

Memorandum
Manhattan Community Board 4
Budget Task Force 2018

From: Jeffrey LeFrancois, Chair, Budget Task Force and Jesse Bodine, District Manager
To: Community Board 4
Date: 11/08/2018

The Budget Task Force (BTF) met on September 24th and October 22nd 2018. Below is a summary of the BTF's actions:

- Each Member of the BTF reviewed a section of the Statement of District Needs portion of the budget document and submitted change through the online platform. The list of services areas is as follows:
 - Overview of Community District
 - Health Care and Human Services
 - Youth, Education and Child Welfare
 - Public Safety and Emergency Services
 - Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency
 - Land Use, Housing and Economic Development
 - Transportation
 - Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities
 - Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

(General Summary Attached, if you would like to review complete draft document please contact District Manager Jesse Bodine)

- BTF reviewed each Committee's budget priorities and finalized the top 19 capital requests and the top 15 expense requests. The full set of requests is enclosed for review.
- Jeffrey LeFrancois, Chair of the Budget Task Force, and District Manager Jesse R. Bodine reviewed the final draft document.
- **Previous years budget material can be found at the following link:**
 - <http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb4/html/budget/budget.shtml>

Enclosure

Fiscal Year 2020 Statement of District Needs
Manhattan Community Board 4
Executive Summary

District Overview:

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

Manhattan Community Board 4



Public Hearing on the Statement of District Needs
and Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2020

AGENDA

1. Budget Taskforce Overview
2. Fiscal Year 2019 Successes
3. CB4's District Needs overview
4. Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Requests
5. Summary and Next Steps



BUDGET TASKFORCE OVERVIEW

- Chaired by Second Vice Chair
- Met to review, prioritize, and strategize
- Received input from all Board Committees to inform budget requests



2019 SUCCESSES – THANK YOU!

- FDNY funded alternative energy Ambulate project
- FDNY & City Council confirmed permanent location for EMS Station #7
- Funding for upgrades at Chelsea Rec Center
- Funded new “20th Street Park”
- Funded design for new park at West 48th & Tenth Ave
- Affordable Housing RFP initiated for MTA & DEP sites, per HY agreements



A rendering of CB4's newest green space, 20th Street Park

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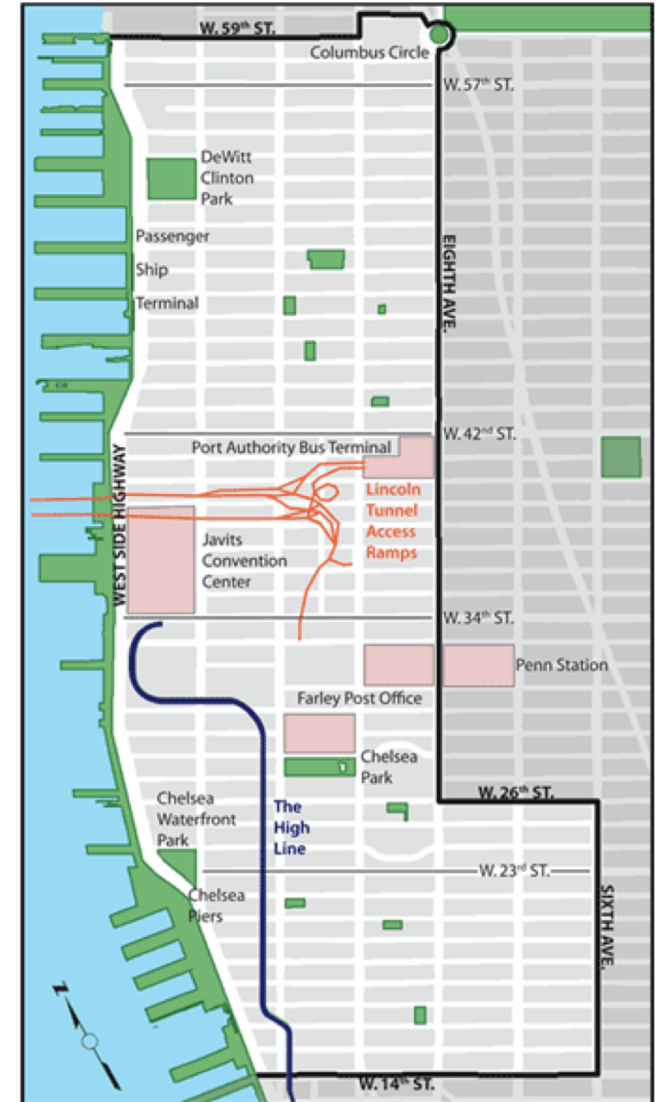
- Homeless Services & City Council funded open roof at BRC Shelter
- Funding provided for design/build blocks 5 & 6 of Hudson Blvd. Park
- Increased funding for CB Operation Budget
- Funding for additional Homeless Outreach staff
- Additional overtime corner basket/litter can pickup
- Funding of the Small Theater Study



With more Sanitation staff, less of this on our corners

DISTRICT NEEDS

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CB4 PRIORITIES & PRESSING ISSUES

Top 3 Most Pressing Issues:

- Affordable Housing
 - Creating and Preserving
- Neighborhood preservation (development trends)
 - Massive rezonings, changes in land use and retail demand, increase in market rate housing
- Traffic & Air Quality
 - Pedestrian safety, bus traffic, and transportation infrastructure that balances the street



2020 BUDGET REQUESTS – CAPITAL

- 1. Affordable Housing:** designate developer, provide adequate subsidy for AH on NYCHA Harborview Terrace site
- 2. Affordable Housing:** Initiate RFPs for DEP/MTA sites
- 3. Homeless Services:** Downsize BRC Shelter; close Aladdin Shelter; establish new families with children shelter
- 4. Affordable Housing:** Provide subsidy Multifamily Preservation Loan Program & Senior Affordable Rents Apartments on West 52nd Street
- 5. Transportation:** Convert painted pedestrian islands, extensions, neckdowns to permanent concrete structures (Eleventh, Tenth, Ninth Aves)
- 6. Education:** Fund \$2 million shortfall for Food and Science High School Science labs
- 7. Libraries:** Fund \$500k to replace HVAC at Muhlenberg Branch; \$800k needed for Columbus Ave Brand roof replacement
- 8. Transportation:** Fund Brooklyn/West side ferry service; Piers 57, 79, 97
- 9. Education:** Complete funding of \$100k for new roof at HS for Environmental Studies
- 10. Parks:** Fund comfort stations at following parks: DeWitt Clinton, Matthews-Palmer, Chelsea Park; provide fixed post staff.
- 11. Parks:** Fund renovation of Gertrude Kelly Playground and park area, 16/17th Streets

2020 BUDGET REQUESTS – CAPITAL

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12. **NYCHA:** Harborview Terrace – Roof & boiler repair, new building entrance doors, upgrade hallway lighting, retile public hallways, new garbage shoot doors, renovate garbage storage for senior building, new apartment front doors.
13. **NYCHA:** Fulton Houses – install security cameras on roofs; Elliot-Chelsea – cameras in front of Hudson Guild pathway and playground
14. **NYCHA:** Fulton Houses – increase funding to renovate/upgrade elevators, sump put/pumps, additional benches throughout complex.
15. **NYCHA:** Elliot-Chelsea – paint all build lobbies
16. **Education:** PS 111 – upgrade adult & student bathrooms on lower level; upgrade pre-k bathroom & sink areas.
17. **Parks:** Fund additional \$1 million for Penn South basket ball court
18. **Education:** NYC Lab School – Fund \$300k renovation for 3rd floor bathroom; \$200k for student locker room.
19. **Education:** PS 35 – Fund \$135k upgrade for library to include computer & media lab

2020 BUDGET REQUESTS – EXPENSE

- 1. Affordable Housing:** Provide dedicated inspector for Special District enforcement; raise priority of DOB website to flag improper applications of demolitions and certs. of non-harassment
- 2. Homeless Services:** Increase funding for after placement support for homeless families selected through DHS family preference for buildings with 421a benefits to include supportive services.
- 3. Homeless Services:** Support families & adults exiting shelters to decrease homeless recidivism through GED completion, job training, and continuity of social services
- 4. Transportation:** Convert Eleventh Ave one-way southbound from 57th to 42nd Streets; reduce congestion by re-balancing traffic between Ninth and Eleventh Aves per HK study; add pedestrian safety features and protected bus lane.
- 5. Environment:** Increase funding to increase number of pollution monitors in CB4.
- 6. Development:** Increase funding for staffing to pursue collection of outstanding fines owed by repeat offenders, enforce unsafe conditions and AHV compliance.
- 7. Seniors:** Increase funding for existing programs for Seniors Meal programs.
- 8. Health:** Increase funding for education, prevention, & treatment of HIV/AIDS specifics to CB4.

2020 BUDGET REQUESTS – EXPENSE

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9. **Transportation:** Study sidewalk capacity & pedestrian demand along Eight & Ninth Aves, 34th-57th Streets.
10. **Transportation:** Fund study on pedestrian safety on Eleventh Ave from West 20th to 23rd Streets.
11. **Parks:** Increase funding for fixed post staff at Dewitt Clinton, Mathew Palmer, and Chelsea Park.
12. **Transportation:** Install signal changes at priority intersections – W 42nd & Eighth Ave; W 57th & Tenth Ave; W 14th & Seventh Ave; W 42nd & Eleventh Ave; W 14th & Sixth Ave; W 42nd & Ninth Ave.
13. **Transportation:** Study location & construction of Tour/Charter Bus Garage.
14. **Transportation:** Provide additional funding for enforcement inspectors for noncompliant ADA entrances.
15. **Transportation:** Tenth Ave protected bike lane from 13th to 59th Streets.

SUMMARY OBSERVATIONS

- 34 total Capital Budget Requests; 4 Continuing Support
- 43 total Expense Budget Requests
- Tremendous support from elected officials
- Homeless issues reprioritized
- Better application and enforcement mechanisms at Dept. of Buildings
- New cases of HIV/AIDS in CB4 3rd highest in NYC; highest percentage of PLWHA (4.2% of population)
- Aging population, NORCs changing needs of community
- Need for better public transit and more transit options
- Small victories have provided inroads for different requests: Affordable Housing RFP initiation led to request to pick developer



NEXT STEPS

- Vote by Full Board
- Submit to City Hall, provide copy to Speaker Johnson, City Council, local elected officials
- 2019 Community survey?



QUESTIONS?



MCB4 FY2020 Expense Budget Requests - DRAFT

FY2020 Priority #	Request	Reason	Location	Agency
1	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.	District Wide	Department of Buildings
2	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.	District Wide	Human Resources Administration
3	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.	District Wide	Department of Homeless Services
4	Address traffic congestion	Convert 11th Avenue to one-way southbound from 57th Street to 42nds 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.	Location Site Street: 11th Ave Cross Street 1: West 42 St Cross Street 2: West 57 St	Department of Transportation

5	Address air quality issues	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.	District Wide	Department of Environmental Protection
6	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.	District Wide	Department of Buildings
7	Increase home delivered meals capacity	Increase funding for 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	Multiple Locations	Department for the Aging
8	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.	District Wide	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
9	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Study sidewalk capacity and pedestrian demand along 8th and 9th Avenue from 34th to 57th 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.	Location Site Street: 8th and 9th Ave Cross Street 1: West 34th St Cross Street 2: West 59th St	Department of Transportation
10	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Fund Study on pedestrian safety at 11th Avenue from West 20th Street to West 23rd Street.	District Wide	Department of Transportation
11	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.	District Wide	Department of Parks and Recreation

12	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: W 42 Street and 8 Avenue - 5 pedestrians Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI); W 57 Street and 10 Avenue - 6 pedestrian KSI ; 7 Avenue and W 14 Street - 4 pedestrian KSI; 11th Avenue and 42nd Street; 6th Avenue and 14th Street; 9th Avenue and 42nd Street.	District Wide	Department of Transportation
13	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.	District Wide	Department of Transportation
14	Expand code enforcement	Provide additional funding for Dept. of Buildings enforcement inspectors for noncompliant ADA entrances.	District Wide	Department of Buildings
15	Conduct traffic or parking studies	10th Avenue protected bike lane from 13th to 59th streets	District Wide	Department of Transportation
16	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.	District Wide	Department for the Aging
17	Facility Relocation	Fund study to review moving the Tow Pound on Pier 76 at West 34th Street. Study should explore how this site 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.	Location Site Name: Hudson River Park	New York Police Department
18	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Baseline and increase the existing DSNY staff overtime for additional basket pick up to reach four basket pick crews in total.	District Wide	Department of Sanitation
19	Provide more frequent residential collection	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.	District Wide	Department of Sanitation
20	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, and social services	Multiple Locations	Department for the Aging

21	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.	District Wide	Transit Authority
22	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.	Multiple Locations	Department for the Aging
23	Other Development Request	Fund study to review moving the heliport at West 36th Street	Multiple Locations	Economic Development Company
24	Assign additional uniformed officers	DEPLOY 9 traffic officers to increase enforcement of the following traffic violations: Vehicular spillback, 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.	District Wide	Police Department
25	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	Location Site Street: 9th Ave Cross Street 1: 44th St Cross Street 2: 57th St	Department of Transportation
26	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Study new protected crosstown bike lanes in midtown - between 38th and 33rd Streets.	Multiple Locations	Department of Transportation
27	Assign additional crossing guards	Increase funding to increase salaries and benefits for Crossing Guard positions.	District Wide	Police Department
28	Expand street outreach	Further increase funding for staffing and resources for Street Homeless Outreach Program	District Wide	Department of Homeless Services
29	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.	Location Site Name: Hudson Yards	Department of City Planning
30	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.	Location Site Name: Special West Chelsea District	Department of City Planning

31	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.	District Wide	Department of City Planning
32	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	Increase existing funding for NYC organics collection program	District Wide	Department of Sanitation
33	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.	District Wide	Department of Parks and Recreation
34	Other sewer maintenance requests	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 2016 budget should be earmarked to conduct a feasibility study of measures that can limit the damage of storm surges including flood gates. It has been estimated that the cost to design and construct flood gates at Verrazano Narrows, Arthur Kill and Throgs Neck is approximately \$10 billion.	District Wide	Department of Environmental Protection
35	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	Continued Support: Increase existing 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.	District Wide	Department of Buildings
36	Other water supply system maintenance requests	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.	Location Site Street: 10th Ave Cross Street 1: West 48th St Cross Street 2: West 49th St	Department of Environmental Protection
37	Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs	Continued Support: Increase funding for additional noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs: Additional resources are needed for night inspections when the noise pollution is most acute and invasive.	District Wide	Department of Environmental Protection

38	Provide, expand, or enhance anti- eviction legal services	Continued Support: Increase additional funding for 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 rezoning's 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.	District Wide	Human Resources Administration
39	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	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 advocated for the creation of a subsidy program, as part of the overall budget of the Department of Cultural Affairs as well as through the theater Sub-district. A database and the subsidy program would help ensure permanent locations for existing and displaced nonprofit arts entities .	District Wide	Department of Cultural Affairs
40	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.	Location Site Name: Midtown Community Court Address: 314 West 54th Street	Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice
41	Other request for services for the homeless	Continued Support: Casework for families with a multitude of issues, including dealing with homeless and often poverty, can better be assessed by a licensed professional who may also provide mental health services within the shelter. Addressing this may also help in creating more successful exiting strategies.	District Wide	Department of Homeless Services
42	Other educational programs requests	Continued Support: Provide full funding for after school programs:	Location Site Name: PS11,PS33,PS35,PS51,PS58,PS111	Department of Youth & Community Development
43	Conduct Historic District Study	Continued Support: Increase existing 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.	District Wide	Landmarks Preservation Commission

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11	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.	District Wide	Department of Parks and Recreation

12	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: W 42 Street and 8 Avenue - 5 pedestrians Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI); W 57 Street and 10 Avenue - 6 pedestrian KSI ; 7 Avenue and W 14 Street - 4 pedestrian KSI; 11th Avenue and 42nd Street; 6th Avenue and 14th Street; 9th Avenue and 42nd Street.	District Wide	Department of Transportation
13	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.	District Wide	Department of Transportation
14	Expand code enforcement	Provide additional funding for Dept. of Buildings enforcement inspectors for noncompliant ADA entrances.	District Wide	Department of Buildings
15	Conduct traffic or parking studies	10th Avenue protected bike lane from 13th to 59th streets	District Wide	Department of Transportation
16	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.	District Wide	Department for the Aging
17	Facility Relocation	Fund study to review moving the Tow Pound on Pier 76 at West 34th Street. Study should explore how this site 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.	Location Site Name: Hudson River Park	New York Police Department
18	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Baseline and increase the existing DSNY staff overtime for additional basket pick up to reach four basket pick crews in total.	District Wide	Department of Sanitation
19	Provide more frequent residential collection	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.	District Wide	Department of Sanitation
20	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, and social services	Multiple Locations	Department for the Aging

21	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.	District Wide	Transit Authority
22	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.	Multiple Locations	Department for the Aging
23	Other Development Request	Fund study to review moving the heliport at West 36th Street	Multiple Locations	Economic Development Company
24	Assign additional uniformed officers	DEPLOY 9 traffic officers to increase enforcement of the following traffic violations: Vehicular spillback, 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.	District Wide	Police Department
25	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	Location Site Street: 9th Ave Cross Street 1: 44th St Cross Street 2: 57th St	Department of Transportation
26	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Study new protected crosstown bike lanes in midtown - between 38th and 33rd Streets.	Multiple Locations	Department of Transportation
27	Assign additional crossing guards	Increase funding to increase salaries and benefits for Crossing Guard positions.	District Wide	Police Department
28	Expand street outreach	Further increase funding for staffing and resources for Street Homeless Outreach Program	District Wide	Department of Homeless Services
29	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.	Location Site Name: Hudson Yards	Department of City Planning
30	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.	Location Site Name: Special West Chelsea District	Department of City Planning

31	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.	District Wide	Department of City Planning
32	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	Increase existing funding for NYC organics collection program	District Wide	Department of Sanitation
33	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.	District Wide	Department of Parks and Recreation
34	Other sewer maintenance requests	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 2016 budget should be earmarked to conduct a feasibility study of measures that can limit the damage of storm surges including flood gates. It has been estimated that the cost to design and construct flood gates at Verrazano Narrows, Arthur Kill and Throgs Neck is approximately \$10 billion.	District Wide	Department of Environmental Protection
35	Address illegal conversions and uses of buildings	Continued Support: Increase existing 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.	District Wide	Department of Buildings
36	Other water supply system maintenance requests	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.	Location Site Street: 10th Ave Cross Street 1: West 48th St Cross Street 2: West 49th St	Department of Environmental Protection
37	Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs	Continued Support: Increase funding for additional noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs: Additional resources are needed for night inspections when the noise pollution is most acute and invasive.	District Wide	Department of Environmental Protection

38	Provide, expand, or enhance anti- eviction legal services	Continued Support: Increase additional funding for 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 rezoning's 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.	District Wide	Human Resources Administration
39	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	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 advocated for the creation of a subsidy program, as part of the overall budget of the Department of Cultural Affairs as well as through the theater Sub-district. A database and the subsidy program would help ensure permanent locations for existing and displaced nonprofit arts entities .	District Wide	Department of Cultural Affairs
40	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.	Location Site Name: Midtown Community Court Address: 314 West 54th Street	Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice
41	Other request for services for the homeless	Continued Support: Casework for families with a multitude of issues, including dealing with homeless and often poverty, can better be assessed by a licensed professional who may also provide mental health services within the shelter. Addressing this may also help in creating more successful exiting strategies.	District Wide	Department of Homeless Services
42	Other educational programs requests	Continued Support: Provide full funding for after school programs:	Location Site Name: PS11,PS33,PS35,PS51,PS58,PS111	Department of Youth & Community Development
43	Conduct Historic District Study	Continued Support: Increase existing 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.	District Wide	Landmarks Preservation Commission