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PRIORITY	REQUEST	REASON	Agency	Agy Response	Agy Category Description	Additional Comment
01	Expand code enforcement	Expand funding for Dept. of Buildings Code Enforcement to provide 1-2 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.	DOB	This request is not recommended for funding.	The agency agrees with this request, will accommodate in part	Borough leadership receives daily reports of applications filed in special district, who ensure that compliance with special district requirements occurs before plan approval and permit issuance.

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02	Other homelessness prevention program request	Include additional funding for after placement support staff for homeless families that are selected through the DHS family preference for buildings receiving 421a benefits. These buildings are typically luxury/market buildings with no onsite supportive services. Both the families coming from the DHS shelter system and the building management will benefit from additional onsite and or light touch supportive services to assist the family to acclimate with the transition.	HRA	The Agency provides services for people who are eligible under certain guidelines.	This request has already been funded	
03	Expand homelessness prevention programs 1	Expand funding for support for families and adults exiting shelter to decrease homeless recidivism. In particular, expand, GED completion programs, job training, and continuity of social services with additional caseworkers for at least 3 months after exiting shelter.	DHS	The Agency continually works with Provider organizations to enhance services that are working successfully. Identifying best practices and expanding those services are a ideal.	This request requires further study	

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04	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	Dept. of Aging	DFTA conducts outreach for its Home Delivered programs and encourages Community Boards to make referrals to the program.	The agency agrees with this request, will accommodate in part	Referrals should be directed to our Bureau of Social Services.
05	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Baseline the \$8 million for DSNY staff overtime for additional basket pick up and expand funding to reach four basket pick up crews in total.	DSNY	Although the Department of Sanitation supports restoration of this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.	The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time	

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06	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.	DEP	DOHMH partners with Queens College to conduct the New York City Community Air Survey (NYCCAS), which measures air pollution at roughly 150 locations in New York City. This program studies how pollutants from traffic, buildings boilers and furnaces, and other sources impact air quality. NYCCAS monitors pollutants that cause health problems such as fine particles, nitrogen oxides, elemental carbon (a marker for diesel exhaust particles), sulfur dioxide, and ozone. This effort helps the City improve air quality policies and enforcement.	This is not a budget request	
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07	Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services	As referenced in the 2018 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 for the following organizations: GMHC - 307 W 38th Street, Ryan Chelsea/Clinton Health Center - 645 10th Ave , and Callen-Lord - 356 West 18th St.	DOHMH	DOHMH has a variety of HIV programs, with a special focus on men who have sex with men; transgender women who have sex with men; blacks; Latinos; and people struggling with substance abuse. We will review and assess the request for additional programming, which would be contingent upon availability of funds.	The agency agrees with this request, will accommodate in part	
08	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming (Expense)	Fund Study on pedestrian safety at 11th Avenue from West 20th Street to West 24th Street.	DOT	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.	This request requires further study	

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09	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Study sidewalk capacity and pedestrian demand along the balance of 8th Avenue from 34th Street to 38th street and 43rd Street to 50th streets; 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.	DOT	NYCDOT is currently implementing a Pilot Project to address this condition.	The agency agrees with this request, will accommodate	
10	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Dedicate funding to Department of Cultural Affairs for 52nd Street Project, 789 10th Avenue for the following programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<del>P</del>laywriting and performing programs from children ages 10-18</li> <li>-<del>N</del>ew Platforms: Additional arts programs to introduce young people to art forms other than theater</li> <li>-<del>S</del>mart Partners: Mentorship program, averaging 50-52 pairs per year.</li> </ul>	Dept. of Cultural Affairs	Funding was approved by the Department of Cultural Affairs for FY 2021.	This request has already been funded	

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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.	DPR	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.	The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time	
12	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 for 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.	DOT	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.	The agency does not/cannot give priority to funding this request	

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13	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Dedicate funding to Department of Cultural Affairs to fund the following IndieSpace Programs within the Community District 4 borders: -One on one theatre organization consultations -Additional workshops -Panel discussions and events	Dept. of Cultural Affairs	Use the agency's application/RFP procedure. Contact the agency.	This request requires further study	
14	Expand code enforcement	Provide additional funding for Dept. of Buildings enforcement inspectors for non-compliant ADA entrances.	DOB	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway.	This request has already been funded	The Department has increased the number of inspectors citywide. Our service levels for complaint inspections are at record lows
15	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Conduct Study of Protected Bike Lane on 10th Avenue from West 13th to West 59th Streets.	DOT	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.	This request requires further study	



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16	Increase case management capacity	<p>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 reached the 65-year mark. Increase funding for existing programs for seniors for mental health services; In-home supportive services; preventive health; and social services for low income seniors. Possibly by partnering with service providers such as Service Program for Older People (SPOP) and the following organizations: Ryan Chelsea Clinton Clinic, GMHC, Hudson Guild Senior Services, Coffeehouse Senior Center, Project FIND, and Clinton Senior Center Project FIND.</p>	Dept. of Aging	<p>DFTA is aware of the growing aging population and continues to fund programs in this CD, as well as advocate for increased Federal, State, and City funding to enable seniors to remain independent, and to support homebound frail seniors and their caregivers.</p>	This request requires further study	
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17	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for all grade levels	Provide full funding for all after school programs in the district.	Dept. of Youth & Community Development	DYCD has increased funding in this service area.	The agency agrees with this request, but the funding decision follows a different budget process (i.e. RFP, local level decision)	Funding for SONYC middle school programs is available to all middle schools that do not already offer a comprehensive afterschool program. If there is a middle school that does not host a SONYC program but is eligible and would like to host a program, please contact DYCD.
18	Assign additional uniformed officers	Fund and 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.	NYPD	NYPD's total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the agency only after graduation of police classes from the Academy.	The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time	

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19	Provide new bike lanes	Study new protected crosstown bike lanes in midtown - between West 33rd Street and West 36th Street.	DOT	Bike path enhancement requests will be reviewed as part of the federally-funded Bicycle Network Development Program.	This request requires further study	
20	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.	DOT	For information regarding the status of this Request, contact the Transit Authority directly at telephone number 646-252-2660.	This request requires further study	
21	Assign additional crossing guards	Increase funding to increase salaries and benefits for Crossing Guard positions.	NYPD	This request is beyond the purview of the NYPD. The responsibility lies with the Office Of Labor Relations.	This is not a budget request	
22	Expand programs for certain industries, e.g. fashion, film, advanced and food manufacturing, life sciences and healthcare	Fund study to review moving the heliport at West 30th Street in the Hudson River Park.	EDC	This is not in the City's budget jurisdiction. Contact OMB's Community Board Unit.	The agency does not/cannot give priority to funding this request	The West 30th Street heliport is under the jurisdiction of the Hudson River Park Trust, not NYCEDC.

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23	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. In particular, expand the SWCD to the West from 11th Avenue to 12th Avenue at West 26th Street to West 28th Street. The Department of City Planning must re-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.	DCP	Please contact DCP's Borough Office to discuss this request.	The agency requires additional information from the community board regarding this request	The potential expansion of the SWChD has already been studied by DCP. Regarding pressures on adjacent areas, the Borough Office would welcome additional information on the perceived pressures facing the district.
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24	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 parking spaces which attract more cars in an area that is already overwhelmed by traffic and has excellent mass transit.	DCP	Please contact DCP's Borough Office to discuss this request.	This request requires further study	The Department recognizes that the CB has identified land use as a "top 3" pressing issue affecting their district. The Department acknowledges this is a repeat request. The DCP Manhattan Borough Office reviews each special permit request on its merits with particular emphasis given to affects on streetscape, quality of life, and pedestrian safety.
25	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	Increase funding for NYC organics collection program	DSNY	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2021, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.	The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time	

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26	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.	DOB	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.	This request has already been funded	DOF not DOB is responsible for collection of penalties. Additional funding is in place to enhance auditing and enforcement of AHVs.
27	Other zoning and land use requests	Fund study on impact of exempting cultural not-for-profit organizations from real estate taxes.	DCP	This request is outside of DCP's jurisdiction.	This is not a budget request	The study requested within this budget request is not within DCP's purview. We recommended contacting DOF to discuss concerns. The community board should contact the DCP Manhattan Borough Office with any related land use matters.

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28	Other zoning and land use requests	Study the effects of the transfer of Transferable Development Rights (TDRs) from churches and other non-profit entities on their surrounding communities. Develop methods to control the development of out-of-scale buildings based on these TDRs.	DCP	More information is needed from the community board before making a decision. The community board should contact the DCP Borough Office	The agency requires additional information from the community board regarding this request	
29	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Study the rezoning of the midblock areas between Sixth and Eighth Avenues, between West 14th and West 26th Streets to control the development of out-of-scale buildings and to preserve a continuous street wall.	DCP	Please contact DCP's Borough Office to discuss this request.	The agency does not/cannot give priority to funding this request	The identified geography is already zoned with contextual districts that limit the height and size of buildings.
30	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	Expand after-hour inspections by additional funding for inspectors.	DOB	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.	This request has already been funded	The Department has expanded after hour inspections by adding funding for inspectors

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31	Other zoning and land use requests	Fund study on the impact of not requiring commercial gyms to obtain a Special Permit for Physical Culture Establishments.	DCP	Please contact DCP's Borough Office to discuss this request.	The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time	The City has identified burdens of required discretionary actions and is interested in addressing on a citywide basis. As future applications come before the Department, related requirements will be removed.
32	Other cleaning requests	Baseline 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.	DSNY	The Department of Sanitation is in the process of evaluating the need and feasibility of this request.	This request requires further study	
33	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	Expand and Baseline funding for Licensed School Social Workers in all schools within Manhattan School District 2	DOE	Principals have direct control over their respective school-based staffing needs and will make their decisions accordingly.	The agency agrees with this request, but the funding decision follows a different budget process (i.e. RFP, local level decision)	



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34	Expand code enforcement	Continued Support: Expand funding for the enforcement of the regulations on illegal hotel use. Illegal hotel use continues to exist and expand in the CD4 district. 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.	DOB	For information regarding the status of this request, please contact the Mayor's Office of Special Enforcement.	This request requires further study	For information regarding the status of this request, please contact the Mayor's Office of Special Enforcement.
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35	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.	DEP	DEP and the New York Police Department (NYPD) share duties based on the type of noise complaint. To report a noise complaint, contact 311 and the operator will direct the grievance to the appropriate agency.	This request has already been funded	
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36	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.	HRA	HRA funds Anti-Harassment Legal Services to work in select neighborhoods across the City with tenants, buildings, and tenant associations to help preserve their housing, protect against harassment or misconduct by unscrupulous landlords, and give representation and legal advice in evictions and other cases. HRA also funds Anti-Eviction Legal Services in the housing courts and in community offices across the City. We provide comprehensive, flexible, and individualized legal and related services to help low-income households avoid eviction and homelessness.	This request has already been funded	
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37	Other transit service requests	Continued Support: NYC DOT Para-Transit Service Access-A-Ride vehicles have GPS capabilities but are not always utilized due to lack of training. Continue funding for Training for all staff to utilize the GPS technology and enhanced customer service.	998 Transit Authority	For information regarding the status of this Request, contact the Transit Authority directly at telephone number 646-252-2660.		
38	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Continued Support: Fund the development 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.	126 Dept. of Cultural Affairs	The Department of Cultural Affairs recommends this project be brought to the attention of your local elected official, i.e. Borough President or City Council member.	The agency agrees with this request, but the funding decision follows a different budget process (i.e. RFP, local level decision)	

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39	Address traffic congestion	Continued Support: Continue to fund the Conversion and needed enforcement of the change of 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. Continue to fund 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.	DOT	Project has been completed; please remove from future Budget Requests.	This request has already been funded	
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40	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	Continued Support: Continue to fund the additional DSNY staff for two additional crews to bring residential and recycling pick-up service on Thursday and Saturday equivalent to the rest of the week within the district.	DSNY	The Department of Sanitation is in the process of evaluating the need and feasibility of this request.	This request requires further study	
41	Expand street outreach	Continued Support: Continue to expand funding for staffing and resources for street homeless outreach program	DHS	The Agency continually works with Provider organizations to enhance services that are working successfully. Identifying best practices and expanding those services are a ideal.	This request has already been funded	Agency is currently expanding outreach services in all five boroughs.