

***Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests***

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**Bronx
Community District
6**

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 the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from August to November, 2019.

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:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY21 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 Requests: Listed for informational purposes only. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests and budget request responses.

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

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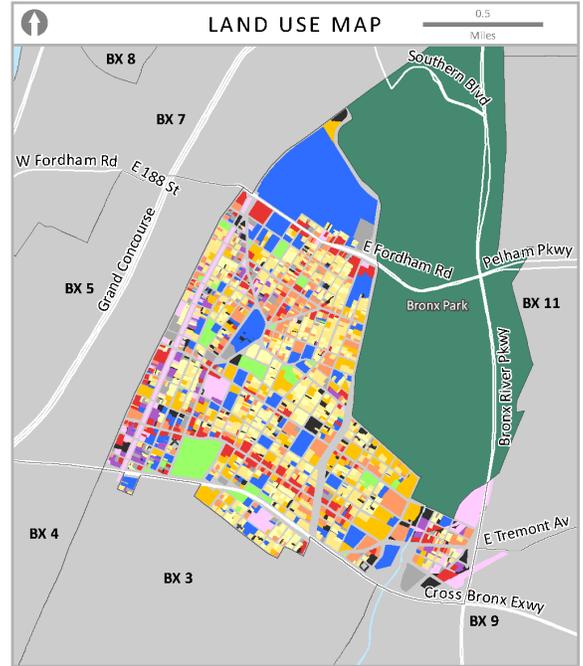
2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

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%
2013-2017 Estimate ⁴		N/A
Square Miles		1.5
Population Density		55,512/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Bronx Community Board 6 in 2019:

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 2021.

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	1,283	10%
Multifamily Walk-up	1,308	16%
Multifamily Elevator	143	9%
Mixed Use	409	9%
Commercial	214	7%
Industrial	77	3%
Transportation/Utility	73	7%
Public/Institutional	156	24%
Open Space	53	6%
Parking	208	5%
Vacant	207	4%
Other	20	0%

Map Source: PLUTO 19v2

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵		RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}		ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Public Schools	50	51% of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	Bronx CD 6	Bronx	99% of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space
Public Libraries	3		Bronx	51%	
Hospitals and Clinics	27		NYC	45%	
Parks	13				
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer					
MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}		LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴		CRIME RATE ⁹	
Bronx CD 6	Bronx	Bronx CD 6	Bronx	Bronx CD 6	Bronx
44 minutes	44 minutes	26% of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	26%	17.4 major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2017	14.3
	NYC		NYC		NYC
	41 minutes		23%		11.8
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}		UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}		NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Bronx CD 6	Bronx	Bronx CD 6	Bronx	Bronx CD 6	Bronx
13% of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	19%	8.2% of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2013 to 2017	6.9%	30% of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	26%
	NYC		NYC		NYC
	37%		4.9%		20%

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. BX 6 shares PUMA 3705 with BX 3, and the ACS population estimate cannot be reliably disaggregated. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2019); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2019). 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 (2018); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2013-2017 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.

Bronx Community District 6 - Land Use

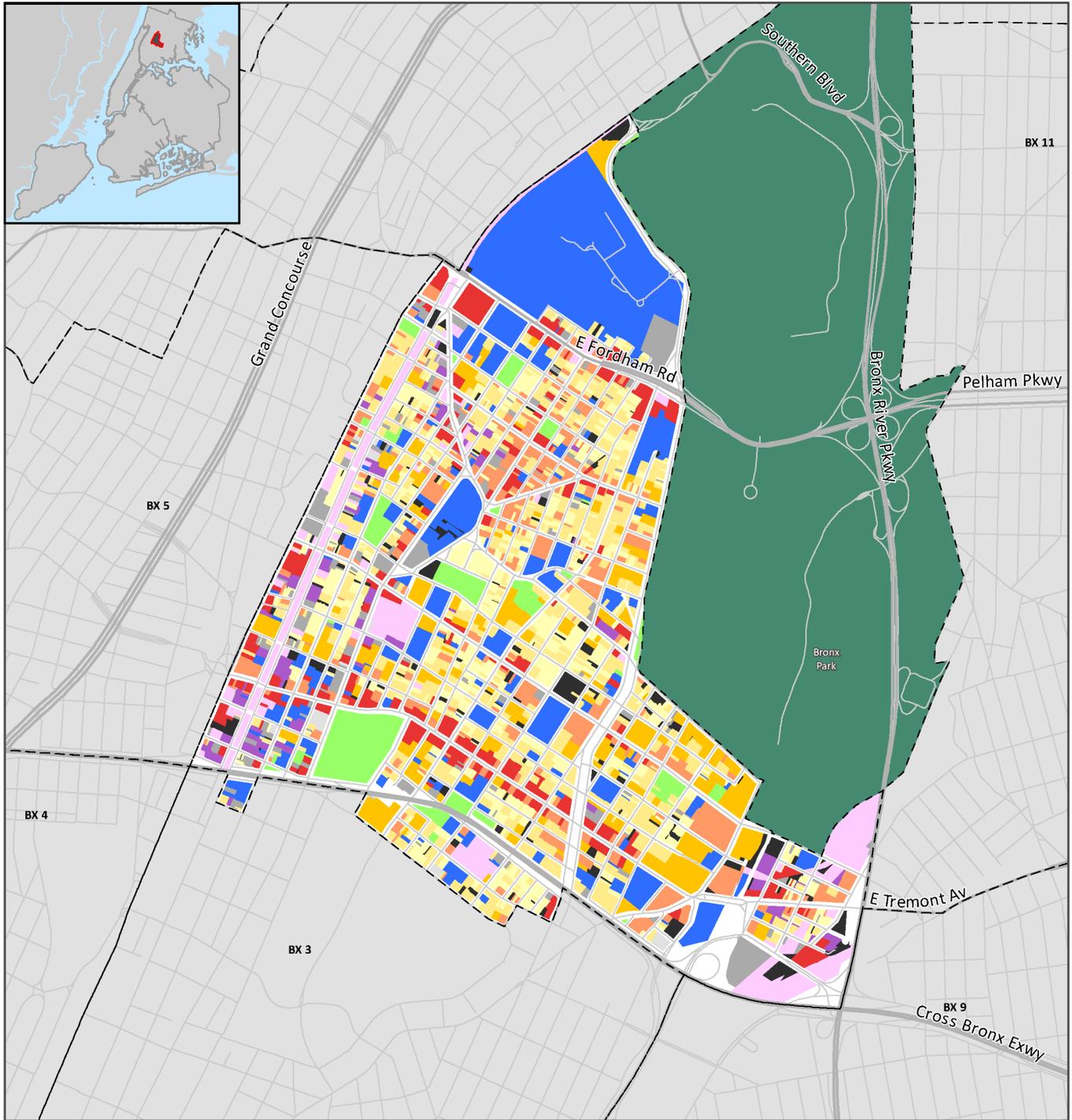
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|  One & Two Family Buildings |  Commercial/Office Buildings |  Open Space |
|  MultiFamily Walkup Buildings |  Industrial/Manufacturing |  Parking Facilities |
|  MultiFamily Elevator Buildings |  Transportation/Utility |  Vacant Land |
|  Mixed Commercial/Residential Buildings |  Public Facilities & Institutions |  All Others or No Data |

 Community Districts

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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

Bronx Community Board 6

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Crime

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.

Schools

1. 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.

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.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 6

Most Important 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 and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

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.

Needs for Older NYs

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.

Needs for 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.

Needs for Low Income NYs

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.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/16	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>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.</i>	2405 Southern Blvd

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job search and placement support	<i>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).</i>	
9/25	DHS	Provide programs for homeless veterans	<i>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.</i>	
19/25	DHS	Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>With more than 26 homeless shelters, more vouchers are needed for residents to have permanent housing</i>	

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Bronx Community Board 6

Most Important 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 Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

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.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

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

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/16	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>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.</i>	
2/16	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>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.</i>	
11/16	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>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.</i>	2024 Mohegan Ave
13/16	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	<i>The community is requesting a P-Tech school to allow students to receive an associate's degree in four years as well as pursue a career in technology</i>	
16/16	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	<i>MS 45 needs a technological upgrade with an increase in laptops</i>	2502 Lorillard Place Bronx, NY 10458

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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4/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	<i>125,000 to 150,000 SYEP slots should be allocated to fulfill the demand of students seeking employment</i>	
5/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>More staffing needed for the Murphy Cornerstone center</i>	601 Crotona Park North Bronx, NY 10457
8/25	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services and community based alternatives for youth	<i>CB 6 has a large number of youth in foster care and these youth must receive more preventive services and alternatives to detention</i>	
11/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services	<i>We request more for Adult Basic Education, HSE, and ESOL</i>	
12/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	<i>There should be universal after school program offerings at each elementary school in Bronx CB 6</i>	
16/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services	<i>CB 6's HS graduation rate is below the NYC rate and thus there is a greater need for employment services for these youth</i>	
18/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out	<i>There needs to be more year round offerings for students to work, not just the summer so they can stay engaged and not drop out of school.</i>	
23/25	DOE	Assign more teaching staff	<i>More teaching staff to accommodate Eagle Academy</i>	4143 Third Ave Bronx, NY 10457

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 6

Most Important 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 Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

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.

Needs for Emergency Services

Agencies such as the Fire Department , EMS ,and NYPD should be equipped to service the public with adequate equipment and manpower.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/16	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	<i>The community board is requesting surveillance cameras on Park Avenue between East 183rd Street and East 188th Street.</i>	Park Avenue East 182nd Street East 183rd Street

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/25	NYPD	Assign additional community affairs officers	<i>More community affairs officers to handle the several street activities in CB 6</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Bronx Community Board 6

Most Important 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. Instead of garbage being put on the sidewalk, a few parking spaces should be removed to accommodate dumpsters the trash can be placed in.

Community District Needs Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency.

Needs for 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.

Needs for Sanitation Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/25	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Litter baskets are frequently filled to the brim and overflowing, contributing to more garbage on the streets and sidewalks.</i>	Bathgate Avenue East Tremont Avenue East 184th Street
14/25	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	<i>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).</i>	Bathgate Ave 178th Street 180th Street
24/25	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	<i>Southern Blvd from E 183rd to Fordham Road does not have enough trash cans though it is heavily trafficked due to proximity to the Bronx Zoo</i>	Southern Blvd 183rd Street Fordham Road
25/25	DSNY	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules	<i>ASP is not followed on Vyse Ave between E 179th and E 180th</i>	Vyse Ave E 179th E 180th

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Bronx Community Board 6

Most Important Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Affordable housing creation

The need for affordable housing is great in Bronx CB 6 which has a low median income. Upzonings of more segments of CB 6 should be explored to allow for more housing to be built.

Community District Needs Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Needs for 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.

Needs for Housing

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.

Needs for 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
4/16	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<i>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.</i>	
5/16	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>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.</i>	
7/16	NYCHA	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades (Capital)	<i>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.</i>	
8/16	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>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.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/25	SBS	Help job seekers connect to employment	<i>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.</i>	
3/25	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	<i>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.</i>	East 180th St Southern Blvd. Morris Park Ave

TRANSPORTATION

Bronx Community Board 6

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility.

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 Transportation and Mobility.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

No comments

Needs for 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 and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/16	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The E 174th Street station does not have elevators or escalators to provide ADA access.</i>	
12/16	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Southern Blvd from E 183rd to Fordham Road is extremely dark at night and needs more lighting</i>	Southern Blvd E 183rd Fordham Road
14/16	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>Southern Blvd between E 183rd and Fordham Road needs new curbs and ramps.</i>	Southern Blvd E 183rd Fordham Road
15/16	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>E 180th between Webster Ave and Boston Road needs resurfacing</i>	E 180th Webster Ave Boston Road

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
17/25	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>The community board requests increased bus service frequency for all busses and, more specifically, the Bx 15 and Bx17.</i>	
20/25	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>Southern Boulevard between East Fordham Road and East 187th Street has consistent congestion with school buses, MTA buses, and cars</i>	Southern Boulevard East Fordham Road East 187th Street
21/25	DOT	Other expense traffic improvements requests	<i>The community board is requesting improved cross walks at Boston Road and East Tremont.</i>	East Tremont Avenue Boston Road West Farms Road

22/25

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.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Bronx Community Board 6

Most Important 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, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Needs for Parks

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

Needs for Cultural Services

Although Community Board 6 hosts 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.

Needs for Library Services

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.

Needs for Community Boards

Although the budgets for community planning boards have increased, the current budget only allows for the hiring of a third staff person. The responsibilities of the community board are monumental , there are at least 50 volunteer board members, numerous meetings, and many issues on a daily basis that require immediate attention.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/16	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>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.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/25	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>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.</i>	
7/25	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	<i>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.</i>	
10/25	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	<i>The Bronx River Art Center requests \$80,000 to convert three part-time positions to full-time positions with benefits for an Education Manager, Presenting and Administrative Assistant, and Bookkeeper</i>	1087 E Tremont Ave Bronx, NY 10460

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

Other Expense Requests

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/16	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>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.</i>	
2/16	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>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.</i>	
3/16	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>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.</i>	
4/16	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<i>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.</i>	
5/16	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>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.</i>	

6/16	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>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.</i>	2405 Southern Blvd
7/16	NYCHA	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades (Capital)	<i>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.</i>	
8/16	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>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.</i>	
9/16	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	<i>The community board is requesting surveillance cameras on Park Avenue between East 183rd Street and East 188th Street.</i>	Park Avenue East 182nd Street East 183rd Street
10/16	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The E 174th Street station does not have elevators or escalators to provide ADA access.</i>	
11/16	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>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.</i>	2024 Mohegan Ave
12/16	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Southern Blvd from E 183rd to Fordham Road is extremely dark at night and needs more lighting</i>	Southern Blvd E 183rd Fordham Road
13/16	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	<i>The community is requesting a P-Tech school to allow students to receive an associate's degree in four years as well as pursue a career in technology</i>	

14/16	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>Southern Blvd between E 183rd and Fordham Road needs new curbs and ramps.</i>	Southern Blvd E 183rd Fordham Road
15/16	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>E 180th between Webster Ave and Boston Road needs resurfacing</i>	E 180th Webster Ave Boston Road
16/16	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	<i>MS 45 needs a technological upgrade with an increase in laptops</i>	2502 Lorillard Place Bronx, NY 10458

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job search and placement support	<i>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).</i>	
2/25	SBS	Help job seekers connect to employment	<i>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.</i>	
3/25	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	<i>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.</i>	East 180th St Southern Blvd. Morris Park Ave
4/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	<i>125,000 to 150,000 SYEP slots should be allocated to fulfill the demand of students seeking employment</i>	
5/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>More staffing needed for the Murphy Cornerstone center</i>	601 Crotona Park North Bronx, NY 10457
6/25	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>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.</i>	

7/25	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	<i>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.</i>	
8/25	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services and community based alternatives for youth	<i>CB 6 has a large number of youth in foster care and these youth must receive more preventive services and alternatives to detention</i>	
9/25	DHS	Provide programs for homeless veterans	<i>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.</i>	
10/25	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	<i>The Bronx River Art Center requests \$80,000 to convert three part-time positions to full-time positions with benefits for an Education Manager, Presenting and Administrative Assistant, and Bookkeeper</i>	1087 E Tremont Ave Bronx, NY 10460
11/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services	<i>We request more for Adult Basic Education, HSE, and ESOL</i>	
12/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	<i>There should be universal after school program offerings at each elementary school in Bronx CB 6</i>	
13/25	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Litter baskets are frequently filled to the brim and overflowing, contributing to more garbage on the streets and sidewalks.</i>	Bathgate Avenue East Tremont Avenue East 184th Street
14/25	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	<i>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).</i>	Bathgate Ave 178th Street 180th Street

15/25	NYPD	Assign additional community affairs officers	<i>More community affairs officers to handle the several street activities in CB 6</i>	
16/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services	<i>CB 6's HS graduation rate is below the NYC rate and thus there is a greater need for employment services for these youth</i>	
17/25	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>The community board requests increased bus service frequency for all busses and, more specifically, the Bx 15 and Bx17.</i>	
18/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out	<i>There needs to be more year round offerings for students to work, not just the summer so they can stay engaged and not drop out of school.</i>	
19/25	DHS	Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>With more than 26 homeless shelters, more vouchers are needed for residents to have permanent housing</i>	
20/25	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>Southern Boulevard between East Fordham Road and East 187th Street has consistent congestion with school buses, MTA buses, and cars</i>	Southern Boulevard East Fordham Road East 187th Street
21/25	DOT	Other expense traffic improvements requests	<i>The community board is requesting improved cross walks at Boston Road and East Tremont.</i>	East Tremont Avenue Boston Road West Farms Road
22/25	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	<i>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.</i>	
23/25	DOE	Assign more teaching staff	<i>More teaching staff to accommodate Eagle Academy</i>	4143 Third Ave Bronx, NY 10457

24/25	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	<i>Southern Blvd from E 183rd to Fordham Road does not have enough trash cans though it is heavily trafficked due to proximity to the Bronx Zoo</i>	Southern Blvd 183rd Street Fordham Road
25/25	DSNY	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules	<i>ASP is not followed on Vyse Ave between E 179th and E 180th</i>	Vyse Ave E 179th E 180th