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February 6th, 2020

Hon. Brad Hoylman
New York State Senate
494 8th Avenue
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Re: Community Board Budgeting

Dear Senator Hoylman,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to provide suggestions of capital projects within the 27th Senate District for State and Municipal Facilitates Grant Program (SAM) funds. MCB4 appreciates your initiation of the Community Board Budgeting (CBB) program to direct \$250,000 of capital funding to Community District 4.

As you know, our district includes Chelsea, Hudson Yards, and Clinton/Hell's Kitchen and comprises the second fastest growing district in the City. As a board, we are deeply committed to supporting the needs of all residents in our district and to making investments that will fortify our community so we can to continue to best serve our growing population.

On January 23, 2020 MCB4's Budget Task Force held a public meeting to discuss our board's recommendations. The task force reviewed the board's current budget requests for fiscal year 2021 and selected a number of priority projects that the dedicated \$250,000 would either completely fund the project or would fund a significant portion of the project. MCB4, at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 5, 2020, voted, by a vote of 36 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstaining, and 0 present but not eligible to vote, to recommend approval of the task forces recommendations.

Consistent with the priorities of CB4, we propose the following four projects – in priority order -- for your consideration:

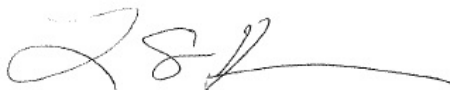
1. Refurbish two science labs for Manhattan Bridges High School at 525 West 50th Street. Manhattan Bridges is a high school located in Hell's Kitchen that caters to immigrants recently arrived from Spanish-speaking countries. The school is committed to assisting students in maintaining the richness of their native

language while teaching English so as to best equip them to navigate our current multicultural world. As reported by the School's Principal, it is anticipated the project will cost between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

2. Upgrade the sump pumps at 401 West 16th Street, 420 West 19th, and 434 West 17th Street, all properties affiliated with New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Fulton Development. West Chelsea experienced a storm surge of over 6 feet during Hurricane Sandy and many residential buildings in the area experienced significant damage to the electrical and mechanical systems. This has been a longstanding request of the Fulton Houses Tenant Association and this investment will help fortify these critical developments, home to hundreds of New Yorkers. As reported by NYCHA administration, \$300,000 should allow this project to be completed at all three sites.
3. Purchase the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) District 4 garage an additional Haulster Snow Truck to clear snow and lay salt along the bike lanes in the district. Since 2017 the Department of Transportation (DOT) has installed four new crosstown bike lanes and expanded the bike lanes on 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th Avenues. CB4 supports protected bike lanes and believes they need to be maintained. As reported by the DSNY Superintendent of District 4 the SAM funding would be sufficient to purchase the snow truck, as the truck is projected to cost \$164,000.
4. MCB4 is privileged to have both a new park on West 20th Street open recently and another open space set to break ground on Tenth Avenue between 48th and 49th Streets. The popularity of the NYC Parks has increased the amount of refuse being left in parks. The Manhattan Commissioner of Parks office (DPR) requested support in obtaining a Packer Truck to support parks operation staff in transporting the refuse from the parks. . As reported by the DPR, the SAM funding would be sufficient to purchase the packer truck, estimated to cost \$170,000.

We remain deeply grateful for the opportunity to partner with you and your office in this way, and we look forward to answering any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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Signed [2/6/2020]
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