

# FY26 Community District Needs

## Your Draft FY2026 Community District Needs Statement

### FY26 Community District Overview

#### Manhattan Community District 4

Manhattan Community District 4 ("MCD4") is comprised of three neighborhoods on the west side of Manhattan: Chelsea, Clinton/Hell's Kitchen and Hudson Yards bounded by 14th Street in the south, West 59th Street in the north, Sixth Avenue south of West 26th Street and Eighth Avenue north of 26th Street as its eastern border and Hudson River to the west. Portions of several well-known and economy-driven areas exist within MCD4's boundaries, including the Garment District, the Flower District, the Gansevoort Market Historic 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, Columbus Circle, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, the Farley Building/Moynihan Station, the Lincoln Tunnel, the Port Authority Bus Terminal, the Javits Center, the Manhattan Cruise Ship Terminal, Bella Abzug Park, Manhattan West, the Vessel and The Shed at Hudson Yards, the Circle Line, the Rubin Museum, Chelsea art galleries, Maritime Piers 56-99, and the northern half of Hudson River Park.

#### Community District 4 Trends

In addition to challenges induced by the pandemic and the migrant crisis, our district was already undergoing tremendous shifts. Since 2010, the population of MCD4 has grown over 27%(1). This comes on the heels of a 20% growth between 2000 and 2010, much of it concentrated in recently rezoned areas. This rate of growth is four times faster than New York City's. The rapid increase in land value accelerated the displacement of many long-time tenants and small business owners, while many benefits of new development are slow to materialize. 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 not only increases the badly-needed supply of housing overall, but in particular helps produce more permanently affordable housing to add to the declining stock of stabilized and older but more affordable market-rate apartments that have been lost to demolitions.

Overall, the rezonings and new large-scale construction has not been met with sufficient mitigation and an expansion of City services to maintain the quality of life for existing residents. Some of the large-scale projects within MCD4 that have been completed in recent years include Hudson Yards, Manhattan West, the Moynihan Train Hall, with work on Amtrak's Gateway Tunnel and the Port Authority Bus Terminal replacement ongoing. City agencies, such as those working on sanitation, police, social services, and education, are slow to adjust their level of services to meet our increased population. Consequently, our services and infrastructure struggle to keep pace with the needs of a much larger population of residents, workers, and tourists.

Within the last couple of years, MCD4 has seen concerns with both low-level crimes and apparent disorder on our streets and sidewalks. For the third year in a row, public safety was far and away reflected as the top priority in our district-wide survey. The city must recognize the critical need for our requested programs making our streets and neighborhoods safer, including the need for a much larger presence of police officers out of their cars and walking their neighborhoods.

While trash collection has improved markedly, the new rules are poorly followed and enforced: containers with open lids routinely overflow with bags, and containers are stored haphazardly during the day giving a sense of dirtiness and taking space from pedestrians. More needs to be done to enforce the existing rules relating to on-street trash storage and collection.

Our district area is consistently recorded as having some of the worst air quality in New York City. The three main factors contributing to that dubious honor is our constant building and construction, traffic congestion of diesel fuel vehicles and, the cruise ship emission from vessels docked at the Manhattan Cruise Terminal. The city can make great strides in curbing two of those three with immediate action MCD<sub>4</sub> is requesting. There is urgency in developing public electric vehicle charging lots to encourage the elimination of gas-power vehicles on our roads. MCD<sub>4</sub> has long been on record for the conversion to electric shore power at the Manhattan Cruise Terminal.

#### Community District 4 - Immediate Issues

For decades, MCB<sub>4</sub> has been a strong advocate for affordable housing at a range of incomes. Our community believes that socioeconomic diversity and integration are the only way to keep Clinton/Hell's Kitchen, Hudson Yards and Chelsea the thriving neighborhoods they are today. This constant principle frames virtually all district need discussions and is also reflected in our Statement of District Needs priority list.

*Deteriorating Street Life Conditions:* The past few years have seen an increase in open drug use, street homelessness, and street trash, harming the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. The reductions in policing, sanitation enforcement, DOB enforcement and the disproportionate placement of shelter residents without commensurate increases in public services has noticeably changed the character of our neighborhoods. While some funding was ultimately restored for a number of city-wide enrichment and social service programs since the COVID-19 pandemic, MCD<sub>4</sub> still faces significant public safety challenges, a high rate of commercial vacancies and unsanitary street conditions. After a years-long lull in commuter activity, MCD<sub>4</sub>'s sidewalks are once again bustling with tourists, workers, and residents alike. Notably, MCD<sub>4</sub> contains tourist attractions and transit hubs for the whole of New York City and requires resources in order to keep the City a welcoming place for visitors. When our street conditions receive less investment, it harms not only residents, but all of those who come to MCD<sub>4</sub> as their first stop in New York City.

*Illegal Cannabis Shops:* The long delay between cannabis legalization and the State's issuance of the first dispensary licenses resulted in a robust industry of illegal smoke shops developing across New York City. Taking advantage of the lack of education around legal cannabis, a number of these smoke shops are operating as unlicensed cannabis stores. As of the Spring of 2023, more than 50 such shops have opened in the MCD<sub>4</sub> area with the majority of these stores along Eighth and Ninth Avenues from 50th Street to 34th Street.

These unregulated, unlicensed, cash-based cannabis stores have already demonstrated they present a danger to public safety. Robberies and gun violence have occurred in and around several illegal cannabis shops this year. Additionally, unapproved products sold at unlicensed stores present a health risk to customers, particularly to minors. The majority of illegal cannabis stores do not check for identification to ensure customers are over 21 and they implement images, neon signage and food/beverages, which can attract young people. Lack of clarity around enforcement has allowed many of these stores to continue to operate and gain a customer base. This puts at risk the success of legal dispensaries and the potential tax revenue that should be generated from a robust, legal cannabis market. MCB<sub>4</sub> was one of the first Community Boards to identify the scope of the issue as early as July 2022. The City will need to provide resources for education and enforcement to combat the rise of unlicensed cannabis stores and the risk they pose to our community. But it is not enough simply to add these resources; the City must address this issue with urgency in order to protect potential customers and legal cannabis businesses.

*Road Safety including E-Bikes & Moped Use:* In MCD<sub>4</sub> the sheer volume of cyclists, pedestrians, and delivery workers creates a growing hazard for the community. The past few years have seen massive increases in cycling and of food delivery workers, creating more micro-mobility traffic on streets and in bike lanes. At the same time, the number of fatalities and injuries of pedestrians and cyclists due to vehicular collisions is also at its highest in years citywide. While there is not good data to understand the problem, residents express growing concern about the hazards that improper use of e-bikes and mopeds bring to our streets and sidewalks.

The rapid growth of the app based delivery market has drastically changed our street and sidewalk experience over the past few years. In the last three months of 2021, zip code 10019 in Manhattan District 4, ranked second highest in New York City for online deliveries. Zip code 10001, also in District 4, ranked very high. Neither our infrastructure nor our institutions have the space nor enforcement capacity to accommodate this growth. While many of our district's residents and workers benefit from abundant delivery options, we are all harmed by the lack of accountability from the app-based companies and the failure to regulate their operations in Manhattan.

Senior citizens and people with disabilities are most at risk as there are many cyclists, including Citibike cyclists, who ride on the sidewalk. The increased use of e-bikes and mopeds as modes of transportation has made sidewalk riding potentially more hazardous than in previous years.

To combat these issues, resources are needed for both education and enforcement, for all vehicle users, including New Yorkers who have become actively engaged in the gig economy as "deliveristas," delivering food and other goods typically via e-bike or moped. While not a budgetary request per se, MCD<sub>4</sub> also requests that app-based delivery companies are held accountable for the hazard that fast-paced deliveries create.

*Manhattan District 4's Top Priorities Include:*

- Prioritizing a feeling of public safety with increased eyes on the street via NYPD foot patrols
- Preserving affordable housing and creating additional affordable housing for people making a broad range of incomes (including Very Low, Low, Middle and Moderate)
- Ensuring welcoming and livable surroundings that allows all – residents, visitors, and businesses -- to thrive, feel secure and live in a clean and safe environment

Footnotes:

1. <https://popfactfinder.planning.nyc.gov/explorer/districts/104?source=decennial-change>

Relevant MCD<sub>4</sub> Related Documents:

MCB<sub>4</sub> Affordable Housing: <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/01/Affordable-Housing-Plan-Summary-of-Sites-12.15.22.pdf>

MCB<sub>4</sub> Sanitation Planning Working Group

Recommendations (2022): <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/09/05-NB-MCB4-SPWG-Recommendations-1.pdf>

Chelsea NYCHA Report (2021): <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/nycha/downloads/pdf/Chelsea-NYCHA-WG-Report-Final.pdf>

MCB<sub>4</sub> on Cannabis Licensing and Public Health: <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/08/13-BLP-Letter-to-Office-of-Cannabis-Management-re-Illicit-Cannabis-Dispensaries.pdf>

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## Top 3 Pressing Issues

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### Crime and Public Safety

In our recent district-wide survey, public safety was far and away the number one concern in our area. Our Community Board continues to hear public outcry over the state of their streets and subways. Despite CrimeStat figures indicating a decrease in crime citywide, Midtown is still experiencing both crime and social disorder, including drug dealing, open drug use, illegal cannabis shops, flouting of traffic rules, and individuals experiencing mental health crises with nowhere to turn. Additional support for mental health outreach, more funding for increased foot patrols and overall improved coordination with MCD4 stakeholders is needed in the district. We request more officers patrolling the streets by foot at regular intervals and be visible to the community. An additional goal is to reduce the response time for complaints and to improve coordination with the community. Some illicit activity is occurring in our parks therefore, we also request more Park Enforcement Patrol (PEPs officers) to help keep our parks clean and safe. We also request more traffic enforcement to stem the rise of vehicular collisions and illegal behavior by cyclists and drivers.

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### Affordable Housing

Despite adding thousands of market rate and affordable units over the past few decades, MCD4 continues to lose its older stock of affordable housing stock to unscrupulous actors. Such actions that threaten affordable housing include illegal demolitions, illegal hotel conversions, and harassment of tenants by landlords. Only in the past few years have state laws been strengthened to preserve and protect the existing affordable housing stock. Of continued significant importance is the preservation and creation of new affordable housing at a range of income levels. With our middle and working class dwindling, affordable units across the board are essential to maintain a truly socioeconomically-integrated district. We also strongly advocate for a greater amount of multi-bedroom units to allow families to stay in the neighborhood as they grow. Two years ago, our Community Board updated its Affordable Housing Plan detailing potential sites for additional market rate and affordable housing development. In the midst of our commitment to develop and preserve affordable housing, we must all ensure the protection of tenants and increased investment in Harborview, Elliot Chelsea, and Fulton Houses NYCHA developments.

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### Quality of Life and Environment

Due to a confluence of factors, MCD4 is home to some of the most polluted air in all of New York City. We house the Port Authority Bus Terminal, the entry/exit to the Lincoln Tunnel, the West Side Highway and the Manhattan Cruise Ship Terminal (MCT). Buses idle in parking and on the streets. Long queues of cars and trucks idle for hours every day to enter the Lincoln tunnel, blocking the intersections and creating even more gridlock and idling. Pedestrian and cyclist injuries continue as congestion has worsened. Ambulances and fire trucks cannot make it through traffic and honk endlessly, adding noise pollution to the environment. A high priority is to adjust signal timings and redirect traffic to alleviate this issue. While we contain the most severe traffic, the state has paused the congestion pricing program. We fear the City no longer has a plan to alleviate congestion and the issues it causes in our community. Furthermore, we have no plan to transition to electric vehicles, with no designated or planned areas for publicly-accessible electric vehicle charging stations. One of the worst offenders to our healthy living is the Manhattan Cruise Ship Terminal and the constant stream of harmful particulates that continue to make the cruise ships a public health and climate liability. Our priorities again this year include providing infrastructure to the MCT for electric shore power and to adjusting signal timings and redirect traffic to alleviate the idling traffic congestion issues.

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## Policy Areas: Most Important Issues and Needs Groups

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### Health Care and Human Services

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#### Most Important Issue

##### Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

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Homelessness became a major issue in MCD4 over the last several years, having been significantly exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic that began in 2020 followed by the migrant crisis which began during the spring of 2022. The large number of emergency hotel shelter sites, social services sites and large transportation hubs located within MCD4, including the Port Authority Bus Terminal and Moynihan Train Hall / New York Penn Station, mean that the district has natural gathering places for unsheltered individuals and others often with high social services needs including mental health and substance abuse needs with insufficient support or treatment options.

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#### Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Health Care: Beginning in 2022, Manhattan Community District 4 became the first stop for thousands of New New Yorkers, creating a great need for healthcare services. These new migrants add to the sizable existing population residing in and receiving social services in our district. While public services and nonprofits have tried to keep up, more resources are needed to support a growing population with a diverse set of needs. Our neighborhoods are eager to embrace our new guests and we need the financial attention to do so properly. In particular, the local community health clinics need both capital and expense funding to provide necessary primary care, mental healthcare, and prenatal care.

HIV/AIDS: The number of people living with HIV/AIDS in the Clinton\Hell's Kitchen and Chelsea neighborhoods continues to be disproportionately high compared to other neighborhoods. The recent re-opening of the Chelsea Sexual Health Clinic along with long-standing community partners in our district, i.e., 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. Public awareness campaigns around safe sex and sexual health should also be expanded.

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### **Needs for Older New Yorkers**

According to the US Bureau of the Census, as of 2020, there are 17,000 individuals (12.9%) over 65 years of age living in the Chelsea/Clinton Neighborhoods. The number of people over age 65 began to increase substantially beginning in 2011 as the oldest members of the baby-boomer generation reached the 65-year mark. The number of people aged 65 or older will nearly double between 2000 and 2030. To better understand the growing needs of our seniors, in 2013, the MCD4 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 1,700 unit Section 8 building with over 1,100 seniors) to conduct a survey of seniors residing in MCD4. The survey identified several main priorities: education and outreach to seniors about the increase of SCRIE, a campaign to identify and promote age-friendly local business, an expansion of affordable mental health services for seniors and medical home visit programs, support services for caregivers of the frail elderly, and a housing agenda for older New Yorkers.

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### **Needs for Homeless New Yorkers**

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, Moynihan Train Hall, and New York Penn Station, are natural gathering places for people without other places to go. MCB4 is open to homeless shelters in our district to help offer those who need it a place to live, but encourages the City and social services partners to exercise care around future sitings. Significant consideration should be given to the location and size of any shelter opening in our community as to not concentrate too many high-need individuals in a confined area. Additionally, as a portion of the street homeless population need considerable mental healthcare and social services, there must be an increase in street outreach to engage this population to offer those services.

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### **Needs for Low Income 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. MCB4's 2020 Community Needs Assessment found that families living in public housing or rent controlled units need affordable retailers such as grocery stores. More resources are needed to help MCB4 residents access WIC providers and help more grocery stores become authorized WIC vendors.

<https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/all-committees/mcb4-community-needs/>

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## **Youth Education and Child Welfare**

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### **Most Important Issue**

#### **Educational attainment**

MCD4 is part of Schools District 2 elementary and middle schools. Two schools in MCD4 have been recognized for their outstanding achievements this year. NYC LAB Middle School is a 2024 National Blue Ribbon award winner and PS 212 Midtown West has been "Spotlighted" by District 2 Leadership for their excellent parent engagement and "What I Need Now" reading program that provides targeted instruction based on a student's specific literacy needs. New York State Exams for 2023-2024 show a D2 ELA proficiency level of 76% to 78% and a Math proficiency level of 78% to 80%. These proficiency rates include English Language Learners and Multilingual Learners. Attendance rates for 2023-24 was 93%, a 1% decline from the 2018-19 pre pandemic school year. D2 academic goals for this year are to 1) increase literacy rates in elementary school using the "Wit & Wisdom" curriculum; 2) increase math proficiency in middle schools using NYC Solves, a program that focuses on problem solving; 3) increase attendance rates; 4) reduce removal/suspension rates. Furthermore, there are twenty citywide high schools located in MCD4 that have different academic focuses. The graduation rate for New York City high schools was 83% in 2023.

In Schools District 2 enrollment is up 7% with many schools meeting or exceeding their enrollment targets. The student in temporary housing population has increased from 500 to an estimated 2,000 with a large number of these students residing in MCD4 shelters. Our schools and families responded quickly to the waves of families seeking asylum to meet their basic needs and now a shift is being made to provide these students with a strong educational foundation. There is a continued need for teachers and teaching assistants who have language skills in Spanish, Ukrainian, and Arabic to serve our growing diverse population of English language learners as well as a need for free after school programming in all elementary schools. In addition, many of our schools buildings are suffering from crumbling infrastructure. Roofs are leaking water into classrooms; bathrooms need updating; more safe water fountains are needed; many buildings are still not completely ADA accessible; and many need technology upgrading. Students need laptops and tablets to do their homework and to have language access and support when not in school in order to meet their basic educational standards.

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### **Needs for Youth Education**

Our board has heard from the community about challenges the public school system is working to address including the growing number of immigrants and asylum seekers coming to New York City. As of October 1st, there were 614 students in temporary housing attending MCD4 elementary schools. Subsequently, there is an enormous need for free after school programming as well as Spanish speaking social workers and teachers in elementary schools. PTA's are not raising enough funds to cover field trips, family engagement events, and other extra curricular activities that school budgets cannot afford. Accessing student transportation is an ongoing struggle for many families, especially those in temporary housing. Changes to housing accommodations often cause several days of delay before students are able to be scheduled for regular bus pickups, leading to loss of school days. 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 all the new residential developments. As development continues, more children will enter our district schools, impacting schools already operating at full and at over capacity. Our schools must also meet the new Class Size law that caps class sizes at 20 for kindergarten to third grade, 23 for fourth to eighth grade and 25 for high school by 2027-28. Funds need to be allocated to both acquire space for new schools, new classrooms and upgrade existing facilities. A great number of our school buildings are suffering from deteriorating infrastructure. Bathrooms need updating; replacement of doors and locks on classrooms; some buildings are still not completely ADA accessible; and many need technical upgrading.

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### **Needs for Youth and Child Welfare**

Students living in temporary shelters have specific needs that require supportive social services from the city. Their schools need to have permanent on-site social workers to help address the challenges they and their families are experiencing. Our students could also benefit from workforce development programs and educational programs that promote socioeconomic mobility. As our district's population continues to become more diverse, continued effort should be made to further diversify the educator workforce in our school's teaching and administrative staff, which research has shown will improve academic outcomes, improve attendance and decrease suspensions. Our students with thinking and learning differences must be provided with additional support and all students should have test preparation available to them. Our priority is to provide each of our students with access to the resources that will enable them to perform at the level they are capable of academically and develop the skills they will need for success in continuing education and the 21st century workplace.

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## **Public Safety and Emergency Services**

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### **Most Important Issues**

#### **General crime**

While the City experienced a spike in violent crime over the past few years, our district has been fortunate to

see most major crime down across MCD4 precincts. However, the impact of increased open drug use, shoplifting, pickpocketing, package theft and traffic infractions including two-wheeled vehicles has increased. Many of these issues fall under 'quality of life' concerns, but in aggregate these infractions threaten the sense of safety for residents and visitors alike. One exception is Midtown South which has one of the highest numbers of narcotics arrests in all of New York City. Many of those that are arrested are recidivists that continue to find our communities a comfortable place to operate. Required resources to help improve these conditions are increased staffing for "beat cops" and improved car, e-bike, and moped enforcement. Relatedly, support for Midtown Court so they could operate at full strength has been an effective tool against recidivism. It is critical that the NYPD officers increase their presence in the street by using their police vehicles less and distribute summonses as needed.

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### **Needs for Public Safety**

With the development of the Hudson Yards, a 50% growth in population in the last 20 years, the addition of tens of thousands of residents, high traffic tourist destinations (the Vessel, Bella Abzug Park, Whitney Museum, High line) and commuter flows (#7 subway, Lincoln tunnel and Bus terminal), increased deliveries (Whole Foods/Amazon, USPS, FedEx and UPS distribution centers in our districts) and schools (Avenues, Success Academy, PS 33) our current precincts are stretched to the limit. The four distinct precincts that service our district creates barriers to resolving public safety issues across our communities and MCB4 has long advocated for reorganizing the precinct footprints to better serve the district. The significant increase of residential and commercial populations along with the increase in crime in the district require a better distribution of resources and a more nimble structure. The consideration of a substation 10th Precinct NYPD facility, particularly in the Hudson Yards area, will provide better coordination and service across the entire district.

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### **Needs for Emergency Services**

As the Westside of Manhattan has become more residential with larger and larger residential buildings being built, additional FDNY/EMS and NYPD facilities and services are needed in this growing area. These new facilities will need to be more streamlined, energy efficient and overall more accessible.

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## **Core Infrastructure, City Services, and Resiliency**

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### **Most Important Issue**

#### **Cleanliness/trash collection**

Some of the most obvious and visible neighborhood deterioration relates to DSNY and the unsightly and unsanitary conditions of our streets and curbsides. While trash overflowing corner bins has improved, commercial trash conditions have worsened. This is resulting in uninviting and unhealthy conditions. Poor garbage storage and pickup has led to a serious pest control problem and increased litter making its way into streets, waterways, and parks. Sites for commercial garbage storage must be developed wherever possible off-street to be used until shortly before pick-up. MCD4 prioritizes rectifying these unsanitary conditions with more frequent corner basket collection, syringe removal, enforcement against businesses failing to maintain sanitary streets, and an overall commitment to getting our city clean. The need to restore a robust syringe collection unit is critical. In addition, MCB4's Sanitation Planning Working Group produced a report with a number of recommendations to streamline the storage and management of residential trash and recycling. MCB4 Sanitation Planning Working Group Recommendations: <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/09/05-NB-MCB4-SPWG-Recommendations-1.pdf>

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### **Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection**

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#### **Needs for Sanitation Services**

The board is very concerned with street trash caused primarily by commercial tenants and the lack of adequate trash bins in certain areas of our district. The litter all over our streets promote unsanitary and unsightly conditions while contributing to dirty water pooling around our curbs and corners.

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## **Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use**

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### **Most Important Issue**

#### **Affordable housing creation**

Despite the creation of thousands of new units of affordable and market rate housing that has accompanied rezonings over the past two decades, the stock of older rent-stabilized and cheaper market rate housing has shrunk. Illegal demolition, illegal hotel conversion, and harassment continue to threaten the stock that remains. Years after the last major neighborhood-wide rezonings, thousands of units of permanently affordable housing promised to the community go unbuilt. More permanently affordable units for individuals and families of different income levels are necessary for our community. The MCD4 Affordable Housing Plan offers a roadmap for fulfilling and developing more affordable housing units for a range of income levels. In particular, MCB4 calls on the Department of City Planning and the Department of Housing Preservation and Development to work with MCB4 to halt the demolition of residential units in the special districts within our boundaries and support the rezoning of 11th Avenue from West 34th street to West 41st Street to allow for more residential units to be built. <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/01/Affordable-Housing-Plan-Summary-of-Sites-12.15.22.pdf>

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#### **Needs for 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 housing commitments remain unfulfilled. Several items agreed to by the developers, the Administration, and the City Council await completion, including the many needed affordable housing units. MCB4 asks for 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 to fulfill outstanding commitments.

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#### **Needs for Housing**

MCD4's Affordable Housing Plan states that affordable housing within the district is critical to the diverse population of artists, students, minimum wage, earners, and seniors. This mixed population includes many of the frailest and isolated members of our community and the backbone of the service and cultural economy essential to NYC. The City must 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. Unfortunately, MCD4 stands to lose a significant amount of affordable housing due to expiring exemptions in the immediate future. In addition, our district has been plagued by the illegal demolition of buildings that were "protected" by zoning enacted mainly 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 affordable housing units have already been lost because of dishonest landlords and insufficiently active agencies. <https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/01/MCB4-Affordable-Housing-Plan-Summary-of-Sites-10.26.22.pdf>

Elliot Chelsea and Fulton NYCHA Redevelopment From the Fall of 2019 through the Spring of 2021 MCB4 participated in the Chelsea NYCHA Working Group. The Group included tenant representatives from the two NYCHA developments in the Chelsea area (Elliot Chelsea and Fulton Developments). The Group included a Deputy Mayor, the Chair of NYCHA, NYCHA administration, local Elected Officials, local stakeholders and both NYCHA tenant associations. The Group produced a report which laid out a detailed plan and delivered it to the NYCHA and the City (see enclosed). However, in spring 2023, residents of Elliot Chelsea and Fulton Houses were offered the option for a demolition and rebuild plan for those developments. Though an initial resident survey indicated interest in moving forward with a demolition and rebuild of the development, discussions as to the future of the developments remain ongoing. Throughout the redevelopment process, tenants have continued to experience security, pest, and interim repair concerns. The Board looks to both the Elliot Chelsea and Fulton developers and NYCHA to ensure that no matter what happens in the redevelopment process, tenants are ensured a clean and safe place to live on the Elliot Chelsea and Fulton campuses.

[https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/12/CB4\\_ChelseaNYCHA\\_SlideshowEngagement\\_final\\_12-16-20.pptx.pdf](https://cbmanhattan.cityofnewyork.us/cb4/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/12/CB4_ChelseaNYCHA_SlideshowEngagement_final_12-16-20.pptx.pdf)  
<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/nycha/downloads/pdf/Chelsea-NYCHA-WG-Report-Final.pdf>

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### **Needs for 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. Businesses have opened, but the much-promised resources for housing and infrastructure have not been delivered: many of the City's commitments remain unfulfilled. New York City is struggling compared to other big US cities to recover from the economic impact of the pandemic.

footnote: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-11-23/nyc-s-recovery-trails-other-u-s-cities-as-tourism-loss-weighs>

Remote work and the increase of crime, particularly in our transit system are impacting businesses of every size throughout our District. The City and private employers must take action to support local businesses, reduce empty storefronts and increase workforce development programs to retrain workers for the jobs that are available.

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### **Transportation and Mobility**

#### **Most Important Issue**

##### **Pedestrian safety (safer crossings, sidewalk management, etc.)**

Pedestrian safety (safer crossings, sidewalk management, etc.) Vehicular traffic has significantly increased on our avenues. Traffic of electric bikes and mopeds has exploded. Speed cameras should be installed on all avenues and rumble strips on bike lanes to make sure vehicles and motorcycles respect the 25 MPH speed limit. Split phase signals must be installed at every left turn movement. Green phase of signals should be adjusted so that gridlock is reduced and a green wave for cyclists and pedestrians to reduce the running of red lights by cyclists. Trucks and buses are a looming presence on residential streets. Due to sidewalk obstructions,

including delivery bikes that do not have any parking, pedestrians are forced to compete with each other for every inch of walkable sidewalk and are often forced to walk in traffic, bike corrals should be installed in parking lanes and sidewalks widened. Bus service continues to deteriorate, and more dedicated bus lines are needed on 9th and 10th Avenue. 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. The current on-street facilities for buses and commuter vans are inadequate, and environmental pollution is a constant quality of life complaint and threat to public health.

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#### **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

Pedestrian and cyclist safety continues to be a dominant concern that is still not sufficiently properly addressed. Speed cameras, split phase signals and proper crossing times must be installed as well as cameras or change in green timing to deter gridlock. Due to insufficient capacity and sidewalk obstructions, pedestrians are forced to compete for every inch of walkable sidewalk and are often forced to walk in traffic. This is compounded by the new rules for storing garbage containers on the sidewalk during the day, and the endless appetite for new storage and chargers located on the sidewalk. We are pleased that many pedestrian ramps have been retrofitted. Compounding the issue, pedestrian ramps are poorly maintained.

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It is impossible to discuss transportation infrastructure without stressing the need to use and install necessary green methods. All projects to better our streets and thoroughfares must use "green friendly" materials such as bioswales and permeable, porous substances. In addition, we request the city's swift action in providing public access to level three electric vehicle charging lots stations in order to enable the conversion of vehicles fleets to electric (private, public and commercial vehicles). Incentives should be used to accelerate the creation of this essential electric infrastructure.

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#### **Needs for Transit Services**

Bus service continues to deteriorate, and more dedicated bus lanes are needed on 9th Avenue and 42nd Street. With numerous high-rise office constructions already completed on the far west side, building the West 41st Street subway station is becoming imperative to reduce the proliferation of jitneys and congestion. Scores of workers coming to and from Brooklyn need additional modes of transportation, such as ferry service must be enhanced to include a route from Brooklyn to the west side. And more ADA enabled taxis and for hire vehicles are needed to improve transit for ADA and seniors.

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#### **Parks, Cultural, and Other Community Facilities**

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##### **Most Important Issue**

##### **Insufficient park or open space**

The increase in the number of users, including the large number of residents, migrants, workers, and tourists in

MCD4, means our spaces are receiving and more use without a commensurate increase in resources. Support for our parks cannot be an afterthought but must be prioritized. We would like to emphasize our expectation of this administration's promise to allot 1% of the City's overall budget to Parks. Run down conditions must be brought back up to acceptable standards and a commitment to funding Parks staff a necessity, including Park Enforcement Patrol to curb illicit park activity. As an important highlight, public bathrooms should be installed throughout our district and a mainstay in parks. As we move forward with construction, renovations and installations, we expect a greener, more climate friendly infrastructure to be automatic.

Libraries: The New York Public Library provides critical public services to our community. For newly arrived immigrants, the NYPL is a great resource providing adults with ESL classes, courses in technology and employment seeking skills. Libraries also provide early literacy programs for toddlers, after school homework and tutoring for school aged children, and are a safe haven for youth during the summer when school is out of session. Increased funding is essential to the NYPL in order for it to meet the needs of new immigrants and asylum seekers. The Columbus and Muhlenberg branches are undergoing substantial repairs that require them to close. In addition, delayed maintenance has greatly increased the cost of these repairs. We urge the NYPL to address needed repairs as they surface and communicate more proactively as well as to provide more details about why certain projects and branches are selected as priorities. Arts & Culture: Post- pandemic, independent and small theaters continue to close or lose their spaces as did the New Federal Theater this past year. We urge the Department of Cultural Affairs and the Mayor's Office of Media & Entertainment to help locate affordable rehearsal and production spaces in our district in order to help boost audience attendance. In addition, we encourage the Mayor's Office of Ethnic & Community Media to increase the city's advertising spending that is specifically directed to the local community media.

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We would like to emphasize our expectation of this administration's promise to allot 1% of the City's overall budget to Parks. Run down conditions must be brought back up to acceptable standards and a commitment to funding Parks staff a necessity, especially Park Enforcement Patrol (PEP) to curb illicit park activity. Our district's playgrounds have seen increased drug activity and adults commandeering the spaces for alternative activity. This is prohibiting many children and families from fully enjoying the parks and playgrounds for their intended uses. Our requests for increased PEP staff and syringe collection reflect this growing concern.

With the bulk of our district in Midtown West, our limited park space is the only outdoor respite for many residents and visitors. We request our aged and dilapidated playground infrastructure be renovated to make these spaces fully functional again. As an important highlight, public bathrooms should be installed throughout our district and a mainstay in parks. As we move forward with construction, renovations and installations, we expect a greener, more climate friendly infrastructure to be automatic, including solar lighting and permeable pavement in all new and reconstructs.

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#### **Needs for Cultural Services**

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 also concerned with the loss of artists' studios in the District and the displacement of working artists.

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### **Needs for Library Services**

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### **Needs for Community Boards**

Since the 1990s, budgets (outside of personnel services) have not been re-evaluated for inflation. Community Boards are repeatedly asked to do more with less and that cannot continue to happen. In the age of Zoom meetings and the need for hybrid meetings, Community board funding must be increased to accommodate the cost of new technology and internet-enabled meeting spaces.

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### **Other Needs**

**Cannabis Enforcement:** We acknowledge that licensing of sales of Cannabis is within the State's purview and that the associated enforcement powers generally fall to the Office of Cannabis Management. We also acknowledge that new legislation has provided the State and city more ability to close illegal cannabis stores. However, more funding needs to be dedicated to the permanent closure of illegal cannabis stores. The City can do more to identify illicit stores and seize illegal products.



**The Future of Small Theaters:** To ensure that small theaters continue to play an integral role in New York City's cultural landscape and economy, we believe it is imperative to complete an updated study with the objective of understanding how to stimulate economic growth and sustainability during a time when audiences are shrinking.

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# FY26 Community District Needs

## Manhattan Community District 04

### Capital

1	 <b>Fulton and Elliot Chelsea Houses Repairs</b>	<b>Explanation:</b>
Policy Area:	<b>Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use</b>	Complete interim repairs for Fulton and Elliot Chelsea Houses. Residents of Chelsea NYCHA FEC have been promised ongoing interim repairs while the redevelopment of both campuses is being considered. This request includes increased security, elevator maintenance, mold remediation, and repairing leaks, among other items.
Need Group:	<b>Needs for Housing</b>	
Agency:	<b>New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)</b>	
Need:	<b>Public housing upgrades or renovations</b>	
Request:	<b>Renovate or upgrade public housing developments</b>	
		<b>2024-11-27</b>
2	 <b>Other public housing upgrades or renovations requests</b>	<b>Explanation:</b>
Policy Area:	<b>Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use</b>	The elevators at Harborview Terrace have a number of malfunctioning and routinely broken elevators. This causes cause great hardship to residents and has been a long-standing budget request. Elevators which continually break down must be replaced (rather than serviced) for the safety and well being of the residents.
Need Group:	<b>Needs for Housing</b>	
Agency:	<b>New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)</b>	
Need:	<b>Public housing upgrades or renovations</b>	
Request:	<b>Other public housing upgrades or renovations requests</b>	
		<b>2024-08-21</b>

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**Renovate or upgrade public housing developments**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use**

Need Group: **Needs for Housing**

Agency: **New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)**

Need: **Public housing upgrades or renovations**

Request: **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 and emergency exit doors, and retiling of all building common areas.

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**Other capital budget request for EDC**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use**

Need Group: **Needs for Economic Development**

Agency: **Economic Development Corporation (EDC)**

Need: **Economic development investments**

Request: **Other capital budget request for EDC**

The Manhattan Cruise Ship terminal is an overwhelming source of pollution. When ships are docked, their engines run to generate power and keep the lights on, emitting thousands of tons of diesel particulates into the air. A docked ship?s emission for one day equal 34,000 idling tractor trailers. Installing a socket for cruise ships to "plug-in" to draw power from the existing power grid will dramatically reduce diesel particulate matter and improve the water quality in the Hudson River. Cruise ship fleets are already turning over and the EDC should serve that demand to upgrade the terminal and reduce the carbon footprint of the cruise ship industry.

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**Elevators at 6th & 8th Ave at West 23rd Street**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**

Need Group: **Needs for Transit Services**

Agency: **New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)**

Need: **Transit Infrastructure**

Request: **Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.**

Install elevators at the 6th Ave. and 8th Ave. & W.23rd st. stations. These stations are centrally located, providing access to a very large senior citizen community, social services for disabled people, and NYCHA developments. People with disabilities in this area lack alternative transportation options.

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**Other capital budget request for NYPL**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Parks, Cultural, and Other Community Facilities**

Need Group: **Needs for Library Services**

Agency: **New York Public Library (NYPL)**

Need: **Library facilities, equipment and programs**

Request: **Other capital budget request for NYPL**

Fund the outstanding \$4.5 million needed to complete the HVAC replacement project at the Columbus Library branch at 742 10th Avenue.

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**Other capital budget request for DOHMH**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Health Care and Human Services**

Need Group: **Needs for Health Care and Facilities**

Agency: **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)**

Need: **Other needs**

Request: **Other capital budget request for DOHMH**

Provide funding to Ryan Chelsea-Clinton Health Center at 645 10th Avenue for the following capital items: #1: Ultrasound machine for pre-natal health department, which has seen a large increase in migrant populations requesting services since 2022; #2: New RetinaVue machine to expand the number of primary care appointments available, which have seen greater demand due to an increase in migrant populations requesting services since 2022; #3: New rooftop chiller that is required to cool medical equipment on-site, ensuring continuity of services

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**Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use**

Need Group: **Needs for Housing**

Agency: **Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)**

Need: **Affordable housing programs**

Request: **Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless**

Provide adequate capital subsidy for the senior supportive housing site at Hartley House located at 413 West 46th Street.

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**Other capital budget request for HPD**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use**

Need Group: **Needs for Housing**

Agency: **Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)**

Need: **Affordable housing programs**

Request: **Other capital budget request for HPD**

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 & 464 West 25th Street - (MPLP) 500 West 52nd Street - (SARA)

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**Other capital budget request for DOE**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Youth, Education, and Child Welfare**

Need Group: **Needs for Youth Education**

Agency: **Department of Education (DOE)**

Need: **Educational programs**

Request: **Other capital budget request for DOE**

Lab Middle School located at 333 West 17th Street - Provide funding to the schools top capital priority of replacing all doors and locks on classrooms on the 1st and 4th floors.

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**Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Parks, Cultural, and Other Community Facilities**

Need Group: **Needs for Parks**

Agency: **Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**

Need: **Park, buildings, and access improvements**

Request: **Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

DeWitt Clinton Park is Hell's Kitchen largest park. It provides active and passive park spaces as well as a significant playground. The Park has also gone without renovation for decades and is in need of serious upgrades including repaving the playground and courts, new playground equipment, and a new spray shower and drainage lines. Last year's agency response indicated this project is already partially funded, an incentive to provide the necessary funds to start renovation in the coming year.

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**12**  **Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)** **Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Parks, Cultural, and Other Community Facilities**  
Need Group: **Needs for Parks**  
Agency: **Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**  
Need: **Park, buildings, and access improvements**  
Request: **Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

Public bathrooms are a scarce and valuable item in our district. We request the funding for renovation and construction of the bathrooms at the following parks: Dewitt Clinton Park - West 52/54 from 11/12 Ave., Penn South Playground West 25/26 between 8th/9th Ave., Chelsea Park - 450 West 27th Street. Without new and updated bathrooms these parks can not live up to their potential nor can they support needed fixed post park staff.

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**13**  **Other transit infrastructure requests** **Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**  
Need Group: **Needs for Transit Services**  
Agency: **New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)**  
Need: **Transit Infrastructure**  
Request: **Other transit infrastructure requests**

Repair / replace damaged and dangerous subway grates per provided list: 8th Avenue: cracked cement grate collapsing on West 38th through West 40th Streets,

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**14**  **Other capital budget request for DOT** **Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**  
Need Group: **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**  
Agency: **Department of Transportation (DOT)**  
Need: **Transportation infrastructure**  
Request: **Other capital budget request for DOT**

In anticipation of a full transfer to electric vehicles, private, commercial and public, the need for separate, multi-vehicle charging areas is urgent. Our district houses arteries to both the George Washington Bridge and the Lincoln Tunnel. If the city expects to hit its own carbon-free goals, we need to have the appropriate infrastructure and funding to achieve that objective with a priority on universal availability.

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**Urban Assembly Gateway School  
for Technology - PA System**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Youth, Education,  
and Child Welfare**

Need Group: **Needs for Youth  
Education**

Agency: **School Construction  
Authority**

Need: **Schools and  
educational facilities**

Request: **Renovate interior  
building component**

Urban Assembly Gateway School for Technology at 439 West 49th Street needs a new building wide PA system. The current system does not always function.

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**Better Bin Program**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Core Infrastructure,  
City Services, and  
Resiliency**

Need Group: **Needs for Sanitation  
Services**

Agency: **Department of  
Sanitation (DSNY)**

Need: **Garbage collection  
and recycling  
infrastructure**

Request: **Other capital budget  
request for DSNY**

Fund Better Bins Program - Provide funding to install new more rat-resistant, leak-proof corner trash bins to improve on-street cleanliness.

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**ADA accessible Cafeteria**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Youth, Education,  
and Child Welfare**

Need Group: **Needs for Youth  
Education**

Agency: **School Construction  
Authority**

Need: **Schools and  
educational facilities**

Request: **Renovate interior  
building component**

M408 Professional Performing Arts High School (PPAS) - 328 W 48th Street - The PTA's priority is to make school cafeteria ADA accessible and upgrade cafeteria restrooms.

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**Renovate exterior building component****Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Youth, Education, and Child Welfare**

Need Group: **Needs for Youth Education**

Agency: **School Construction Authority**

Need: **Schools and educational facilities**

Request: **Renovate exterior building component**

Provide funding for Auditorium Renovation at Manhattan Bridges High School located at 525 West 50th Street. This space serves 5 schools and 2,000 students. The dim lighting is dangerous, and the sound system does not work. There is no drop down screen for presentations.

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**Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)****Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Parks, Cultural, and Other Community Facilities**

Need Group: **Needs for Parks**

Agency: **Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**

Need: **Park, buildings, and access improvements**

Request: **Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

Renovate McCaffrey Playground, including new play equipment, spray shower, greenery and drainage lines. W. 43rd Street, between 8th & 9th Avenues.

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**Other capital budget request for NYCTA****Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**

Need Group: **Needs for Transit Services**

Agency: **New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)**

Need: **Transit Infrastructure**

Request: **Other capital budget request for NYCTA**

Relocate 40 congestion pricing gantries from local streets to Port Authority properties.

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**Renovate interior building component****Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Youth, Education, and Child Welfare**

Need Group: **Needs for Youth Education**

Agency: **School Construction Authority**

Need: **Schools and educational facilities**

Request: **Renovate interior building component**

Provide funding for the redesign of the school library at Business of Sports HS, located at 439 W.49th St. The current library is inadequate to meet the technical requirements that students need for their research."

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**Other capital budget request for DOHMH****Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Health Care and Human Services**

Need Group: **Needs for Health Care and Facilities**

Agency: **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)**

Need: **Other needs**

Request: **Other capital budget request for DOHMH**

Expand funding to Ryan Chelsea-Clinton Health Center at 645 10th Avenue for needed additional space to provide needed mental health services.

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**Renovate or upgrade an elementary school****Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Youth, Education, and Child Welfare**

Need Group: **Needs for Youth Education**

Agency: **School Construction Authority**

Need: **Schools and educational facilities**

Request: **Renovate or upgrade an elementary school**

Provide Funds to make P.S. 111 School, at 440 West 53rd Street, gymnasium and auditorium ADA accessible. This would allow people with limited mobility to access the gym and auditorium for events.

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**Other requests for park, building, or access improvements**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Parks, Cultural, and Other Community Facilities**

Need Group: **Needs for Parks**

Agency: **Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**

Need: **Park, buildings, and access improvements**

Request: **Other requests for park, building, or access improvements**

Provide a pilot program for solar lighting with solar energy storage at Penn South Playground at West 26th Street.

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**Other capital budget request for DPR**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Parks, Cultural, and Other Community Facilities**

Need Group: **Needs for Parks**

Agency: **Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**

Need: **Park, buildings, and access improvements**

Request: **Other capital budget request for DPR**

The newly created Chelsea Park Dog Run is currently just a gated, asphalt space. We are encouraged the space has been well received and request significant upgrades including a water connection, a permeable, dog-friendly surface and separate big dog/small dog areas.

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**Other transit infrastructure requests**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**

Need Group: **Needs for Transit Services**

Agency: **New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)**

Need: **Transit Infrastructure**

Request: **Other transit infrastructure requests**

Work with MTA to design the West 41st and 10th Ave station for the # 7. And extend #7 to service additional communities.

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**27**  **Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)** **Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Parks, Cultural, and Other Community Facilities**  
Need Group: **Needs for Parks**  
Agency: **Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**  
Need: **Park, buildings, and access improvements**  
Request: **Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

Fund the repair of the sidewalk at Gutenberg Playground located at West 49th Street between 9th and 10 Avenues. The sidewalk on the north side of 49th Street between Ninth and Tenth Aves in front of the Gutenberg Playground is dangerous and needs complete repair. The area in front of the playground floods regularly and is a series of numerous trip hazards.

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**28**  **Renovate exterior building component** **Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Youth, Education, and Child Welfare**  
Need Group: **Needs for Youth Education**  
Agency: **School Construction Authority**  
Need: **Schools and educational facilities**  
Request: **Renovate exterior building component**

Fund replacement or upgrade of windows in needed schools. In particular, Bayard Rustin School Campus located at 351 West 18th Street; and P.S. 212 located at 328 West 48th Street.

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**29**  **Other capital budget request for DOE** **Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Youth, Education, and Child Welfare**  
Need Group: **Needs for Youth Education**  
Agency: **Department of Education (DOE)**  
Need: **Educational programs**  
Request: **Other capital budget request for DOE**

P.S. 11 - 320 West 21st Street. Fund sign with the school's new name, the Sarah J. Garnet. This request should cost approximately \$15K.

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**30**  **Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Core Infrastructure, City Services, and Resiliency**

Need Group: **Needs for Sanitation Services**

Agency: **Department of Sanitation (DSNY)**

Need: **Garbage collection and recycling infrastructure**

Request: **Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests**

Fund the infrastructure and placement of public, curbside recycling bins - (paper/plastic/metal/glass). Due to the lack of a universal corner basket recycling program, the overwhelming majority of waste materials collected are sent to landfills, undercutting green initiatives and resulting in a wasteful cost of resources.

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**31**  **Renovate or upgrade an elementary school**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Youth, Education, and Child Welfare**

Need Group: **Needs for Youth Education**

Agency: **School Construction Authority**

Need: **Schools and educational facilities**

Request: **Renovate or upgrade an elementary school**

Provide Funding to complete roof top garden at P.S.51, at 525 West 44th Street.

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**32**  **Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Parks, Cultural, and Other Community Facilities**

Need Group: **Needs for Parks**

Agency: **Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**

Need: **Park, buildings, and access improvements**

Request: **Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

Fund the renovation and construction of Gertrude Kelly Playground with updated playground equipment including a new and better spray shower, fencing and plantings. West side of 8th Avenue between 16th & 17th Streets

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**33**  **Reconstruct streets**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**  
Need Group: **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**  
Agency: **Department of Transportation (DOT)**  
Need: **Transportation infrastructure**  
Request: **Reconstruct streets**

Reconstruct Ninth Avenue from West 51st to 34th Streets to complete the capital projects for sidewalk widening already underway. Implement neck downs on each street block directly to the East and West of Ninth Avenue.

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**34**  **8th Avenue Bike Lane Resurfacing**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**  
Need Group: **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**  
Agency: **Department of Transportation (DOT)**  
Need: **Transportation infrastructure**  
Request: **Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)**

Resurface 8th Avenue bike lane. The bike lane is very damaged with many potholes and the green paint and stripping is worn off.

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**35**  **Renovate interior building component**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Youth, Education, and Child Welfare**  
Need Group: **Needs for Youth Education**  
Agency: **School Construction Authority**  
Need: **Schools and educational facilities**  
Request: **Renovate interior building component**

Provide funding for the redesign of the school library at Business of Sports HS, located at 439 W.49th St. The current library is inadequate to meet the technical requirements that students need for their research.

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**36**  **Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Parks, Cultural, and Other Community Facilities**

Need Group: **Needs for Parks**

Agency: **Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**

Need: **Park, buildings, and access improvements**

Request: **Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

The dog run at DeWitt Clinton Park is heavily used and in need of a renovation. The surface should be comparable with current dog park materials. Improved water facilities should also be completed.

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# FY26 Community District Needs

## Manhattan Community District 04

### Expense

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#### Other NYPD staff resources requests

#### Explanation:

Policy Area: **Public Safety and Emergency Services**

Need Group: **Needs for Public Safety**

Agency: **New York Police Department (NYPD)**

Need: **NYPD staff and training resources**

Request: **Hire additional uniformed officers**

Expand and re-allocate existing funding to hire officers in order to increase regular foot patrols in Chelsea and Hells Kitchen. Despite a drop in several crime categories throughout the precincts that cover MCD4, residents have expressed heightened concern over a lack of enforcement against illegal narcotics sales, drug use, and other unlawful and disorderly behavior happening on the streets.

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#### Expand street outreach

#### Explanation:

Policy Area: **Health Care and Human Services**

Need Group: **Needs for Homeless**

Agency: **Department for Homeless Services (DHS)**

Need: **Services for the homeless**

Request: **Expand street outreach**

Expand funding for an increase in targeted outreach to street homeless individuals, including an expansion of the B-HEARD program to provide those experiencing behavioral health emergencies with appropriate resources, to MCD4. MCB4 also requests a 15% increase in funds to the outreach programs at Breaking Ground, Goddard, BRC, and Urban Pathways to meet the increasing unsheltered population.

2024-08-21

3  **Parks Enforcement Patrol officers** Explanation:

Policy Area: **Parks, Cultural, and Other Community Facilities**

Need Group: **Needs for Parks**

Agency: **Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**

Need: **Park maintenance and safety**

Request: **Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)**

Increased funding for more Parks Enforcement Patrol officers (PEP). PEP officers provide a uniformed presence to safeguard parks properties and facilities and enforce parks rules and regulations in regard to quality-of-life conditions. Public safety remains a top concern for MCD4 residents, and enforcement is needed to end unlawful behavior such as drug use within parks.

2024-11-27

4  **Expand Traffic Division** Explanation:

Policy Area: **Public Safety and Emergency Services**

Need Group: **Needs for Public Safety**


Agency: **New York Police Department (NYPD)**

Need: **NYPD staff and training resources**

Request: **Hire additional traffic enforcement agents**

Expand funding to NYPD Manhattan Traffic Division to adequately enforce all traffic related violations including but not limited to cars, trucks, bikes, E-bikes, and mopeds.

2024-11-27

5  **Other expense budget request for DYCD** Explanation:

Policy Area: **Youth, Education, and Child Welfare**

Need Group: **Needs for Youth and Child Welfare**

Agency: **Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)**

Need: **After school programs**

Request: **Other expense budget request for DYCD**

Funding for after school programs in both elementary and middle schools to enable more families to participate, particularly at the following schools. P.S. 11 at 320 West 21 Street; P.S. 33 at 281 9th Avenue; P.S. 51 at 525 West 44th Street; P.S. 111 at 440 West 53rd Street.

2024-08-21

6  **Other cleaning requests**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Core Infrastructure, City Services, and Resiliency**

Need Group: **Needs for Sanitation Services**

Agency: **Department of Sanitation (DSNY)**

Need: **Cleaning**

Request: **Other cleaning requests**

Increase funding for DSNY Environmental Police Unit. Discarded syringes are becoming more prevalent on our streets posing an immediate danger to residents and pets.

2024-08-21

7  **Pre-K and 3K Seats**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Youth, Education, and Child Welfare**

Need Group: **Needs for Youth Education**


Agency: **Department of Education (DOE)**

Need: **Early care and educational programs**

Request: **Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Child Care and Head Start programs**

Expand funding for Pre-K and 3K Seats at PS 11, PS 33, PS 51, PS 111, and PS 212. There is a substantial waitlist, particularly for 3K and Pre-K Extended Day programs, in our district.

2024-11-27

8  **Other programs to address public health issues requests**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Health Care and Human Services**

Need Group: **Needs for Health Care and Facilities**

Agency: **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)**

Need: **Programs to address other public health issues**

Request: **Other programs to address public health issues requests**

Expand funding to the Ryan Chelsea-Health Center at 645 10th Avenue for translators and translation services to serve the grow non-english speaking migrant population.

2024-08-21

9  **Expand code enforcement**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use**  
Need Group: **Needs for Land Use**  
Agency: **Department of Buildings (DOB)**  
Need: **Building code and zoning enforcement**  
Request: **Expand code enforcement**

Expand funding for Dept. of Buildings code enforcement staffing to focus on the following points of concern: 1: Provide 1-2 dedicated inspector for special district enforcement to ensure compliance of land use regulations in the special districts; 2: With the passage of the several substantial City of Yes proposals, there will be an increased need for additional inspectors. MCB4 believes the current staffing levels at the agency are insufficient to meet the eventual increased demand of service requests, audits and plan examinations.


**2024-08-21**

10  **Conduct traffic or parking studies** **Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**  
Need Group: **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**  
Agency: **Department of Transportation (DOT)**  
Need: **Traffic and traffic flow**  
Request: **Conduct traffic or parking studies**

Study sidewalk capacity and pedestrian demand along 9th Avenue between 33rd and 51st Street. In particular, study space effectively allocated to pedestrians, sidewalk obstructions and pedestrian volumes resulting in a true pedestrian level of service. Align sidewalk with the northern and southern sections that have been widened to address congestion.

**2024-08-21**

11  **Other expense budget request for DOB** **Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use**  
Need Group: **Needs for Land Use**  
Agency: **Department of Buildings (DOB)**  
Need: **Building code and zoning enforcement**  
Request: **Other expense budget request for DOB**

Expand funding for staff to expedite technology upgrades for Department of Buildings (DOB) website and application process to allow a demolition restriction district square to be filled as a yes or no. This will prevent improper demolition by flagging and notifying the building owner and the agency when a improper demolition permit has been requested for a residential multiple dwelling in MCD4's Special Districts. Over the last five years DOB has improperly issued multiple buildings, totaling over a hundred residential units, demolition permits within the Special Districts.

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**Other expense budget request for DOE****Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Youth, Education, and Child Welfare**

Need Group: **Needs for Youth Education**

Agency: **Department of Education (DOE)**

Need: **Educational programs**

Request: **Other expense budget request for DOE**

Expand funding to maintain student technology (laptops, tablets, software, etc). Expand funding for the Office of Technology and Innovation to provide reliable high-speed wi-fi in all schools. Even though schools continue to receive funding for computer carts and mobile devices from local elected officials, the buildings' internet/wi-fi infrastructure is often inadequate to support the use of these devices.

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**Other park maintenance and safety requests****Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Parks, Cultural, and Other Community Facilities**

Need Group: **Needs for Parks**

Agency: **Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**

Need: **Park maintenance and safety**

Request: **Other park maintenance and safety requests**

Increase funding for more parks staff. The Parks M&O workforce is responsible for park maintenance and cleanliness. Increase funding for fixed post staff at Dewitt Clinton Park, Mathew Palmer Park and Chelsea Park is sorely needed. In addition, 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 each park.

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**Other expense request****Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Other Needs**

Need Group: **Other**

Agency: **Department of Sanitation (DSNY)**

Need: **Other Expense Needs**

Request: **Other expense request**

Provide funding to DSNY to develop and release of a RFP for the recently landmarked DSNY building at 128 West 17th Street, aka, Former Colored School No 4. The recently landmarked building at 128 West 17th Street is a communal asset, and the way to commemorate its legacy is to bring life back to the building. We request that DSNY, with input from CB4 and other stakeholders, issue an RFP with the goal of soliciting proposals for the space that, among other things, commit to telling the story of Former Colored School No 4.

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**Other traffic improvement requests**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**

Need Group: **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

Agency: **Department of Transportation (DOT)**

Need: **Traffic and traffic flow**

Request: **Other traffic improvement requests**

Provide funding to install bike corrals at designated locations along 9th avenue and certain cross streets.

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**Other housing oversight and emergency housing programs**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use**

Need Group: **Needs for Housing**

Agency: **Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)**

Need: **Housing oversight and emergency housing programs**

Request: **Other housing oversight and emergency housing programs**

Increase HPD funding and scope of the Emergency Repair Program (ERP) to ensure landlords do not allow their properties to deteriorate in special districts where demolition by neglect is prevalent.

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**Expand code enforcement**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use**

Need Group: **Needs for Land Use**

Agency: **Department of Buildings (DOB)**

Need: **Building code and zoning enforcement**

Request: **Expand code enforcement**

Provide additional funding for Dept. of Buildings enforcement inspectors for non-compliant ADA entrances.

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18  Other expense request

Explanation:

Policy Area: **Other Needs**  
Need Group: **Other**  
Agency: **Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC)**  
Need: **Other Expense Needs**  
Request: **Other expense request**

Reduce case backlog, including St. Benedict the Moor Church (MCB4 Letter - 2019), Bayview Former Prison at 550 West 20 Street (RFE -2013), and the New Dramatists Inc, 424 West 44th Street, by increasing funding for additional LPC staff in order to expedite recommendations for landmarking.

2024-08-21

19  Conduct traffic or parking studies Explanation:

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**  
Need Group: **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**  
Agency: **Department of Transportation (DOT)**  
Need: **Traffic and traffic flow**  
Request: **Conduct traffic or parking studies**

Study the redirection of traffic from Northbound Dyer Avenue to 11th avenue close Lincoln Tunnel traffic entrance from West 34th, 35th and 36th street from Dyer Avenue Northbound"

2024-08-21

20  Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests

Explanation:

Policy Area: **Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use**  
Need Group: **Needs for Housing**  
Agency: **New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)**  
Need: **Public housing maintenance, staffing and management**  
Request: **Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests**

NYCHA elevators are frequently broken and taken out of service, causing great hardships to the residents. In 2018 there were about 44,000 elevator outages which is an unacceptable performance level. NYCHA has unfilled skilled elevator mechanic and mechanic's assistant positions which should be filled with trained individuals. More skilled mechanic positions should be created to allow servicing to meet the needs of these buildings and their residents.

2024-08-21

21  **Other services for immigrants and immigrant families requests**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Youth, Education, and Child Welfare**  
Need Group: **Needs for Youth and Child Welfare**  
Agency: **Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)**  
Need: **Services for immigrants and immigrant families**  
Request: **Other services for immigrants and immigrant families requests**

Expand funding to DYCD ESOL program in city shelters.

2024-08-21

22  **Other expense request**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Other Needs**  
Need Group: **Other**  
Agency: **Office of Management and Budget (OMB)**  
Need: **Other Expense Needs**  
Request: **Other expense request**

Provide funding earmarked for cannabis enforcement to City agencies like the New York City Sheriff. Likewise, MCB4 believes that further coordination is needed between city and state agencies. Funding for a State/City Cannabis Coordinator would be welcomed.

2024-08-21

23  **Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use**  
Need Group: **Needs for Land Use**  
Agency: **Department of Buildings (DOB)**  
Need: **Building code and zoning enforcement**  
Request: **Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)**

Provide funds for inspectors to investigate structural stability of landmarked buildings and buildings in historic districts before alteration, construction or redevelopment and report to LPC, MCB4 and other agencies.

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**Other expense budget request for DPR****Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Parks, Cultural, and Other Community Facilities**

Need Group: **Needs for Parks**

Agency: **Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**

Need: **Park maintenance and safety**

Request: **Other expense budget request for DPR**

Playground Associates conduct recreation activities for children and help maintain playgrounds during the spring, summer and fall in the popular Kids in Motion program (\$12.5K for 6 months includes supplies). Last summer we assigned a PA to Mathews-Palmer Playground. In addition, our Recreation staff can organize Family Fun Days (\$6,500 each), 3 Outdoor Movie Nights (\$10,000), Tango Dance Programs (\$3,000), Senior Fitness Programs (\$3,000), Skate Night (\$2500), Jazz Concert (\$3000) and more programs.

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**Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming****Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**

Need Group: **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

Agency: **Department of Transportation (DOT)**

Need: **Traffic and traffic flow**

Request: **Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**

Adjust signal timing on 9th Avenue on both avenue and cross streets to reduce gridlock and create a Green Wave for cyclists and pedestrians. - 9th Avenue West 34 Street to West 42nd Street and 11th Avenue West 40 Street to West 47 Street.

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**Increase home delivered meals capacity****Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Health Care and Human Services**

Need Group: **Needs for Older NYs**

Agency: **Department for the Aging (DFTA)**

Need: **Services for homebound older adults**

Request: **Increase home delivered meals capacity**

Expand existing programs for Seniors (DFTA) Meal programs at the following locations: Hudson Guild - 441 W 26th Street; Project Find Encore Community Services - 239 West 49th Street; The SAGE Center Midtown - 305 Seventh Avenue; and Penn South NORC - 290 9th Ave.

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**Other expense budget request for DOE**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Youth, Education, and Child Welfare**

Need Group: **Needs for Youth Education**

Agency: **Department of Education (DOE)**

Need: **Educational programs**

Request: **Other expense budget request for DOE**

Expand funding for bilingual educators. specifically expand and baseline funding for licensed bilingual teachers and mental health professionals. Prioritizing Title 1 schools, schools with the highest number of Students in Temporary Housing, and schools admitting students from newly-arrived asylum/migrant families to PS 51, at 525 West 44th Street; PS 111, at 440 West 53rd Street; and PS 212, at 328 West 48th Street.

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**Provide more frequent litter basket collection**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Core Infrastructure, City Services, and Resiliency**

Need Group: **Needs for Sanitation Services**

Agency: **Department of Sanitation (DSNY)**

Need: **Cleaning**

Request: **Provide more frequent litter basket collection**

Expand funding corner basket pickups in the district. Additional funding is needed to expand programs such as the Precision Cleaning Team that addresses overflowing baskets and responds to service calls via the 311 system.

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**Other zoning and land use requests**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use**

Need Group: **Needs for Land Use**

Agency: **Department of City Planning (DCP)**

Need: **Zoning and land use**

Request: **Other zoning and land use requests**

Fund homeowner floodproofing measures as a result of Flood Resiliency ZTA. DCP to work with other relevant agencies to create or identify funding streams or tax incentives for small property owners seeking to comply with flood proofing measures, notably in Historic Districts.

**2024-08-21**

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**Other expense budget request for DSNY**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Core Infrastructure, City Services, and Resiliency**

Need Group: **Needs for Sanitation Services**

Agency: **Department of Sanitation (DSNY)**

Need: **Garbage collection and recycling**

Request: **Other expense budget request for DSNY**

Graffiti has proliferated in our district during the pandemic particularly on vacant storefronts. We request funding for the resumption and continuation of the Graffiti Free NYC program which helps to maintain the aesthetic of our neighborhood and helps small businesses that may not have the resources for graffiti removal.

**2024-08-21**

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**Conduct traffic or parking studies**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**

Need Group: **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

Agency: **Department of Transportation (DOT)**

Need: **Traffic and traffic flow**

Request: **Conduct traffic or parking studies**

Fund study to relocate Northbound Dyer Avenue traffic entrance on West 30th Street and close Dyer Avenue at 10th Avenue/Dyer north.

**2024-08-21**

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**Other expense budget request for HPD**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use**

Need Group: **Needs for Housing**

Agency: **Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)**

Need: **Affordable housing programs**

Request: **Other expense budget request for HPD**

Provide additional funding for housing attorney and tenant organizer for Housing Conservation Coordinators located at 777 10th Avenue.

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**Support nonprofit cultural organizations****Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Parks, Cultural, and Other Community Facilities**

Need Group: **Needs for Cultural Services**

Agency: **Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA)**

Need: **Cultural facilities and resources**

Request: **Support nonprofit cultural organizations**

MCB4 reasserts its support of the partial restoration of DCLA's funding. The creative community has been a valuable asset to our district for decades. We ask that you support our cultural organizations by providing additional funding to DCA. In particular arts and culture programs at Hudson Guild, at 441 W 26th St, Fountain House Gallery, at 702 9th Avenue, and the Open Culture Program.

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**Route 9 & West 18th Street****Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**

Need Group: **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

Agency: **Department of Transportation (DOT)**

Need: **Traffic and traffic flow**

Request: **Address traffic congestion**

Requesting changes to 2 adjoining intersections: Route 9 & W.18th St., remove the No U-Turn sign in order to avoid turning at W.16th, a more congested street. Route 9 & W. 17th St., unsafe pedestrian crossing due to current signal cycle and aggressive southbound traffic exiting Chelsea Piers and W 17th St. Increase Green Signal time and provide a LPI for pedestrians on the south leg of the roadway.

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**Other expense budget request for DPR****Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Parks, Cultural, and Other Community Facilities**

Need Group: **Needs for Parks**

Agency: **Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**

Need: **Park maintenance and safety**

Request: **Other expense budget request for DPR**

We expect funding for 15 GreenThumb staff and supplies will be maintained in FY 25.

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**36**  **9th Ave and West 15th Street**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**  
Need Group: **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**  
Agency: **Department of Transportation (DOT)**  
Need: **Traffic and traffic flow**  
Request: **Address traffic congestion**

Resolve traffic congestion at the interesection of 9th Avenue and 15/16th Streets. Pedestrian crossing 16th Street conflict with turning cars creating traffic delays on 9th Avenue . The congestion slows down the M11 bus and exposes NYCHA residents to loud honking noises. Signal timing should be ajusted and a split phase signal installed.

**2024-11-27**

**37**  **Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Health Care and Human Services**  
Need Group: **Needs for Health Care and Facilities**  
Agency: **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)**  
Need: **Programs to address HIV/AIDS or other infectious diseases**  
Request: **Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning**

As referenced in the NYC DOHMH Community Health Profile for Clinton and Chelsea neighborhoods, CD4 continues to ranks high in the rate of new HIV diagnoses. 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, Callen-Lord - 356 West 18th St, and Housing Works - 301 West 37th Street and 322 West 48th Street.

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**38**  **Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**  
Need Group: **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**  
Agency: **Department of Transportation (DOT)**  
Need: **Traffic and traffic flow**  
Request: **Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming**

Study and fix dangerous intersections in the district where vehicles conflict with pedestrians and bicycles, including those at West 42nd Street and Dyer Avenue, West 42nd Street and 11th Avenue, and make upgrades to those at W 42nd Street and 9th Avenue and West 15th Street and 6th Avenue.

**2024-08-21**

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**Other homelessness prevention program request**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Health Care and Human Services**

Need Group: **Needs for Low Income NYs**

Agency: **Human Resources Administration (HRA)**

Need: **Homelessness prevention programs**

Request: **Other homelessness prevention program request**

MCB4 appreciates DSS approving funding for supportive services for families and adults that are currently in and soon to be exiting shelter. In particular, expand GED completion programs, job training, financial literacy, resume building and interview skills. However, New York City continues to have a significant homeless population and a housing crises therefor recommends expansion of these programs.

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**Conduct traffic or parking studies**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**

Need Group: **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

Agency: **Department of Transportation (DOT)**

Need: **Traffic and traffic flow**

Request: **Conduct traffic or parking studies**

Normalize the West 30th Street and Dyer Avenue intersection to include four pedestrians crossings.

**2024-08-21**

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**Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Core Infrastructure, City Services, and Resiliency**

Need Group: **Needs for Sanitation Services**

Agency: **Department of Sanitation (DSNY)**

Need: **Garbage collection and recycling**

Request: **Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal**

E-Waste collection was restored only in Staten Island and needs to be restored in our district as well. DSNY should consider other solutions for e-waste collection in more locations, including regular collection times at DSNY garages.

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**Other traffic improvement requests**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**

Need Group: **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

Agency: **Department of Transportation (DOT)**

Need: **Traffic and traffic flow**

Request: **Other traffic improvement requests**

Add vertical bollards and cement blocks to prevent cars from using the neckdown. NW corner of W31st Street and 8th Avenue.

2024-08-21

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**11 Avenue Bike Lane Separation**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**

Need Group: **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

Agency: **Department of Transportation (DOT)**

Need: **Traffic and traffic flow**

Request: **Other traffic improvement requests**

Install vertical separations along the 11th Avenue bike lane to prevent vehicles from driving in the bike lane. There are not enough parked cars to create a protective barrier. Install bollards at the 44th, 45th, and 46th Street intersections to prevent cars from entering and driving in the bike lane on 11th Avenue.

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**Crosstown Bike Lanes**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**

Need Group: **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

Agency: **Department of Transportation (DOT)**

Need: **Transportation infrastructure**

Request: **Provide new bike lanes**

Add crosstown bike lanes and widen existing ones.

2024-11-27

45  **Conduct traffic or parking studies** Explanation:

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**  
Need Group: **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**  
Agency: **Department of Transportation (DOT)**  
Need: **Traffic and traffic flow**  
Request: **Conduct traffic or parking studies**

Conduct Study of Protected Bike Lane extension on 11th Avenue from West 23rd to West 38th Streets.


2024-08-21

46  **Daylighting Study** Explanation:

Policy Area: **Transportation and Mobility**  
Need Group: **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**  
Agency: **Department of Transportation (DOT)**  
Need: **Traffic and traffic flow**  
Request: **Conduct traffic or parking studies**

We request that DOT conduct a comprehensive study to prioritize intersections in most need of "daylighting" based on available crash data. The study should also establish a timeline for fixing these intersections.

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47  **Other street trees and forestry services requests** Explanation:

Policy Area: **Parks, Cultural, and Other Community Facilities**  
Need Group: **Needs for Parks**  
Agency: **Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**  
Need: **Street trees and forestry services**  
Request: **Other street trees and forestry services requests**

The Parks Department prunes park and street trees on a seven year rotation. It is meant to improve tree health and ensure pedestrian safety from low or dangerous tree limbs. However, seven years is too long between pruning to ensure trees do not become hazards and are kept as healthy as possible given the difficult growth environment many street trees face. We also expect continuing funding for additional forestry staff in in FY 24 will be maintained for another year.

2024-08-21

48  **BIS and DOB NOW**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use**

Need Group: **Needs for Land Use**

Agency: **Department of Buildings (DOB)**

Need: **Building code and zoning enforcement**

Request: **Other expense budget request for DOB**

Provide funding to migrate DOB Building Information System over to DOB's new online system DOB NOW.

**2024-11-27**

49  **Community District Reporting**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Public Safety and Emergency Services**

Need Group: **Needs for Public Safety**


Agency: **New York Police Department (NYPD)**

Need: **NYPD programs**

Request: **Other NYPD programs requests**

Fund an initiative to collect and report on public safety data based on Community District in addition to the existing data available by precinct.

**2024-11-27**

50  **Other expense budget request for MOME**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Other Needs**

Need Group: **Other**

Agency: **Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME)**

Need: **Media and entertainment**

Request: **Other expense budget request for MOME**



Provide funding to renew and update the study of small/independent theaters from the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment. The social, economic, and cultural impacts that independent theaters have endured since the last study need to be considered.

**2024-08-21**

# FY26 Community District Needs

## Manhattan Community District 04

### Continued Support

1	 <b>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</b>	<b>Explanation:</b>
Policy Area:	<b>Youth, Education, and Child Welfare</b>	Fund needed security door alarm system at P.S. 11 at 320 West 21 Street.
Need Group:	<b>Needs for Youth Education</b>	
Agency:	<b>School Construction Authority</b>	
Need:	<b>Schools and educational facilities</b>	
Request:	<b>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</b>	
		<b>2024-08-21</b>
2	 <b>Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station</b>	<b>Explanation:</b>
Policy Area:	<b>Public Safety and Emergency Services</b>	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.
Need Group:	<b>Needs for Emergency Services</b>	
Agency:	<b>Fire Department of New York (FDNY)</b>	
Need:	<b>FDNY facilities and equipment</b>	
Request:	<b>Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station</b>	
		<b>2024-08-21</b>

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**Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds**

**Explanation:**

**Policy Area:** Core Infrastructure, City Services, and Resiliency

**Need Group:** Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

**Agency:** Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

**Need:** Sewage and flooding

**Request:** Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds

Continued Support: MCB4 lauds the administrations NYC Green Infrastructure Program and we ask that EDC and other agency partners, including the Federal government design, construct and maintain a variety of sustainable green infrastructure practices within MCD4. A portion of the FY 2023 budget should be earmarked to conduct a feasibility study of measures that can limit the damage of storm surges including flood gates.

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**Other capital budget request for DSNY**

**Explanation:**

**Policy Area:** Core Infrastructure, City Services, and Resiliency

**Need Group:** Needs for Sanitation Services

**Agency:** Department of Sanitation (DSNY)

**Need:** Garbage collection and recycling infrastructure

**Request:** Other capital budget request for DSNY

Fund and complete needed roof repair and other necessary repairs to defend the structural integrity of the DSNY Building at 128 West 17th Street, aka, Former Colored School No 4.

2024-08-21

**5**  **Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use**

Need Group: **Needs for Economic Development**

Agency: **Economic Development Corporation (EDC)**

Need: **Economic development investments**

Request: **Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts**

Continue to fund the creation of Block 5 and 6 of Bella Abzug Park by issuing tax-exempt bonds by HYDC.

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**6**  **Other capital budget request for HPD**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use**

Need Group: **Needs for Housing**

Agency: **Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)**

Need: **Affordable housing programs**

Request: **Other capital budget request for HPD**

The Slaughterhouse Site RFP located at 495 11th Ave. Provide sufficient subsidy so 100% of the units are permanently affordable. 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 Over 75 units of Supportive Housing.

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**7**  **Other capital budget request for HPD**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Housing, Economic Development, and Land Use**

Need Group: **Needs for Housing**


Agency: **Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)**

Need: **Affordable housing programs**

Request: **Other capital budget request for HPD**

Provide adequate capital subsidy for the HPD development at the NYCHA Harborview Terrace site located at West 55 Street and 10th Avenue and designate a developer from the most recent RFP process.

**2024-08-21**

**8**  **Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Parks, Cultural, and Other Community Facilities**  
Need Group: **Needs for Parks**  
Agency: **Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**  
Need: **Park, buildings, and access improvements**  
Request: **Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**

Continue 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.

**2024-08-21**

**9**  **Bathrooms & Water Fountains**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Youth, Education, and Child Welfare**  
Need Group: **Needs for Youth Education**  
Agency: **School Construction Authority**  
Need: **Schools and educational facilities**  
Request: **Renovate interior building component**

Continue to fund upgrades and or replace student and staff bathrooms and water fountains that are past their functional lifespan or need significant repair/upgrades to touchless systems. In the following schools: LAB Middle School and NYC Museum School located at 333 W 17th Street and PS 212 Midtown West located at 328 West 48 Street.

**2024-11-27**

**10**  **Security Cameras District Wide**

**Explanation:**

Policy Area: **Youth, Education, and Child Welfare**  
Need Group: **Needs for Youth Education**  
Agency: **School Construction Authority**  
Need: **Schools and educational facilities**  
Request: **Renovate interior building component**

Continue to fund security cameras in PS212, at 328 West 48th Street; PS111, at 440 West 53rd Street; PS51, at 525 West 44th Street; and PS33, at 281 9th Avenue.

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