Policy Area

November 2021

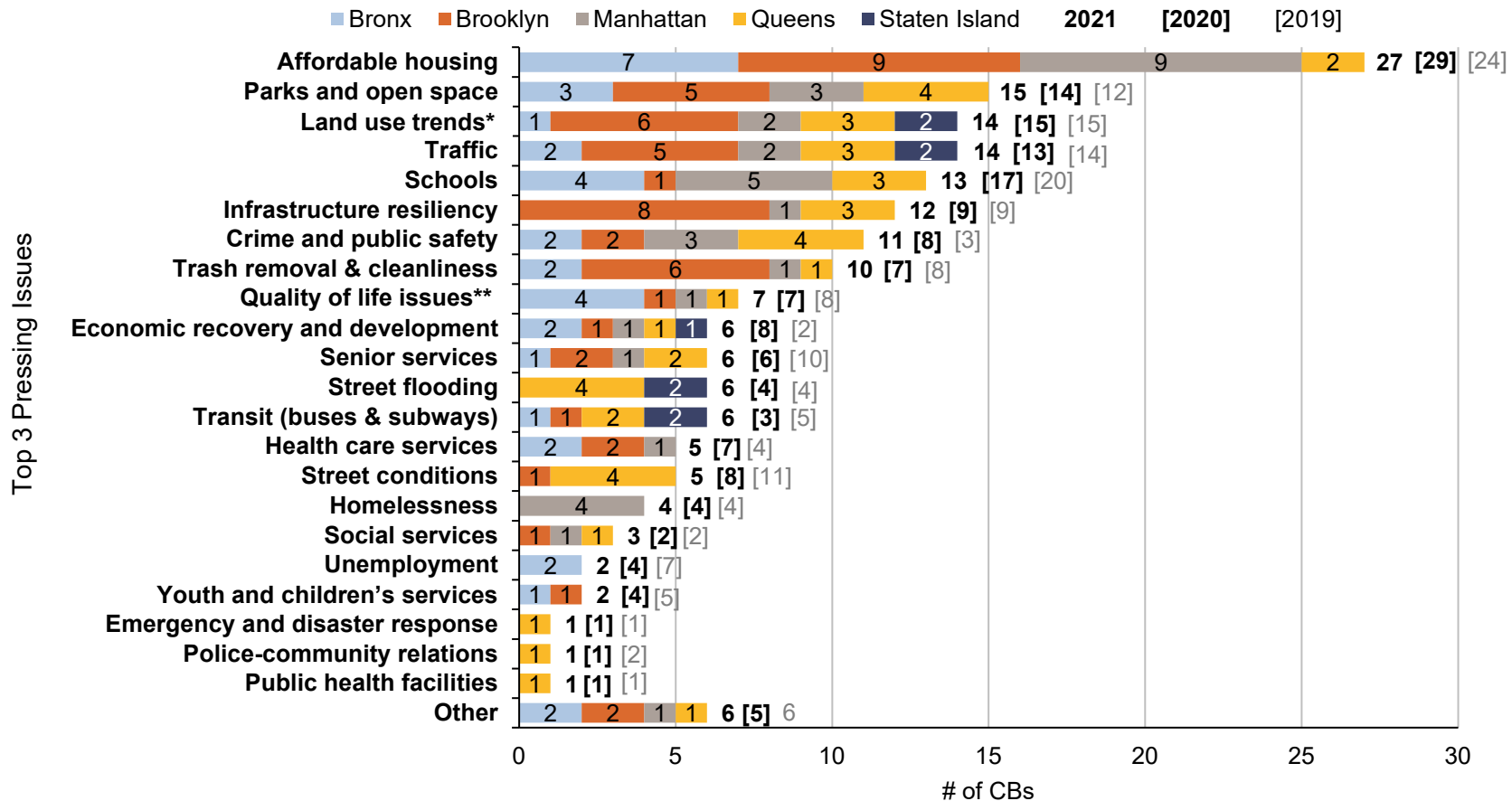# November 2021 community board submissions

Below are early observations from community board (CB) submissions for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Statements of Community District Needs.

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- **'Affordable housing'** remains the most frequently-identified pressing issue, named by nearly half of all Community Boards
  - 'Parks and Open Space' (15 CBs), 'Land Use Trends' (14), and 'Traffic' (14) were next most common selections

- The number of CBs identifying **'Schools'** as a most pressing issue has decreased to 13 this year from 20 in 2019
  - **'Infrastructure resiliency'** increased to 12 CBs, from 9 in 2020
  - **11 of 59 CBs selected 'Crime and public safety'**, triple the number in 2019

- In the **Public Safety and Emergency Services** policy area, 'Crime prevention programs' became the most frequently identified issue

- In the **Parks, Cultural, and other Community Facilities** policy area, 'Park care and maintenance' remains the most frequently identified issue

Affordable housing, Parks and open space, Land use trends, and Traffic are the most commonly selected "Top 3" pressing issues

"Top 3" Pressing Issues Identified by CBs in 2021

Legend: ■ Bronx ■ Brooklyn ■ Manhattan ■ Queens ■ Staten Island **2021** **[2020]** [2019]

Top 3 Pressing Issues (y-axis):

Issue	2021	[2020]	[2019]
Affordable housing	27	[29]	[24]
Parks and open space	15	[14]	[12]
Land use trends*	14	[15]	[15]
Traffic	14	[13]	[14]
Schools	13	[17]	[20]
Infrastructure resiliency	12	[9]	[9]
Crime and public safety	11	[8]	[3]
Trash removal & cleanliness	10	[7]	[8]
Quality of life issues**	7	[7]	[8]
Economic recovery and development	6	[8]	[2]
Senior services	6	[6]	[10]
Street flooding	6	[4]	[4]
Transit (buses & subways)	6	[3]	[5]
Health care services	5	[7]	[4]
Street conditions	5	[8]	[11]
Homelessness	4	[4]	[4]
Social services	3	[2]	[2]
Unemployment	2	[4]	[7]
Youth and children's services	2	[4]	[5]
Emergency and disaster response	1	[1]	[1]
Police-community relations	1	[1]	[2]
Public health facilities	1	[1]	[1]
Other	6	[5]	6

x-axis: # of CBs (0 to 30)

* Land use trends (zoning, development, neighborhood preservation, etc.)
** Quality of life issues (noise, graffiti, petty crime, etc.)
Note: Numbers represent total number of community boards identifying issue; CBs identify 3 'pressing issues' each

Community boards submit additional needs and budget requests within 7 different policy areas

7 Policy Areas (28 Agencies)

Health Care and Human Services	Youth, Education and Child Welfare	Public Safety and Emergency Services	Core Infrastructure and City Services	Housing, Economic Development and Land Use	Transportation	Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
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Community boards identify:

| 1. Most Important Issue	2. Agency specific needs	3. Budget Requests
The CB's single biggest issue in a policy area (selected from a drop-down menu)	Describes local needs related to broad categories of programs and services specific to an Agency	Specific asks directed at a City agency (connected to OMB process)
Example: *Traffic safety*	*Example:* *Traffic and traffic flow*	*Example:* *Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming*

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Health Care and Human Services Policy Area: Most Important Issues Map for 2021

Health Care and Human Services: Most Important Issue Identified by Community Board	2021 (CDs)	2020 (CDs)
Other	10	7
Services to reduce or prevent homelessness	9	8
Programs, services or facilities for seniors (incl. remote programming, cooling centers) *(updated)*	8	10
Access to healthy food and lifestyle programs	6	4
Services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers	6	8
COVID-19 management (incl. vaccination, testing, outreach, education, etc.) *(new)*	4	-
Mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention programs	4	5
Chronic diseases prevention and management (diabetes, heart disease, etc.)	3	8
Environmental health issues (noise, lead, respiratory illness, moisture, mildew, mold, etc.) *(updated)*	3	2
Health facilities (existing conditions, capacity, new facilities, etc.)	2	4
Services for domestic violence victims	2	1
Animal and pest control services	1	0
Services and communication for New Yorkers who are homebound/have disabilities *(new)*	1	-
Infectious disease prevention and management (HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, etc.) *(updated)*	0	2
Health code enforcement	0	0
Changed from previous year	12	

Source: FY23 and FY22 CD Needs and Budget Requests
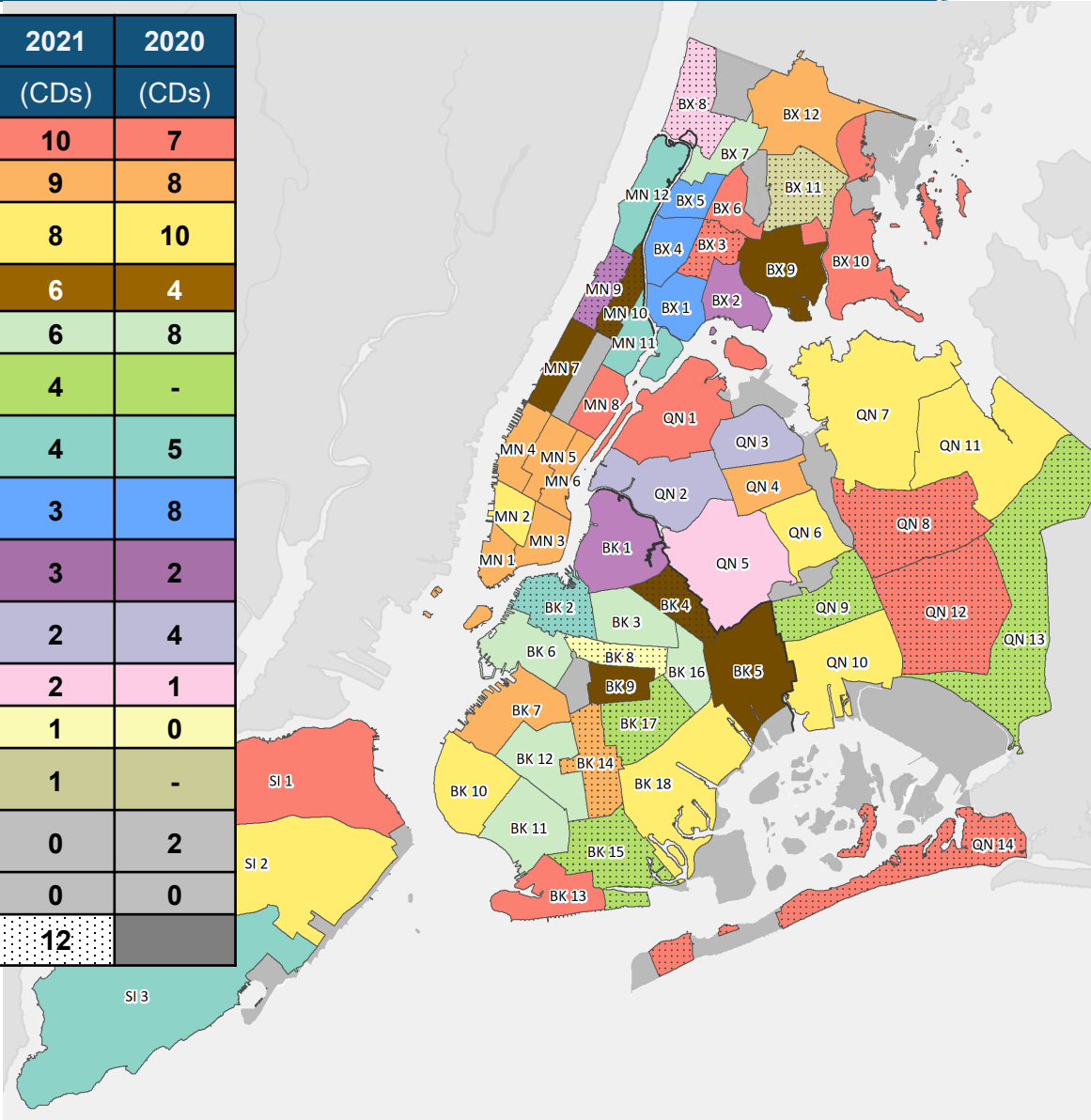
Youth, Education, and Child Welfare Policy Area: Most Important Issues Map for 2021

Youth, Education, and Child Welfare: Most Important Issue Identified by Community Board	2021 (CDs)	2020 (CDs)
School and educational facilities (Capacity)	13	15
Other	10	5
Youth workforce development and summer youth employment	8	7
Educational attainment	7	5
Schools and educational facilities (Maintenance)	7	7
After school programs	5	4
Support services for special needs youth (disabled, immigrant, non-English proficient, etc.)	4	4
Remote learning and technology	3	8
Juvenile justice and services for young offenders	2	3
Childcare services	0	1
Child protective services (updated)	0	0
Community and/or home-based support services for families (new)	0	-
Adolescent substance abuse	0	0
Adoption and foster care	0	0
School diversity and inclusion	0	0
Runaway and homeless youth	0	0
Changed from previous year	22	

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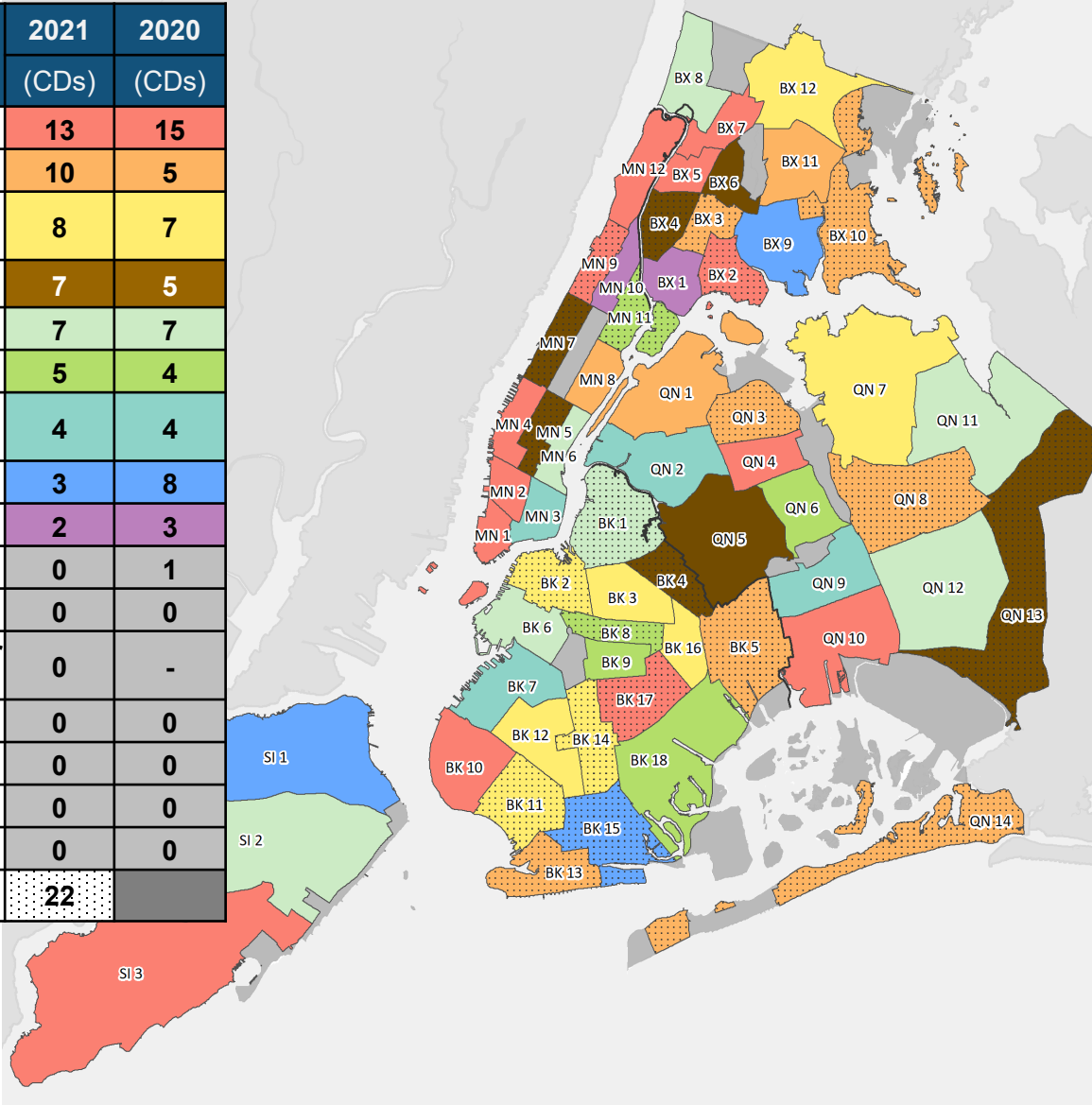
Public Safety and Emergency Services Policy Area:
Most Important Issues Map for 2021

Public Safety and Emergency Services: Most Important Issue Identified by Community Board	2021 (CDs)	2020 (CDs)
Crime prevention programs	11	7
General crime	9	10
Other	9	9
Police-community relations	6	8
Public nuisance (noise, other disturbances)	6	5
Public safety facilities (precinct, fire houses, etc.)	6	5
Traffic violations and enforcement	6	7
Emergency service delivery (including rapid response)	4	2
Emergency and disaster preparedness	1	2
Youth crime	1	3
Fire safety	0	1
Support for people on probation	0	0
Changed from previous year	17	

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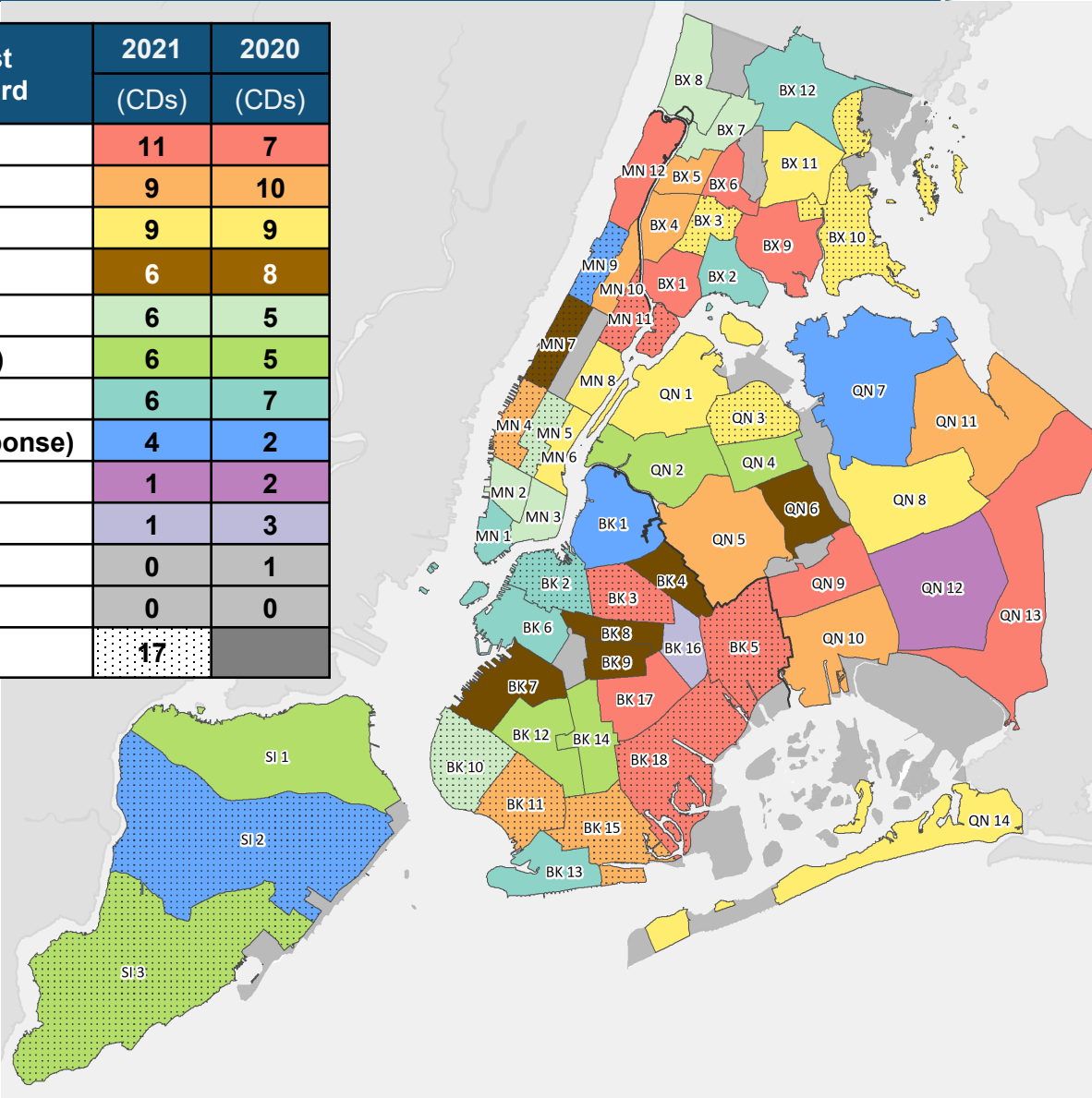
Core Infrastructure and City Services Policy Area: Most Important Issues Map for 2021

| Core Infrastructure and City Services: Most Important Issue Identified by Community Board	2021 (CDs)	2020 (CDs)
Cleanliness/trash collection	20	21
Other	9	8
Air quality and pollution	5	5
Protective Infrastructure (sea walls, flood walls, etc.)	5	6
Environmental concerns affecting citizens	4	4
Sewer capacity	4	4
Water runoff and flooding	4	4
Noise pollution	3	4
Preparedness for extreme weather events (incl. coastal flooding, heat waves, cold snaps, heavy wind and rain) *(new)*	2	-
Organic waste collection and composting programs	1	0
Recycling facilities and services	1	1
Water pollution control	1	2
Snow clearing	0	0
Hazardous materials	0	0
Water supply	0	0
Changed from previous year	15	

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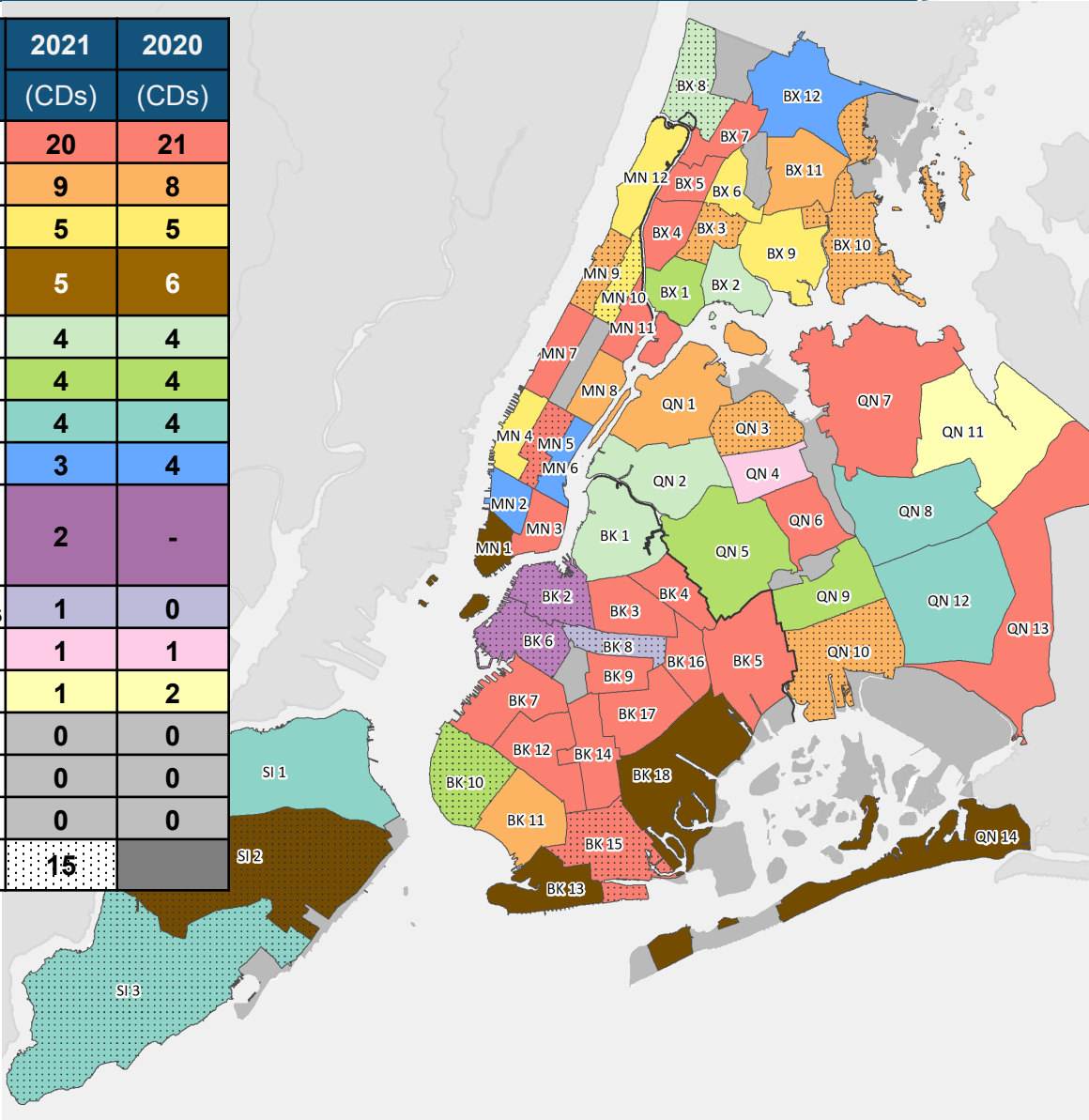
Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use Policy Area: Most Important Issues Map for 2021

Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use: Most Important Issue Identified by Community Board	2021 (CDs)	2020 (CDs)
Affordable housing creation	14	17
Land use and zoning	10	9
Affordable housing preservation	8	8
Other	8	3
Commercial district revitalization	6	5
Building code and/or zoning enforcement	4	7
Neighborhood preservation	3	4
Condition of public housing	2	0
Housing support services (for tenants and homeowners)	2	2
Unemployment/Underemployment	1	2
Workforce development (including MWBE opportunities)	1	1
Small business services/support (incl. BIDs) *(updated)*	0	1
Real estate development trends	0	0
Industrial business services/support	0	0
Changed from previous year	15	

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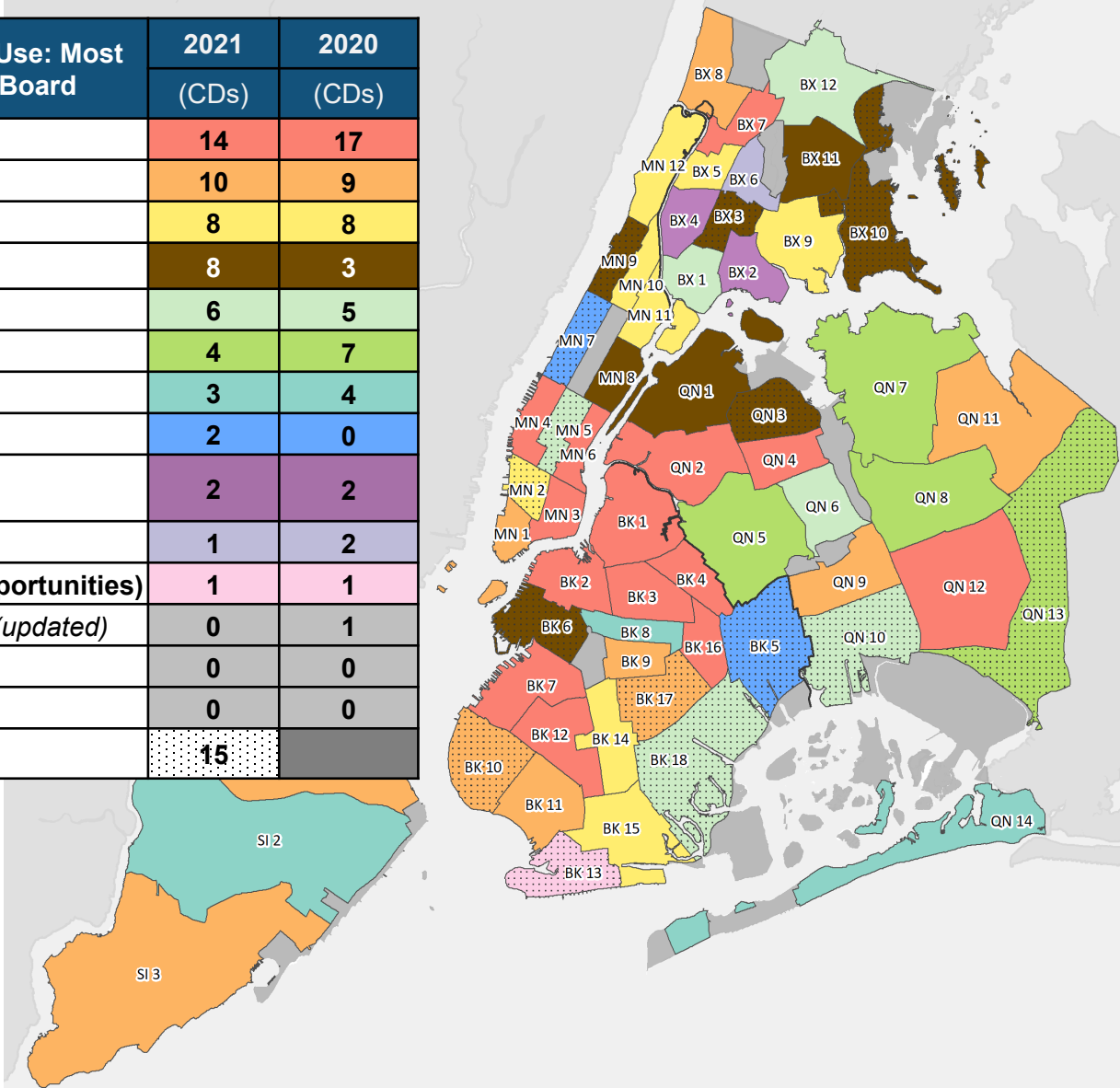
Transportation Policy Area:
Most Important Issues Map for 2021

Transportation: Most Important Issue Identified by Community Board	2021 (CDs)	2020 (CDs)
Other	12	15
Traffic safety and enforcement (cars, scooters, ebikes, etc.)	11	9
Traffic congestion	10	9
Accessibility (ADA related compliance and infrastructure enhancements)	7	6
Bus service and quality (frequency, access, crowding, etc.)	3	4
Roadway maintenance	3	1
Subway service and quality (frequency, access, crowding, etc.)	3	4
Open space & street activation (Open Streets, Open Restaurants, plazas, etc.) *(new)*	2	-
Pedestrian safety (safer crossings, sidewalk management, etc.) *(updated)*	2	4
Roadway and traffic design	2	3
Bicycle network (bike lanes, signage, bike safety, etc.)	1	1
Ferries	1	1
Freight movement (loading zones, freight related traffic, etc.)	1	0
Street lighting	1	2
Parking operations	0	0
Changed from previous year	18	
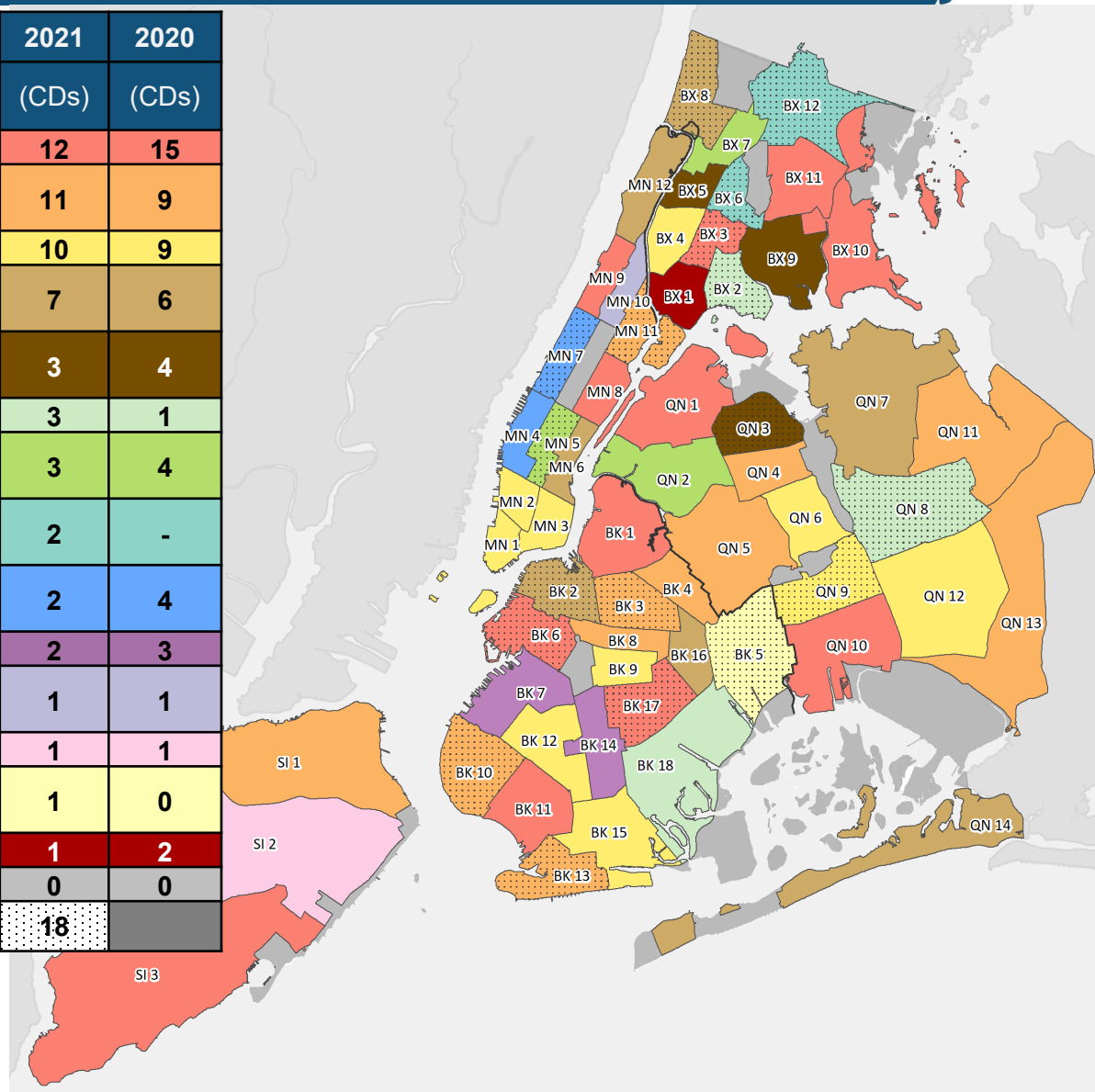
Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Policy Area: Most Important Issues Map for 2021

Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities: Most Important Issue Identified by Community Board	2021 (CDs)	2020 (CDs)
Park care and maintenance	16	15
Quality of parks and park facilities	12	11
Other	10	14
Street tree and forestry services, including street tree maintenance *(updated)*	4	4
Library facilities and access	4	5
Community board resources (offices, staff and equipment)	3	3
Insufficient park or open space	3	2
Park access and park facility access	3	3
Access to and quality of cultural programming	1	1
Access to and quality of park programming	1	1
Community facility access and programming	1	0
Park safety	1	0
Changed from previous year	6	

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