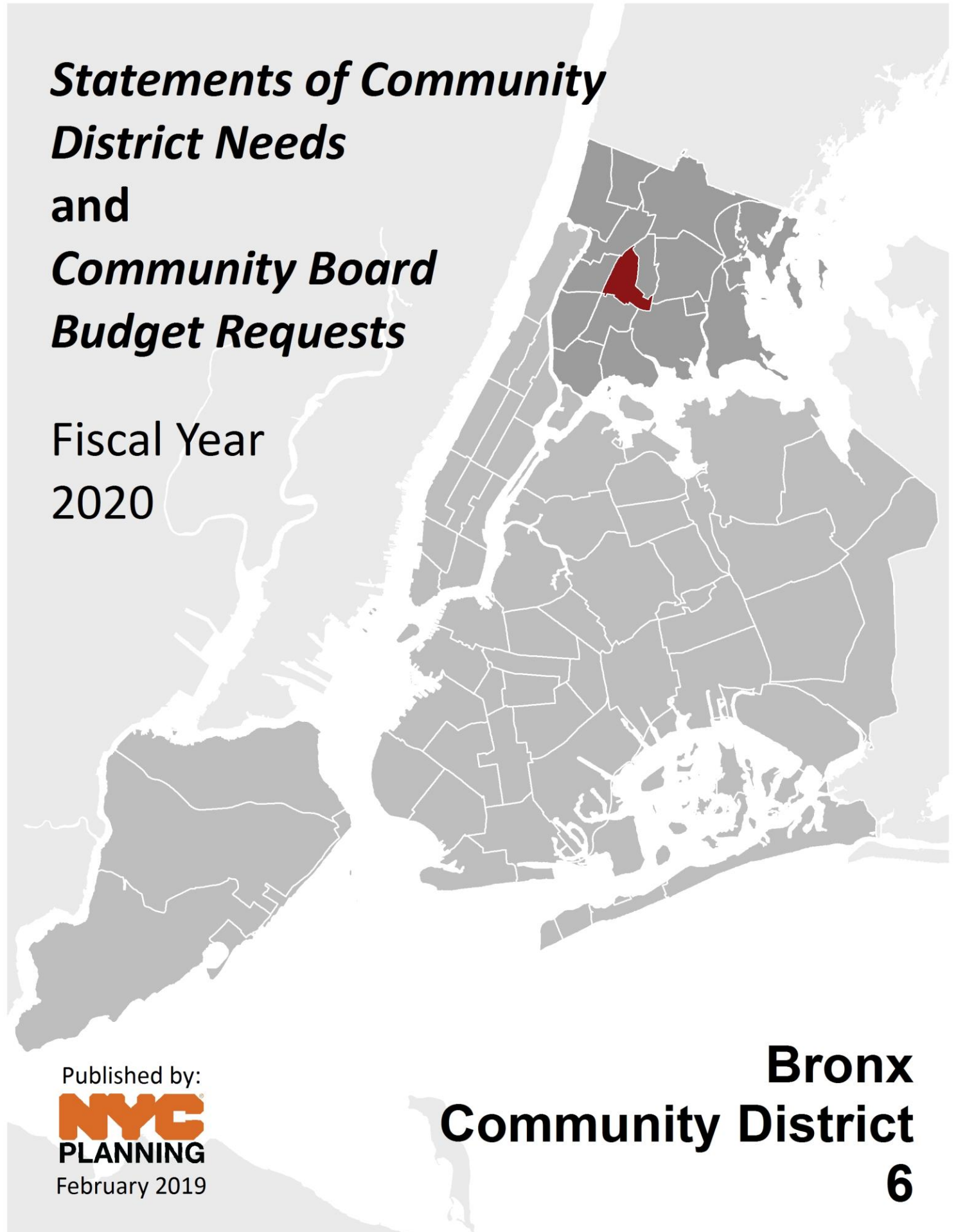


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INTRODUCTION

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter mandates that form an integral part of the City's budget process. Together, they are intended to support communities in their ongoing consultations with city agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders and influence more informed decision making on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. This report also provides a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and may be used by a variety of audiences seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Bronx Community Board 6's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020*. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November 2018.

Community boards may provide substantive supplemental information together with their Statements and Budget Requests. This supporting material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting them into a web browser, such as Chrome, Safari or Firefox.

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

a) Overarching Community District Needs

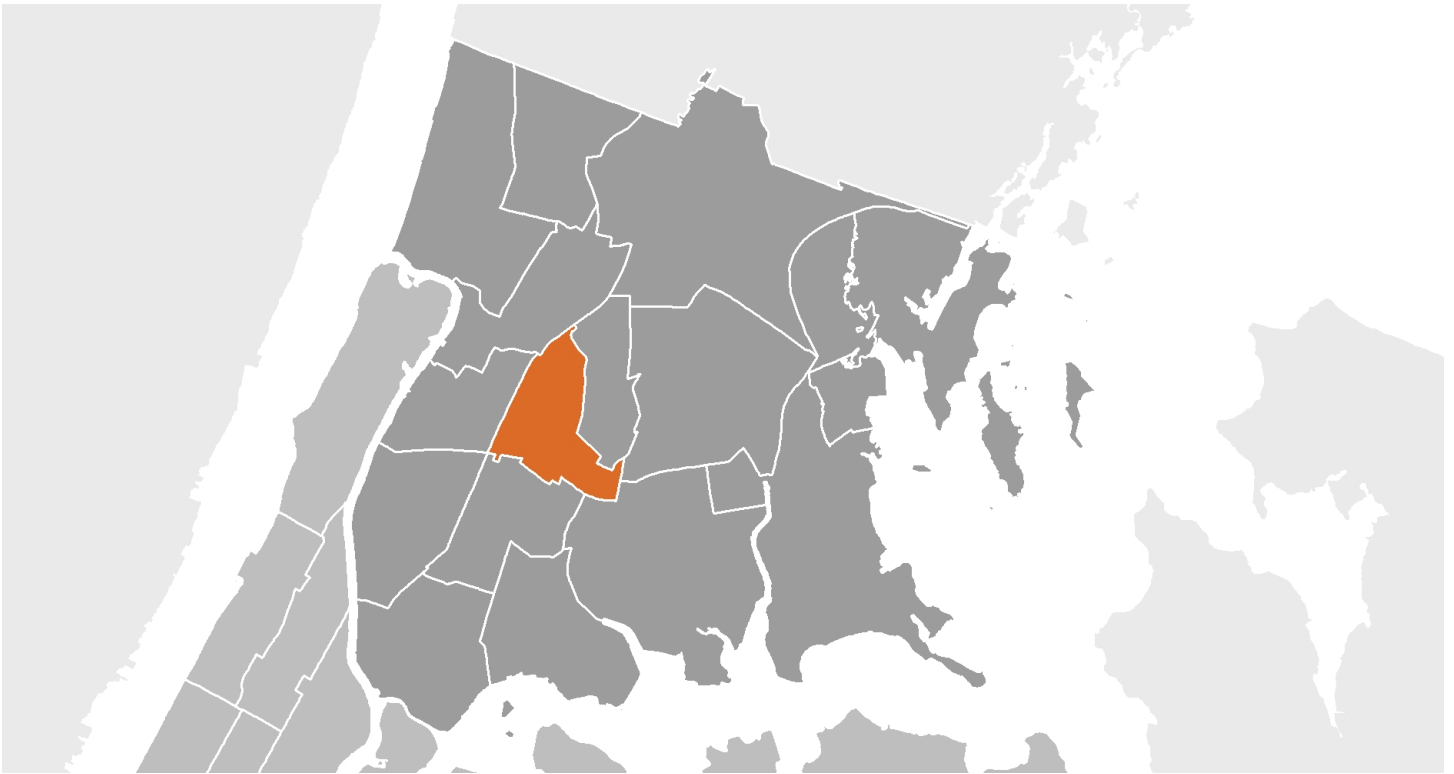
Sections 1 – 4 provide an overview of the community district and the top three pressing issues affecting this district overall as identified by the community board. Any narrative provided by the board supporting their selection of their top three pressing issues is included.

b) Policy Area - Specific District Needs

Section 5 is organized by seven distinct policy areas aligned with the service and program areas of city agencies. For each policy area, community boards selected the most important issue for their districts and could provide a supporting narrative. The policy area section also includes any agency-specific needs and a list of relevant budget requests submitted by the community board. If the community board submitted additional information outside of a specific policy area, it may be found in Section 6.

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY20 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.



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Budget Priorities: Priority numbers apply to expense and capital Budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense and capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 7 of this document.

Supporting Materials: Some community boards provided substantive supplemental information. This supportive material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting the links provided in the Appendix into a browser.

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1. Community Board Information

Bronx Community Board 6

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2. Community District Profile

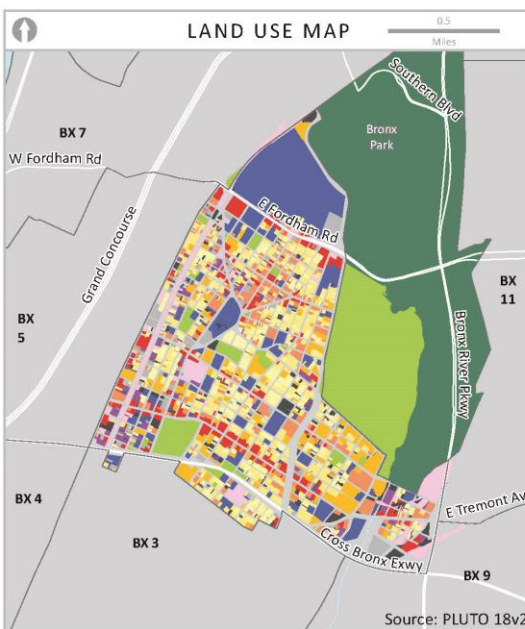
Visit the Community District Profiles to view data, maps, and other resources describing New York City's 59 community districts at: <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/>

Bronx Community District 6



Neighborhoods¹: Bathgate, Belmont, Bronx Park South, East Tremont, West Farms

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
75,688	83,268	+10%
2012-2016 Estimate ⁴		
Square Miles		1.5
Population Density		55,512/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Bronx Community Board 6 in 2018:

1. Crime
2. Schools
3. Unemployment

To learn more, please read Bronx CD 6's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2020.

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	1,291	11%
Multifamily Walk-up	1,311	16%
Multifamily Elevator	150	10%
Mixed Use	405	10%
Commercial	212	7%
Industrial	85	3%
Transportation/Utility	44	3%
Public/Institutional	159	25%
Open Space	63	6%
Parking	238	6%
Vacant	205	3%
Other	32	0%

Click here for a more detailed land use map of Bronx CD 6

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	62
Public Libraries	3
Hospitals and Clinics	27
Parks	17
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Bronx CD 6	52%
Bronx	51%
NYC	45%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Bronx CD 6	99%
Citywide Target	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Bronx CD 6	43 minutes
Bronx	44 minutes
NYC	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Bronx CD 6	28%
Bronx	26%
NYC	23%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Bronx CD 6	18
Bronx	14.5
NYC	11.8
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Bronx CD 6	13%
Bronx	19%
NYC	36%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Bronx CD 6	8.9%
Bronx	7.5%
NYC	5.5%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2012 to 2016	

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Bronx CD 6	31%
Bronx	26%
NYC	20%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	

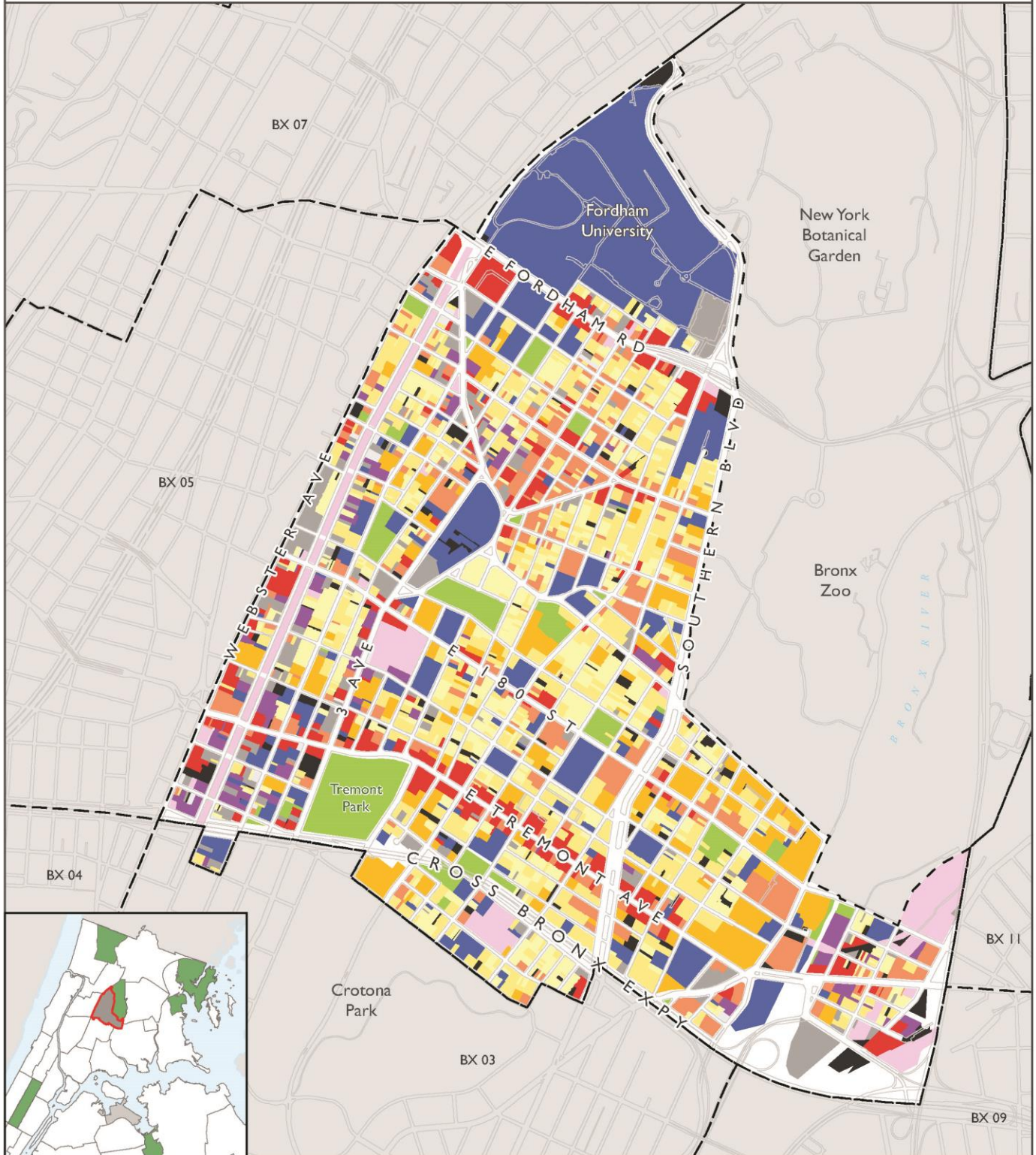
¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2012-2016 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2011-2015 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

2. Community District Land Use

Bronx Community District 6 - Land Use



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 Created December 2018



3. Overview of Community District

Bronx Community District #6 covers 983.8 square miles in central Bronx, serving the communities of Belmont, Bathgate, Tremont and West Farms. According to the 2010 census, our population was 83,268. Bronx CB 6 is primarily populated by low income residents.

It is tied for the highest unemployment rate in NYC at 18.2% and has the second highest percentage of its population under the age of 18 at 30%. 60% of residents receive some form of income assistance with 31.4% of residents living under the NYCgov poverty threshold. The median income is about \$22,600 per year.

At present, major development is slated for Community Board 6 with nearly 3,000 new housing units and at least 72,000 square feet of commercial/retail space in the next 5-10 years. The growing population requires the construction of more schools to ease overcrowding as well as additional day care facilities.

CB 6 has the East Tremont commercial corridor which has several small businesses, but also several vacant commercial spaces. This corridor has great potential, but the small businesses need assistance in getting organized to fulfill it. Developing this corridor would help create more jobs that pay living wages. In 2011, parts of East Tremont Avenue were rezoned. Since 2011, only one building owner has taken advantage of the rezoning.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Bronx Community Board 6 are:

- *Crime*
- *Schools*
- *Unemployment*

1. **UNEMPLOYMENT:** Community Board 6 has the highest unemployment rate of any community board in NYC (18.2%). Also, due to the fact that only 12.3% of residents older than 25 have a college degree, it's vital that there are increased job opportunities for those with a high school diploma and those without it. Unemployment rates are correlated to crime rates and it is an issue that if improved can have ripple effects in other areas.

2. **SCHOOLS:** Bronx Community Board #6 schools are severely overcrowded and underperforming. The School Construction Authority's most recent capital plan states that there is a 1,144 student seat need between the Fordham/Belmont and Tremont/West Farms neighborhoods. This does not include the 912 seats funded in Tremont/West Farms that are not in the design and scope phase. It's imperative that with increased housing development that there is also infrastructure investment in schools to support the growing population.

When it comes to school performance, more than 70% of students in CB 6 are not proficient in Math and Reading based on NY State Test scores for 3rd - 8th graders. Overcrowded and underperforming school districts are a major deterrent to new families thinking of moving into the neighborhood.

3. **CRIME:** Certain areas of crime are increasing in the district. As of October 2018, the district has seen an increase in murders, rapes, misdemeanor sex crimes, and misdemeanor assaults compared to 2017. While the NCO program has helped reduce crime, it still is a concern to many. The impact of shootings is especially troublesome as it discourages city residents from moving into the neighborhoods, businesses from opening in the district, and other stakeholders from investing in the area due to a perception of danger. While increased NYPD presence is important so are the underlying causes of crime that must be addressed through efforts to reduce unemployment, supporting the previously incarcerated, and steering low-level offenders toward diversion and educational programs.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

Many Health and Human service issues derive from homelessness. Opioid abuse and addiction plagues the homeless population in our district. Low-income residents who are homeless do not have access to healthy food options, are most likely to get an infectious disease, have mental issues and are prone to domestic violence.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Health issues are of great concern to Community Board 6. As of 2015, Bronx Community Board 6 ranks first in the percentage of adults that are obese (35%), ranks third in the percentage of adults with diabetes, fourth in child asthma hospitalizations, sixth in the number of hospitalizations due to stroke, and seventh in rate of adult psychiatric hospitalizations. Moreover, these statistics are exacerbated by Bronx Community Board 6 ranking last in supermarket square footage per 100 people.

Supporting Materials:

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[2015 Community Health Profile](#)

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers

Seniors are in need of more education on safety as well as recreation activities. There are few senior centers for older new yorkers in the district as well as places for them to access resources.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

Community Board 6 houses 22 shelter facilities and multiple organizations that provide services for the homeless population (i.e. people with substance abuse, rehabilitation services, formerly incarcerated, etc.). The board has had more than its fair share of shelters and does not wish to have additional facilities. We advocate for more permanent housing rather than shelters.

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[HomelessShelter2](#)

[HomelessShelter1](#)

Community District Needs Related to Services for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

Many residents within Bronx Community District #6 are low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers. Bronx Community District #6 is among the poorest community districts in New York City. As of 2016, the median income for Bronx Community District 6 is \$23,710 and 30.8% of Bronx Community District 6 residents live below the New York City poverty threshold (ACS 2012-2016). The low income population of District 6 is of great concern because it affects other aspects of their lives, i.e. health care, education, crime. Additionally, District 6 serves as home to many immigrants; 31.3% of residents are foreign-born. Due to documentation issues, lack of experience and education needed, many of these residents may not have access to high paying jobs.



Community District Needs Related to Services for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

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[BronxCB6Income](#)

[BronxCB6Poverty](#)

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/17	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Currently, about 1000 square feet of upstairs space at Mt. Carmel Center for Senior Citizens is empty and unused in the facility. It will require full renovation in order to be utilized, and will enable more services and programming to be available to seniors in the community.	Mt Carmel Center For Seniors 2405 Southern Blvd



Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/40	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job search and placement support	There needs to be stronger job placement support for those without college degrees in CB 6. Only 7.2% of residents over the age of 25 have a college degree and as a result job placement needs to be targeted to the population for jobs that do not require a bachelor's degree ie (construction or tech industry).	Community Wide
3/40	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	Funding should be increased for direct outreach services for senior citizens. These services, including nutrition counseling, recreation, and assistance handling financial matters, should be provided both on site at community organizations and at local senior citizens centers. This funding should also provided for increased home visitation services for those seniors who are no longer able to travel to centers and service providers' offices.	Community Wide
11/40	DHS	Provide programs for homeless veterans	Funding is needed for expanded programming and regular case consultation meetings to ensure chronically homeless veterans are moved into shelters, and that each veteran within the system receive the attention needed to create a pathway to permanent housing for each veteran.	Community Wide
12/40	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	According to the Department of City Planning, 8.2% of residents are senior citizens. More funding is needed for case management agencies to identify the need for home delivered meals for seniors in our community.	Community Wide
24/40	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance anti-eviction legal services		Community Wide
25/40	DHS	Expand homelessness prevention programs		Community Wide
31/40	HRA	Provide social services for domestic violence survivors (legal services, counseling, referral to supportive services, etc.)		Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
32/40	DHS	Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing		Community Wide
38/40	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers		Community Wide



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

SCA states that School District 12, which is largely in CB 6, has an unfunded need of 572 seats. Furthermore, more than 3,000 units of housing are being built between 2017-2025 which will result in a larger student population. We will need new schools in our district to accommodate this increased need.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

CB 6 has a 1,144 school seat need between the Belmont/Fordham and Tremont/West Farms neighborhoods as well as 912 seats that are funded but not in the scope and design phase. This great student seat need does not account for the nearly 3,000 additional units of housing that will be developed in the district in the next 10 years. The district needs more elementary and middle schools to ease overcrowding.

Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

Provide more day care centers so that parents can work during the day. Enhance funding for child protective services.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

Expand Beacon programs, adolescent & adult literacy programs, young fathers parenting skills.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/17	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	SCA states that School District 12, which is largely in CB 6, has an unfunded need of 572 seats. We request that an elementary school is built to accommodate the over 2,000 units of housing being built between 2015-2025 which will result in a larger student population. We also request that SCA accelerates its timeline to design and scope the 912 seats that are funded.	Community Wide
2/17	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	SCA states that School District 12, which is largely in CB 6, has an unfunded need of 572 seats. School District 12, which is in CB 6, currently has a greater than 160% utilization rate for its middle schools. We request that a middle school is built to accommodate the over 2,000 units of housing being built between 2015-2025 which will result in a larger student population. A new school is necessary to ease overcrowding. We also request that SCA accelerates its timeline to design and scope the 912 seats that are funded.	Community Wide
13/17	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	The auditorium in P.S. 67 Mohegan School needs to be renovated. The community board requests that funding be allocated towards this much needed upgrade.	P.S. 67 Mohegan School 2024 Mohegan Ave
15/17	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school		Community Wide



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/40	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program		Community Wide
15/40	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)		Community Wide
16/40	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services	We request more for Adult Basic Education, HSE, and ESOL	Community Wide
18/40	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)		Community Wide
20/40	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance funding to support higher education and/or workforce development opportunities for youth who are leaving foster care		Community Wide
21/40	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the young adult internship program		Community Wide
22/40	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services and community based alternatives for youth		Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
27/40	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services		Community Wide
29/40	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out		Community Wide



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

While crime has largely declined across the city, there are still categories of crime that have increased in Bronx Community District #6. As of October 2018, the district has seen an increase in murders, rapes, misdemeanor assaults, and misdemeanor sex crimes. While the NCO program has helped reduce crime, it still is a concern to many and still needs to be addressed.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

Shootings and other crimes have declined in the community but certain crimes have increased such as murder (42.9% increase), rape (16.7%), misdemeanor assaults (2.5%), and misdemeanor sex crimes (32.4%). Expanding the NCO program as well as the NYPD Explorer and other youth programs would help further reduce crime by allowing officers to be more present as well as have more youth involved in their community.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/17	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	The community board is requesting surveillance cameras on Park Avenue between East 183rd Street and East 188th Street.	Park Avenue East 182nd Street East 183rd Street

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
23/40	NYPD	Assign additional community affairs officers		Community Wide

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Cleanliness/trash collection

Trash collection has always been an issue in Community District #6. It's not uncommon to see heaps of trash on streets, on corners, and in open spaces, such as parks and plazas. Our trash cans in the district often overflow, adding to the problem. We have received a total of 362 311 complaints regarding unsanitary conditions related to garbage and recycling storage in the last year, causing residents to throw trash on the ground. This is undoubtedly a hazard to all residents, as it contributes to the overall pollution and rodent infestation. In total, we have received 1393 311 complaints related to pests.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Sewers need to be inspected and cleaned frequently so as to avoid clogging, dumping. Hydrants should also be inspected in order to ensure that water flows properly or that they are always in working order.

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/40	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	There is a desperate need in our district for additional street corner garbage collection cans. The Sanitation Department should purchase and allocate additional collection cans to our district. The need for additional collection cans is particularly acute along our district commercial strips (Arthur Avenue, East Tremont Avenue).	Community Wide
6/40	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Litter baskets are frequently filled to the brim and overflowing, contributing to more garbage on the streets and sidewalks.	Bathgate Avenue East Tremont Avenue East 184th Street
30/40	DSNY	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules		Monterey Avenue East Tremont Avenue East 178th Street
35/40	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws		Bronx Park Avenue Lebanon Street East 180th Street



Main Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Real estate development (development trends)

Community Board 6 is host to two Business Improvement Districts, Fordham Road and Belmont, however a huge segment of this district is the East Tremont strip, which has numerous small businesses and several vacant commercial spaces. Therefore, it is incumbent that the community board pays attention to these small businesses and their needs. After conducting a survey regarding small business needs, the community board hosted a meeting with small business owners and representatives of city agencies to address their concerns, ranging from issues with landlords, and garbage pick-up. The East Tremont strip has had little development since its 2011 rezoning. East Tremont Avenue from Webster Avenue to Belmont Avenue was rezoned to C4-5X, a mid-density contextual district that allows for increased Floor Area Ratio for mixed-use development. East Tremont Avenue between Belmont Avenue and Marmion Avenue was rezoned to C4-4A, a mid-density contextual district that allows for full commercial development where it previously was not permitted. The strip has the potential to revitalize the neighborhood with more employment opportunities, housing, and schools.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

East Tremont Avenue has had little development since its 2011 rezoning. East Tremont Avenue from Webster Avenue to Belmont Avenue was rezoned to C4-5X, a mid-density contextual district that allows for increased Floor Area Ratio for mixed-use development. East Tremont Avenue between Belmont Avenue and Marmion Avenue was rezoned to C4-4A, a mid-density contextual district that allows for full commercial development where it previously was not permitted. The strip has the potential to revitalize the neighborhood with more employment opportunities, housing, and schools.

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[third tremont](#)

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

According to the American Community Survey 2012-2016 5-year Estimates, 51.6% of Bronx Community District #6 residents are rent burdened, spending more than 35% of their total income on rent. While we applaud the efforts put forth by the city to increase the development of affordable housing, "affordable housing" under 421-a often does not serve residents of our community, who predominantly fall within 20% to 30% of New York City's Average Median Income.

Supporting Materials:

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[BronxCB6Income](#)

[RentBurdenBronxCB6](#)

[SeverelyRentBurdenedBronxCB6](#)



Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Although Community Board 6 has two Business Improvement Districts (Belmont and Fordham), merchants on the East Tremont commercial corridor are struggling. There is little diversity in the types of retail businesses offered on the strip, comprising fast food chains and discount stores. There are also more than half a dozen vacant commercial spaces in the district which discourages investment in the area.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/17	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	HPD has been doing an admirable job in providing income for low and extremely low-income households. However, in order to spur more development it is important that more housing is provided for middle-income households in the form of rentals and home ownership opportunities in order to have people more invested in the community.	Community Wide
5/17	EDC	Expand public programming and activation of City-owned sites	Explore the feasibility to develop the city-owned land at 1899 Belmont Ave to be used as a public market or plaza for the community. This can include an RFEI or RFP.	Block 2947, Lot 18
8/17	NYCHA	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades	Bronx Community Board 6 greatly appreciates the 64 security cameras allocated for our district, however we are in need of more cameras. We request to have more cameras near 1010 East 178th Street and Monterey Houses, as well as lighting in hallways and around the perimeter of buildings.	Community Wide
9/17	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless	We are requesting more funding be allocated for housing for special needs households in our district. With 52% of households in our district spending 35% or more of their income on rent, many residents in our district are struggling to make ends meet in order to keep their homes. Our seniors and formerly homeless residents are especially vulnerable and at risk of losing their homes with fixed incomes.	Community Wide
11/17	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	52% of households in our district spend 35% or more of their income on rent. Our district is in need of more affordable housing (20-30% AMI) so that our residents are able to achieve a higher quality of life without concern of losing their homes.	Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/40	SBS	Help job seekers connect to employment	Bronx Community Board 6 is tied for first in unemployment rates in New York City at 18.2%. Additionally, 31.4% of residents live below the poverty threshold. More needs to be done directly in our district so that our residents are provided with viable job options to help lift themselves and their families out of poverty. Employment should include the culinary and tech industries.	Community Wide
8/40	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	The West Farms area, specifically E 180th between Southern Blvd. to Morris Park Ave should be studied to see if it can be up zoned for higher commercial and residential projects.	East 180th St Southern Blvd. Morris Park Ave
10/40	SBS	Provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion	Businesses along the East Tremont corridor are in need of assistance. As it exists now, it does not serve to draw customers from outside the neighborhood in. There is not enough economic activity as shown by the number of empty storefronts.	East Tremont Avenue Southern Boulevard Webster Avenue
17/40	SBS	Deploy Mobile Outreach Unit to provide workforce services		Community Wide
19/40	SBS	Support development of local Storefront / Facade Improvement Program	We request SBS continue apply for grants to improve storefront facades on East Tremont.	East Tremont Ave Southern Blvd. Webster Ave
26/40	SBS	Support non-profit organizational development and capacity building		Community Wide
36/40	SBS	Support BID Feasibility Analysis or Formation Planning		East Tremont Avenue Webster Avenue West Farms Square
40/40	SBS	Deploy Mobile Outreach Unit or Chamber On-the-Go to provide business services		Community Wide



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Bus service (frequency and access)

Community Board 6 only has two train stations, (West Farms-East Tremont and E 180th) and they are both on the eastern border of the district. Thus residents rely on bus service which is often delayed and crowded. Bus service needs to be improved especially since the neighborhood's population is increasing with new housing developments.

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Residents often complain of subways not working, running on time etc. MTA does not have in place cleaning crews for the upkeep of surrounding areas, cutting weeds, garbage etc.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/17	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	The E 174th Street station does not have elevators or escalators to provide ADA access.	
14/17	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights		Community Wide
16/17	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps		Community Wide
17/17	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)		E 180th Webster Ave Boston Road



Transportation

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
28/40	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	The community board requests increased bus service frequency for all busses and, more specifically, the Bx 15 and Bx17.	Bx17 and Bx15
33/40	DOT	Address traffic congestion		Southern Boulevard East Fordham Road East 187th Street
34/40	DOT	Other traffic improvements requests	The community board is requesting improved cross walks at Boston Road and East Tremont.	East Tremont Avenue Boston Road West Farms Road
37/40	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	We request a new bus stop be added to the BxM10 line on E 177th and Devoe or E 180th bet. E Tremont and Devoe Ave before the bus goes onto the highway.	Community Wide



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Park care and maintenance

Although this District is endowed with numerous parks, many residents express concern about the low level of parks care and maintenance. Frequently, residents have reported excess litter in our parks, particularly on the weekends. Additionally, there have been complaints of loitering and drug use.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Additional Parks personnel is needed for the upkeep, i.e. cleaning, monitoring, pruning of all parks, malls.

Community District Needs Related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming

Although Community Board 6 will host a state of the arts cultural center (Bronx River Arts Center) more support is need for after school programs and beacon programs to fulfill the need of the growing youth population in our district.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

Community Board #6 has always been supportive of libraries. Continued support is needed to allow the NYPL to provide essential programs and services, such as ESOL classes, after school programs, technology training and world class research services, to the residents of this community.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/17	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	We request that Fairmount Playground be renovated including the asphalt and benches so it can be used for the community. Currently the disrepair of the park precludes community use.	Fairmount Playground
7/17	DCLA	Purchase equipment for cultural facility	We request funding for the purchase of a new VoIP phone system for the Bronx River Art Center.	Bronx River Art Center 1087 E Tremont Avenue



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/40	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	In order to increase the level of service and parks and to keep up with new additions to the parks system, 81 City Park Workers are requested to service the parks throughout the borough. These CPW's will be fix posted, and be placed on mobile crews as well as cut grass.	Tremont Park and Crotona Malls
5/40	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	Provide more programming inside parks within Community Board 6. We have large parks such as Tremont Park that would benefit from fitness classes led by the Parks Department.	Tremont Park
9/40	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Currently, only 15 of the city's libraries are open 7 days a week. Increased funding will ensure that at least one branch in every Council District is open 7 days. This is particularly important at this moment, when more people than ever rely on our services, from early literacy to ESOL classes for immigrants and story times for homeless families.	Community Wide
14/40	DPR	Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers		Community Wide
39/40	DPR	Provide more athletic programming (i.e. league, aquatic)		Community Wide

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Additional Documents

[AM Sepulveda Letter of Support E Tremont BID](#)

[Sen. Diaz Letter of Support Vidalia Park](#)

[Sen. Diaz Letter of Support Tremont BID](#)

[AM Pichardo Letter of Support E Tremont BID](#)

[Sen. Rivera Letter of Support E Tremont BID](#)

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Bronx Community Board 6 Capital Requests

Bronx Community Board 6 submitted 17 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/17	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	SCA states that School District 12, which is largely in CB 6, has an unfunded need of 572 seats. We request that an elementary school is built to accommodate the over 2,000 units of housing being built between 2015-2025 which will result in a larger student population. We also request that SCA accelerates its timeline to design and scope the 912 seats that are funded.	Community Wide	New York State Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr.; New York State Assemblymember Luis R. Sepulveda
2/17	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	SCA states that School District 12, which is largely in CB 6, has an unfunded need of 572 seats. School District 12, which is in CB 6, currently has a greater than 160% utilization rate for its middle schools. We request that a middle school is built to accommodate the over 2,000 units of housing being built between 2015-2025 which will result in a larger student population. A new school is necessary to ease overcrowding. We also request that SCA accelerates its timeline to design and scope the 912 seats that are funded.	Community Wide	
3/17	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	We request that Fairmount Playground be renovated including the asphalt and benches so it can be used for the community. Currently the disrepair of the park precludes community use.	Fairmount Playground	Councilmember Rafael Salamanca Jr.; Assemblymember Michael A. Blake
4/17	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	HPD has been doing an admirable job in providing income for low and extremely low-income households. However, in order to spur more development it is important that more housing is provided for middle-income households in the form of rentals and home ownership opportunities in order to have people more invested in the community.	Community Wide	
5/17	EDC	Expand public programming and activation of City-owned sites	Explore the feasibility to develop the city-owned land at 1899 Belmont Ave to be used as a public market or plaza for the community. This can include an RFEI or RFP.	Block 2947, Lot 18	Councilmember Rafael Salamanca Jr.

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6/17	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Currently, about 1000 square feet of upstairs space at Mt. Carmel Center for Senior Citizens is empty and unused in the facility. It will require full renovation in order to be utilized, and will enable more services and programming to be available to seniors in the community.	Mt Carmel Center For Seniors 2405 Southern Blvd	Councilmember Ritchie Torres
7/17	DCLA	Purchase equipment for cultural facility	We request funding for the purchase of a new VoIP phone system for the Bronx River Art Center.	Bronx River Art Center 1087 E Tremont Avenue	
8/17	NYCHA	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades	Bronx Community Board 6 greatly appreciates the 64 security cameras allocated for our district, however we are in need of more cameras. We request to have more cameras near 1010 East 178th Street and Monterey Houses, as well as lighting in hallways and around the perimeter of buildings.	Community Wide	
9/17	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless	We are requesting more funding be allocated for housing for special needs households in our district. With 52% of households in our district spending 35% or more of their income on rent, many residents in our district are struggling to make ends meet in order to keep their homes. Our seniors and formerly homeless residents are especially vulnerable and at risk of losing their homes with fixed incomes.	Community Wide	
10/17	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	The community board is requesting surveillance cameras on Park Avenue between East 183rd Street and East 188th Street.	Park Avenue East 182nd Street East 183rd Street	
11/17	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	52% of households in our district spend 35% or more of their income on rent. Our district is in need of more affordable housing (20-30% AMI) so that our residents are able to achieve a higher quality of life without concern of losing their homes.	Community Wide	

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12/17	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	The E 174th Street station does not have elevators or escalators to provide ADA access.		
13/17	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	The auditorium in P.S. 67 Mohegan School needs to be renovated. The community board requests that funding be allocated towards this much needed upgrade.	P.S. 67 Mohegan School 2024 Mohegan Ave	
14/17	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights		Community Wide	
15/17	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school		Community Wide	
16/17	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps		Community Wide	
17/17	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)		E 180th Webster Ave Boston Road	

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Bronx Community Board 6 Expense Requests

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/40	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job search and placement support	There needs to be stronger job placement support for those without college degrees in CB 6. Only 7.2% of residents over the age of 25 have a college degree and as a result job placement needs to be targeted to the population for jobs that do not require a bachelor's degree ie (construction or tech industry).	Community Wide	
2/40	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	In order to increase the level of service and parks and to keep up with new additions to the parks system, 81 City Park Workers are requested to service the parks throughout the borough. These CPW's will be fix posted, and be placed on mobile crews as well as cut grass.	Tremont Park and Crotona Malls	
3/40	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	Funding should be increased for direct outreach services for senior citizens. These services, including nutrition counseling, recreation, and assistance handling financial matters, should be provided both on site at community organizations and at local senior citizens centers. This funding should also provided for increased home visitation services for those seniors who are no longer able to travel to centers and service providers' offices.	Community Wide	
4/40	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	There is a desperate need in our district for additional street corner garbage collection cans. The Sanitation Department should purchase and allocate additional collection cans to our district. The need for additional collection cans is particularly acute along our district commercial strips (Arthur Avenue, East Tremont Avenue).	Community Wide	
5/40	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	Provide more programming inside parks within Community Board 6. We have large parks such as Tremont Park that would benefit from fitness classes led by the Parks Department.	Tremont Park	
6/40	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Litter baskets are frequently filled to the brim and overflowing, contributing to more garbage on the streets and sidewalks.	Bathgate Avenue East Tremont Avenue East 184th Street	

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7/40	SBS	Help job seekers connect to employment	Bronx Community Board 6 is tied for first in unemployment rates in New York City at 18.2%. Additionally, 31.4% of residents live below the poverty threshold. More needs to be done directly in our district so that our residents are provided with viable job options to help lift themselves and their families out of poverty. Employment should include the culinary and tech industries.	Community Wide	
8/40	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	The West Farms area, specifically E 180th between Southern Blvd. to Morris Park Ave should be studied to see if it can be up zoned for higher commercial and residential projects.	East 180th St Southern Blvd. Morris Park Ave	
9/40	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Currently, only 15 of the city's libraries are open 7 days a week. Increased funding will ensure that at least one branch in every Council District is open 7 days. This is particularly important at this moment, when more people than ever rely on our services, from early literacy to ESOL classes for immigrants and story times for homeless families.	Community Wide	
10/40	SBS	Provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion	Businesses along the East Tremont corridor are in need of assistance. As it exists now, it does not serve to draw customers from outside the neighborhood in. There is not enough economic activity as shown by the number of empty storefronts.	East Tremont Avenue Southern Boulevard Webster Avenue	
11/40	DHS	Provide programs for homeless veterans	Funding is needed for expanded programming and regular case consultation meetings to ensure chronically homeless veterans are moved into shelters, and that each veteran within the system receive the attention needed to create a pathway to permanent housing for each veteran.	Community Wide	
12/40	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	According to the Department of City Planning, 8.2% of residents are senior citizens. More funding is needed for case management agencies to identify the need for home delivered meals for seniors in our community.	Community Wide	

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
13/40	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program		Community Wide	
14/40	DPR	Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers		Community Wide	
15/40	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)		Community Wide	
16/40	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services	We request more for Adult Basic Education, HSE, and ESOL	Community Wide	
17/40	SBS	Deploy Mobile Outreach Unit to provide workforce services		Community Wide	
18/40	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)		Community Wide	
19/40	SBS	Support development of local Storefront / Facade Improvement Program	We request SBS continue apply for grants to improve storefront facades on East Tremont.	East Tremont Ave Southern Blvd. Webster Ave	
20/40	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance funding to support higher education and/or workforce development opportunities for youth who are leaving foster care		Community Wide	

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21/40	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the young adult internship program		Community Wide	
22/40	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services and community based alternatives for youth		Community Wide	
23/40	NYPD	Assign additional community affairs officers		Community Wide	
24/40	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance anti-eviction legal services		Community Wide	
25/40	DHS	Expand homelessness prevention programs		Community Wide	
26/40	SBS	Support non-profit organizational development and capacity building		Community Wide	
27/40	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services		Community Wide	
28/40	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	The community board requests increased bus service frequency for all busses and, more specifically, the Bx 15 and Bx17.	Bx17 and Bx15	

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29/40	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out		Community Wide	
30/40	DSNY	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules		Monterey Avenue East Tremont Avenue East 178th Street	
31/40	HRA	Provide social services for domestic violence survivors (legal services, counseling, referral to supportive services, etc.)		Community Wide	
32/40	DHS	Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing		Community Wide	
33/40	DOT	Address traffic congestion		Southern Boulevard East Fordham Road East 187th Street	
34/40	DOT	Other traffic improvements requests	The community board is requesting improved cross walks at Boston Road and East Tremont.	East Tremont Avenue Boston Road West Farms Road	
35/40	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws		Bronx Park Avenue Lebanon Street East 180th Street	

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
36/40	SBS	Support BID Feasibility Analysis or Formation Planning		East Tremont Avenue Webster Avenue West Farms Square	
37/40	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	We request a new bus stop be added to the BxM10 line on E 177th and Devoe or E 180th bet. E Tremont and Devoe Ave before the bus goes onto the highway.	Community Wide	
38/40	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers		Community Wide	
39/40	DPR	Provide more athletic programming (i.e. league, aquatic)		Community Wide	
40/40	SBS	Deploy Mobile Outreach Unit or Chamber On-the-Go to provide business services		Community Wide	

Appendix - Supporting Materials

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) into a browser.

Health Care and Human Services

BronxCB6Income

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=E9231CE3-D84F-4AC3-A9D0-255891AF3645>

HomelessShelter2

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=F2741DEF-E3ED-4139-9E40-098ABE85E228>

2015 Community Health Profile

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=3FB17AA9-0584-413B-8D82-9691D0A7ABD8>

HomelessShelter1

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=34A9AD3D-C650-44A8-9496-5B26B08EECC8>

BronxCB6Poverty

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=21E3D542-A8A4-453D-831E-50E3A759DA07>

Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

BronxCB6Income

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=956C24A0-13B2-421A-A5AA-72C0B3CAACA2>

third_tremont

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=7C25871D-1527-4DD2-865E-D2E2C8F647C0>

RentBurdenBronxCB6

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=5B0C32C6-93EF-4D6E-BC72-734E9E8A7490>

SeverelyRentBurdenedBronxCB6

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=3D6A6E88-589B-4127-B26A-3AE19CF23ECF>

Additional Information and Requests

Sen. Rivera Letter of Support E Tremont BID

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=BF369D46-B4E2-4DFE-91B4-5367B99460AC>

AM Pichardo Letter of Support E Tremont BID

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=BB7E260E-8896-4400-8E89-6A21A5462728>

Sen. Diaz Letter of Support Tremont BID

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=930D1D06-F1E7-42DD-9A86-53EBBE7E0DDE>

Sen. Diaz Letter of Support Vidalia Park

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=2C871AD8-9FEA-4EF9-B28B-EA78584F362>

AM Sepulveda Letter of Support E Tremont BID

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=198838D7-3089-4B04-8BB0-FB04F0B766F4>