Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests

Fiscal Year 2022



Bronx Community District

### 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) 2022. 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, 2020.

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 FY22 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.

#### Disclaimer

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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

# **Bronx Community Board 8**

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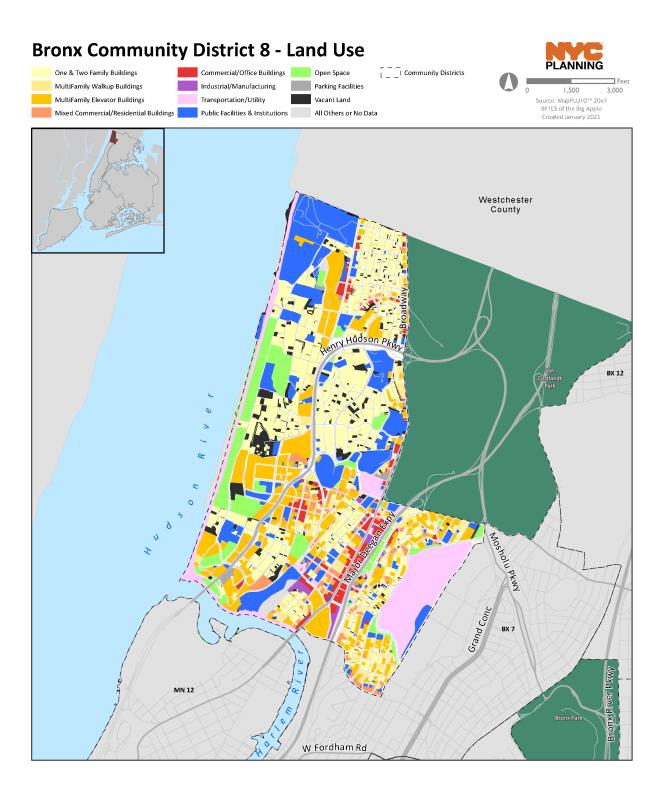
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# 2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

For the most up-to-date information about your Community District's built environment, socioeconomic, and demographic conditions, please visit NYC Department of City Planning's Community District Profiles tool at <a href="mailto:communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov">communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov</a>.



### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Bronx Community Board 8 is located in the extreme northwest portion of New York City, bounded by the Hudson River to the west, Westchester County to the north and extending to Van Cortlandt Park and the Jerome Park reservoir to the east; to the south we are bordered by the Harlem River, West 225th Street and Kingsbridge Road. This area of 3.4 square miles covers the neighborhoods of Spuyten Duyvil, Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Fieldston, Riverdale, Marble Hill and Van Cortlandt Village.. Marble Hill is unique in that it is considered a part of the Borough of Manhattan, but municipal services are provided by the Bronx. Marble Hill statistics are not included in our city planning profile. Our District has various types of housing including cooperative apartments, condominium units, one family houses, 2-4 family houses and multi-family apartment buildings. Board 8 has two New York City Housing Authority Developments: Marble Hill & Fort Independence Houses. Bronx Community Board 8 has an estimated 111,182 population, which is a growth of about 10,000 residents over the past ten years. As a result, we have an increased need for social services, school seats, transportation and housing. Our Community Board is also home to Manhattan College & The College of Mount St. Vincent and it's important to note that the census data does not accurately represent all residents since dorms are not considered permanent housing for students.

#### **Small Businesses**

Bronx Community Board 8 has one Business Improvement District, the Kingsbridge BID, which is a great asset to the businesses along our Broadway commercial corridor. According to a recent study conducted by the Kingsbridge BID, there is a 17% vacancy rate for businesses within the BID. Our district is mainly comprised of small businesses as opposed to corporate enterprises. Many Mom and Pop stores and restaurants have suffered severely from restrictions due to Covid-19, and it is likely that many will not be able to survive. The Kingsbridge, Riverdale, Van Cortlandt Development Corporation (KRVC) has been instrumental during the pandemic by advocating for and coordinating the Open Streets Program, so that restaurants can offer safe, outdoor dining. However, there is an urgent need to work with our city agencies, government officials, and Small Business Services to support our small businesses throughout the district including Marble Hill, Kingsbridge, Riverdale, and Van Cortlandt Village. We must make our commercial areas safer, as indicated by our request for strategically placed Argus Security Cameras to fight crime. Maintaining attractive commercial areas is critical to their success and enhances the well being of our residents. BXCB8 requires more litter baskets and more frequent pick up service in our heavily trafficked commercial areas in order to alleviate unsightly litter caused by overfilled baskets.

#### Housing

Our budget priorities call for significant improvements for Marble Hill and Ft. Independence Houses. The NYCHA Developments are in dire need of major refurbishments to its mechanical systems. Residents often find themselves without heat and hot water for long periods due to malfunctioning boilers. Other urgent needs include renovation of kitchens at Fort Independence Houses, and sufficient personnel for full staffing of all caretaker and skilled worker positions, including rodent control. We support equitable and independent living for senior residents, and request funding for grab bars to be installed in bathrooms to ensure safety. There are serious security issues for residents as the main doors to buildings do not have proper entry security such as locks, buzzers, or safety cameras.

#### **Parks**

The importance and priority of our Parks' needs are reflected in the many capital and expense items requested. Our greatest need is for increased park maintenance to preserve, clean, and keep them safe and inviting for the public. Community Board 8 has 20% of the parkland in the Bronx. There are 68 park sites, including playgrounds, and smaller green streets. As a regional park, Van Cortlandt Park is 1,146 acres and home to the Philharmonic, nationally acclaimed running trails, Van Cortlandt Lake and the historic Van Cortlandt Mansion. Because of Van Cortlandt Park's heavy usage by residents, borough wide sports teams, and leagues, we request funds to construct a restroom at Broadway and W. 253<sup>rd</sup> Street adjacent to the Parade Ground. It is also a priority to fully fund repairs to the popular "Birding Bridge," a footbridge over Tibbetts Brook. Increasing our parks staff, including seasonal staff, is essential. Our parks are heavily used and require regular cleaning, mowing, and planting at a minimum. New equipment such as tractors, lawnmowers, mini packer garbage trucks, and stump grinders will greatly benefit maintenance of all our parks. Another district priority is the redesign and reconstruction of Bailey Playground in

Kingsbridge, which has not been upgraded in many years. Likewise, necessary improvements to Washington's Walk in Kingsbridge Heights includes new benches, replacing the temporary fence with a wrought iron fence, and repairing the adjacent sidewalk. Both DEP and DPR are responsible for maintenance to the grounds of Jerome Park Reservoir, but the public's enjoyment of the Reservoir has been marred by trash and dumping. Due to environmental concerns and flooding problems, erosion control measures at Ewen Park and the construction of a pond wall at Spuyten Duyvil Shorefront Park are needed.

#### **Quality of Life**

Quality of Life complaints continue to inform our budget priorities across several committees, especially during the summer and throughout the pandemic. Due to an increase in illegal late night barbeques and misuse of some of our parks, residents complain of late night noise, illegal parking, and alcohol use. It is essential that the city hire more Park Enforcement Police (PEP) because there is a critical shortage of PEP officers to enforce park rules. Another priority is Jerome Park Reservoir (JPR), where full deployment of DEP staff to protect, properly maintain, and supervise public access for residents are needed. Due to the dramatic increase in development in CB8, we have experienced increased complaints stemming from construction noise. We request that DEP increase its allotment for Air, Noise, and Asbestos Inspectors to meet the demand. Since the Pandemic, middle of the night street drag racing and speeding have significantly increased in every corner of our community. This is a serious public safety issue; we have requested additional Argus and speed cameras, safe pedestrian crossings, as well as studies of street design measures to mitigate this dangerous condition.

#### Seniors

The size of our aging community is growing, and services and programs to maintain and improve the quality of life of our seniors are extremely important to BXCB8, particularly during this pandemic. We have requested funding to address mental health issues, including dementia care, and innovative programs at our senior centers. Our seniors visit doctor offices, senior centers, and support local businesses. It's critical to ensure that adequate transportation services are provided by public buses and Access-A-Ride. To promote pedestrian safety, we request additional funds for visual and audible cross walk features, installation of Accessory Pedestrian Signals, and audible crossing signals near large senior population and shopping areas. We also request that the construction of an elevator at the W 242<sup>nd</sup> Street Station continue to be a part of the MTA's five -year capital plan.

#### **Streets and Safety**

BXCB8 recognizes the importance of maintaining safe streets and sidewalks throughout our community for both traffic and pedestrian safety. A dangerous condition is caused by the lack of a sidewalk on the heavily trafficked north side of West 254<sup>th</sup> Street from Riverdale Avenue to Palisade Avenue, forcing commuters, students, and residents to walk in this narrow street. This hilly stretch is heavily used due to its access to Metro North Railroad and Salanter Akiba Riverdale Academy. BXCB8 requests increased maintenance for our unique step streets (also known as sidewalk staircases). BXCB8 has 26 step streets, the most of any district in NYC. In particular, the heavily used, broken and dangerous step street located on Summit Place between Heath and Bailey Avenue in Kingsbridge is in urgent need of complete rehabilitation. Another necessary capital project in Kingsbridge Heights is to connect Goulden Avenue with Dickinson Avenue at the intersection of Sedgwick Avenue to create one safe intersection for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. Funding must be allocated to provide an additional crossing guard at the dangerous intersection of Sedgwick Avenue and Hillman Avenue, the site of P.S. 95 and AmPark School.

#### **Education Libraries and Youth**

School aged children comprise a significant component of our population. Our young people deserve a safe and supportive learning environment to further their development. After consulting with local schools BXCB8 has requested a library upgrade at the Riverdale- Kingsbridge Academy/MS 141, a school extension at PS 24 in order to accommodate both hot and cold lunchroom students to foster diversity in social setting, and additional program options for the nursing school located at Marie Curie HS for Medicine, Nursing & Health Professions. Our libraries are an invaluable social, cultural, and educational resource for residents of all ages, especially children. They serve as safe havens for students after school. We request funding to ensure that our six branch libraries can safely continue to meet the growing

programing needs of our increasing population. We have requested upgrades to the Riverdale Branch exterior façade and retaining wall. Our libraries have saved the day during this pandemic with virtual tutoring, homework help, and pick up and go book services. Post pandemic it is essential that funding be allocated to keep all of our branch libraries open six days a week. Our youth require additional services through DYCD. Funding is needed for conflict resolution programs in community and after school centers to teach and train youth to resolve conflicts on their own, provide certification that they can add to their resumes and apply to their future interactions. There is need for mental health counseling in after school programs and community centers so that youth have additional access to mental health services, and can access it in a more private setting. Lastly, DYCD/DOE need to provide transportation for special needs students from District 75 to local after school programs for equity and socialization of special needs students.

#### **Domestic Violence**

According to the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct there has been an increase in domestic violence, partly attributed to restrictions and problems exacerbated by Covid 19. To combat domestic violence an expansion of the Domestic Violence Unit's staff and resources within NYPD's 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct is necessary. This unit conducts community workshops to educate residents about warning signs of domestic violence, and educates victims on how to obtain protective orders and counseling services.

#### **Recycling Programs**

BXCB8 continues its commitment to reducing food waste going to landfills. We request full support for DSNY Compost Project personnel and equipment required for program training, outreach, and service delivery to residents of CD8. We request reinstatement of the brown bin Organic Recycling Pick Up Program.

#### **Green Infrastructure and CSX Greenway**

It is important that DEP funds and promotes green infrastructure projects to alleviate serious flooding conditions throughout the district, particularly in Marble Hill. In order to reduce the problem of Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) we advocate for construction of right-of-way and public retrofit green infrastructure projects in high/flow flood-prone areas of the district. BXCB8 has long advocated for the daylighting of Tibbetts Brook, which will divert and prevent billions of gallons of water from overwhelming our combined sewer system and polluting our rivers. It has long been a priority of CB8 that New York City complete the purchase of the right-of-way from CSX railroad that is located alongside the Major Deegan Expressway from West 230<sup>th</sup> to Van Cortlandt Park South in order to create a greenway. With three access points to the commercial Broadway area, the greenway has enormous recreational, environmental, and commercial benefits for the Kingsbridge community.

#### Land Use

BXCB8 has identified a need for the Department of Buildings to promulgate additional training for Building Inspectors on the Zoning Resolution to increase identification of violations and expedite enforcement throughout the district and Special Natural Area District.

Submitted by,

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Bronx Community Board 8

Ciara Gannon, District Manager

Bronx Community Board 8

### 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

#### **Bronx Community Board 8**

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### Affordable housing

Housing Community Board 8 is home to two New York City Housing Authority developments: Fort Independence and Marble Hill Houses, which are in dire need of capital repairs. Residents face regular and long term heat and hot water disruptions due to aging boilers. The apartments need major renovations due to mold issues, old radiators and outdated kitchens and bathrooms. Older residents need safety accommodations such as the installation of grab bars in their bathrooms. There are security concerns as main doors to buildings do not have proper entry security such as locks and buzzers.

#### Parks and open space

Parks/Greenway Community Board 8 is home to at least 68 parks and open greenspaces. Our residents deeply value and heavily use our parks and playgrounds. However, lack of maintenance and increased need for PEP officers to enforce park rules remain a serious concern for both park users and neighbors who live near parks. Community Board 8 continues to advocate for the purchase of the land known as the Putnam Right-of-Way that is currently owned by CSX Corporation in order to create a greenway in the Kingsbridge community. This will add tremendous recreational, environmental, and economic advantages to the area.

#### Senior services

Seniors/ Aging Issues Community Board 8 is committed to the safety and improvement of quality of life for our older residents. We are determined to support community-based geriatric mental health services, dementia care funding and innovative programs at our senior centers. Safer crossings, accessory pedestrian signals (visual & auditory), increased bus service and senior care transportation are critical district-wide needs. Elevator access at our 242nd Street Station, which has an annual ridership of 2.2 million, is particularly imperative for seniors to get around to appointments, work, and local businesses. There is also an urgent need for affordable housing for seniors in CB 8. Although new developments have being built in the community, local residents especially seniors are not qualifying for these units because the AMI calculation is not conducive to our local community.

# 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

#### **HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES**

#### **Bronx Community Board 8**

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

#### Programs, services or facilities for seniors (incl. remote programming)

Community Board 8 is committed to the safety and improvement of quality of life for our older residents. Our Board is home to different types of senior centers and facilities for older residents and we support subsidies so that services are equitable. We are determined to support community-based geriatric mental health services, dementia care funding and innovative programs at our senior centers. We also support caregiver education and services.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

#### **Needs for Health Care and Facilities**

CB8 advocates for additional staffing and support at helathcare facilities.

#### **Needs for Older NYs**

Funding for innovated programs and services, meal services for seniors, additional support staff at senior centers and an increase in transportation services for seniors.

#### **Needs for Homeless**

An increase in outreach services is needed to connect with homeless New Yorkers and provide them with the resources that they need. We support an increase in prevention services, outreach services and permanency assistance for homeless residents

#### **Needs for Low Income NYs**

We advocate for affordable housing for low income New Yorkers and seniors. CB8 is home to two NYCHA development's and we have requested capital and expense items that will make necessary repairs to the Marble Hill Houses & Fort Independence Houses.

### **Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

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

### **Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

| Priority | Agency | Request  | Explanation  | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|----------|
| 1/29     | DFTA   | Other senior<br>center program<br>requests                       | Senior Centers Funding: Increase dedicated funding to ensure qualified staff, access to mental health services, funding for licensed social worker, technology infrastructure internally, technology support externally, increase outreach to lessen isolation and potential abuse, provide food security, meet all service delivery requirements.   |          |
| 5/29     | HRA    | Other domestic violence services requests                        | Domestic Violence Unit: Increase funding to combat domestic violence unit for staff and resources within NYPD 50th Precinct. Conduct community workshops to educate residents about warning signs of domestic violence, lists of shelters available to victims, how to obtain protective orders and counseling services.   |          |
| 12/29    | DOHMH  | Other programs<br>to address public<br>health issues<br>requests | Protective Medical Supplies – Increase funding for protective medical supplies such as hand sanitizer, gloves and masks to combat a future outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) or another virus. To be distributed to the public, city agencies and essential staff to reduce viral spread.   |          |
| 15/29    | DFTA   | Increase<br>transportation<br>services capacity                  | Senior Center Transportation: Dedicated permanent transportation service funding in Senior Center contracts. Walkability in many sections of our community is difficult: steep hills, step streets and long blocks. Regular bus service provides limited North-South routes and even fewer East-West routes. Additionally, transportation services can provide vital food access for older adults. |          |

22/29 DFTA

Other expense budget request for DFTA

increase to funding in Dementia Care: Nonsubsidized social adult day programs have closed, leaving only one non-profit social adult daycare (SADC) in Bronx CB8. Expand tuition assistance for non-profit programs to allow more eligible seniors to afford SADC and fund outreach programs to educate family caregivers on dementia, safety issues, and caregiver support opportunities.

### YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

#### **Bronx Community Board 8**

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### Schools and educational facilities (Maintenance)

Each student deserves a seat in our schools to ensure the optimum environment to provide a good education. However, the reality is that our schools increase capacity to the maximum at the expense of lunch rooms, auditoria, and gymnasia to house students. Our physical school capacity must increase to meet the student population which requires it. The provision and maintenance of air conditioning units, as well as 'smart boards,' in our schools are needed to improve the children's learning environments. Library upgrades provide support for curriculum, instruction and specialized efforts geared to improve student literacy.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### **Needs for Youth Education**

School aged children comprise a significant component of our population. Our young people deserve a safe and supportive learning environment to further their development. Every student deserves an equitable education and many of our schools are overcrowded and in need of maintenance such as expansions. Over the years, we have advocated for projects that will increase the capacity of gymnasiums, cafeteria, outdoor schools and auditoriums. The provision and maintenance of air conditioning units, as well as 'smart boards,' in our schools are needed to improve the children's learning environments. Library upgrades provide support for curriculum, instruction and specialized efforts geared to improve student literacy.

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

There is a need for mental health counseling in after school programs and community centers so that youth have additional access to mental health services, and can access it in a more private setting. Lastly, DYCD/DOE need to provide transportation for special needs students from District 75 to local after school programs for equity and socialization of special needs students.

### Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

| Priority | Agency | Request  | Explanation   | Location  |
|----------|--------|--|---|---|
| 6/32     | SCA    | Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school        | PS24 Bronx - Extension of building to accommodate both hot and cold lunchroom students to foster diversity in social setting.   | 660 West<br>236 Street,<br>Bronx, New<br>York, NY |
| 10/32    | SCA    | Renovate or<br>upgrade a middle<br>or intermediate<br>school | Riverdale- Kingsbridge Academy/MS 141<br>Bronx- Upgrade school library used by 1535<br>students and 120 staff members. Replace<br>tables, chairs, carpeting, built-in bookcases,<br>etc   |   |
| 12/32    | DOE    | Other capital<br>budget request<br>for DOE                   | Marie Curie HS for Medicine, Nursing & Health Professions- Bronx Nursing Room for Health Services Career Technical Education (CTE) Program in Nursing. Room must meet certain criteria with special equipment as teaching tools. This project has been approved by SCA but needs funding. |   |
| 28/32    | SCA    | Renovate interior building component                         | PS 81 Air Conditioning for Auditorium   |   |

# **Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare**

| Priority | Agency | Request   | Explanation   | Location |
|----------|--------|---|---|----------|
| 10/29    | DYCD   | Other expense<br>budget request<br>for DYCD   | Conflict Resolution: In community centers and after school centers to teach and train youth to resolve conflicts on their own and provide certification that the youth can add to their resumes and apply to their future interactions. |          |
| 20/29    | DYCD   | Other expense<br>budget request<br>for DYCD   | YOUTH – DYCD: Mental Health<br>Counseling: In after school programs and in<br>community centers so that the youth have<br>additional access to mental health services<br>and can access it in a more private setting                    |          |
| 29/29    | DYCD   | Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5) | Transportation for Special Needs students to After School Programs: To provide transportation from district 75 schools to local after school programs for equity and socialization of special needs students                            |          |

### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

#### **Bronx Community Board 8**

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances)

Residents of CB8 often complain about quality of life issues such as speeding/ drag racing, illegal bbq'ing, loud noise, etc. We advocate for additional Argus cameras in the community to help deter crime and assist the NYPD in investigations.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### **Needs for Public Safety**

Public Safety is extremely important to residents and merchants of CB8. Domestic Violence crimes are a growing concern for CB8 so we advocate for additional support services. We work closely with our local precinct on quality of life concerns, anti crime, and fraud intended to affect older residents.

#### **Needs for Emergency Services**

CB8 advocates for additional funding in emergency services so that our residents can remain safe.

### **Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services**

| Priority | Agency | Request                            | Explanation   | Location |
|----------|--------|------------------------------------|---|----------|
| 3/32     | NYPD   | Provide<br>surveillance<br>cameras | Argus Security Cameras along merchant corridors and other suggested locations provided by 50th Precinct - Specific locations: - W 231 St. and Kingsbridge Ave - W 234 St. and Bailey Ave - W Kingsbridge Road and Kingsbridge Terrace - W 260 St and Riverdale Ave. |          |

### **Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services**

| Priority | Agency | Request                      | Explanation  | Location |
|----------|--------|------------------------------|--|----------|
| 9/29     | NYPD   | Other NYPD programs requests | Increase funding for School Crossing<br>Guards throughout CB8, especially needed<br>at PS95 and Ampark Neighborhood School<br>(located at intersection of Sedgwick Ave &<br>Hillman Ave.). |          |

### CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

#### **Bronx Community Board 8**

Most Important Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

#### Water runoff and flooding

Green infrastructure is very important to CB8. We support and advocate DEP funds that promote green infrastructure projects to alleviate serious flooding conditions throughout the district, particularly in Marble Hill.

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

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

In order to reduce the problem of Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) we advocate for construction of right-of-way and public retrofit green infrastructure projects in high/flow flood-prone areas of the district. BXCB8 has long advocated for the daylighting of Tibbetts Brook, which will divert and prevent billions of gallons of water from overwhelming our combined sewer system and polluting our rivers. It has long been a priority of CB8 that New York City complete the purchase of the right-of-way from CSX railroad that is located alongside the Major Deegan Expressway from West 230<sup>th</sup>to Van Cortlandt Park South in order to create a greenway. With three access points to the commercial Broadway area, the greenway has enormous recreational, environmental, and commercial benefits for the Kingsbridge community.

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

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### Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

| Priority | Agency | Request  | Explanation   | Location |
|----------|--------|--|---|----------|
| 8/32     | DEP    | Other capital<br>budget request<br>for DEP   | Green Infrastructure: Construction of right-<br>of-way and public retrofit green<br>infrastructure projects in high flow/flood-<br>prone areas of CD8, in consultation with<br>Environment and Sanitation committee.                    |          |
| 11/32    | DEP    | Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds | E&S – DEP- Daylight Tibbetts Brook: Daylight freshwater wetland known as Tibbetts Brook, which currently discharges into Van Cortlandt Lake Weir and Broadway sewer, and reconnect it to Harlem River to reduce combined sewer overflow |          |
| 30/32    | DSNY   | Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment  | Purchase an additional Haulster for snow season mobility  |          |

### **Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency**

| Priority | Agency | Request  | Explanation  | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|----------|
| 3/29     | DSNY   | Provide more<br>frequent litter<br>basket collection             | Litter Basket Pick Up and placement expansion especially in areas of illegal dumping and heavily trafficked commercial districts.            |          |
| 11/29    | DSNY   | Other expense<br>budget request<br>for DSNY                      | Compost Project: Full support for personnel and equipment required for program training, outreach, and service delivery to residents of CD8. |          |
| 17/29    | DSNY   | Provide or expand NYC organics collection program                | Organic Recycling Pick-Up: Full support for personnel and equipment required to maintain regular pick-up of organic waste in CD8.            |          |
| 21/29    | DEP    | Investigate air<br>quality<br>complaints at<br>specific location | Air, asbestos and Noise Inspectors: Support and expand staffing and training to enforce new NYC laws.  |          |

| 25/29 | DSNY | Other cleaning requests               | Funding for adequate personnel to staff MLP operations to expedite cleaning in hard to access areas of CD8  |
|-------|------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 26/29 | DSNY | Improve snow removal                  | Snow Removal: Restoration of funding for snow removal to FY 2020 level.   |
| 27/29 | DEP  | Other expense budget request for DEP  | Jerome Park Reservoir Personnel: Full deployment of DEP staff to protect and properly maintain DEP property in and around JPR and to supervise public access to CD8 residents.      |
| 28/29 | DSNY | Other expense budget request for DSNY | E&S – DSNY: Community Relations: Addition of personnel, both borough and citywide, to properly engage Community Boards and community organizations with DSNY programs and policies. |

### HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

#### **Bronx Community Board 8**

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

#### Land use and zoning

Development is increasing throughout our city and CB8 is witnessing construction in all four corners of the district. With demolitions and building, we advocate for an increase in building inspectors.

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

#### **Needs for Land Use**

Smart development and zoning is necessary with community planning in mind, so that schools, emergency and municipal services do not become more strained than they already are.

#### **Needs for Housing**

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#### **Needs for Economic Development**

Our business community is extremely important to CB8 and we work with local organizations to remove red tape, link businesses with city resources and support local endeavors. Many Mom and Pop stores and restaurants have suffered severely from restrictions due to Covid-19, and it is likely that many will not be able to survive. We must make our commercial areas safer, as indicated by our request for strategically placed Argus Security Cameras to fight crime. Maintaining attractive commercial areas is critical to their success and enhances the well being of our residents. BXCB8 requires more litter baskets and more frequent pick up service in our heavily trafficked commercial areas in order to alleviate unsightly litter caused by overfilled baskets.

### **Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use**

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| 1/32     | NYCHA  | Renovate or<br>upgrade public<br>housing<br>developments                 | HOUSING – NYCHA - Replacement of<br>Boilers at Marble Hill (\$12.6m) and Fort<br>Independence Houses [incl. gas lines]<br>(\$6.3m)   |          |
| 18/32    | NYCHA  | Renovate or<br>upgrade NYCHA<br>community<br>facilities or open<br>space | HOUSING - NYCHA – Fort Independence<br>Interior Apartment Renovations: Apartment<br>Kitchen Renovations (\$8.37 M); Floor &<br>Doors (\$9.96 M); Radiator/ Convector/<br>Baseboard (\$1.86 M). |          |
| 31/32    | NYCHA  | Renovate or<br>upgrade public<br>housing<br>developments                 | Restroom Accommodations for elderly and disabled tenants (grab bar installation)   |          |

# **Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use**

| Priority | Agency | Request   | Explanation  | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--|----------|
| 8/29     | DOB    | Expand code enforcement                               | Fund program to train Building Inspectors on zoning resolution, particularly about our Special Natural Area District (SNAD).   |          |
| 19/29    | HPD    | Provide or<br>enhance rental<br>subsidies<br>programs | Affordable Housing Serving Older District Residents: To reduce homelessness and allow older residents with low/moderate income to continue to age in their familiar communities, increase funding for housing subsidies for current residents to avail themselves of neighborhood preferences in new and existing affordable senior housing buildings, to prevent evictions from current units, and provide support for other programs that allow seniors to age independently and in place. |          |

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Bronx Community Board 8**

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

#### Subway service and quality (frequency, access, crowding, etc.)

BxCB8 office is located at the far end of our district, making it inaccessible to residents for constituent services, as well as participation in CB meetings and access to and from train and subway service.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

BXCB8 recognizes the importance of maintaining safe streets and sidewalks throughout our community for both traffic and pedestrian safety. BXCB8 requests increased maintenance for our unique step streets (also known as sidewalk staircases). BXCB8 has 26 step streets, the most of any district in NYC, some of which desperately need to be maintained and reconstructed.

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

Due to our northern location, transportation and access is very important to our community. We have advocated for restoration to the Bx20 Bus service as well as an elevator at the W 242nd Street train station.

### **Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility**

| Priority | Agency | Request   | Explanation Location  |  |
|----------|--------|---|---|--|
| 4/32     | DOT    | Improve traffic<br>and pedestrian<br>safety, including<br>traffic calming                                   | TRAFF&TRANS – DOT: Create sidewalk on north side of W254th St from Riverdale Ave. to Palisade Ave. and rehabilitate infrastructure on street to provide for adequate drainage.                            |  |
| 5/32     | DOT    | Reconstruct<br>streets  | Dickinson Avenue: Realignment & reconstruction of the intersection of Dickinson Avenue, an unmapped DEPowned street at Sedgwick Avenue to Goulden Avenue and addition of project to Ten-Year Capital Plan |  |
| 7/32     | DOT    | Repair or build new step streets  | Rehabilitate step street at Summit Place between Heath Avenue and Bailey Avenue.  |  |
| 13/32    | DOT    | Reconstruct streets   | TRAFFIC&TRANS – DOT: Rehabilitate step<br>street at Broadway between W231 St and<br>W233 St.  |  |
| 16/32    | DOT    | Other capital<br>budget request<br>for DOT  | DOT: Perform feasibility study for replacing<br>pedestrian walkway at W235 St over Henry<br>Hudson Parkway.   |  |
| 19/32    | DOT    | Improve traffic<br>and pedestrian<br>safety, including<br>traffic calming                                   | Build sidewalk staircase connecting<br>Independence Ave from 5900 Arlington Ave<br>to W261 St.  |  |
| 21/32    | DOT    | Other<br>transportation<br>infrastructure<br>requests   | Increase the resurfacing of streets in<br>Community Board 8 to fifteen lane miles   |  |
| 22/32    | NYCTA  | Improve<br>accessibility of<br>transit<br>infrastructure, by<br>providing<br>elevators,<br>escalators, etc. | TRAFFIC&TRANS – MTA: Install elevator at W242 Street elevated #1 train terminal. [This item had been placed on the MTA 2020-2024 Capital Plan]  |  |
| 25/32    | DOT    | Improve traffic<br>and pedestrian<br>safety, including<br>traffic calming                                   | Connect Goulden Ave with Dickinson Ave at intersection of Sedgwick Ave to create one safe intersection for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.   |  |

| 26/32 | DOT | Other<br>transportation<br>infrastructure<br>requests | Putnam Right-of-Way greenway: expedite purchase of land known as former Putnam Right-of-Way alongside Major Deegan Expwy from W230th St to Van Cortlandt Park South, from CSX Railroad to create a greenway [Bronx CB8 acknowledges that |
|-------|-----|---|--|
|       |     |   | this project is fully funded]  |

### **Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility**

| Priority | Agency | Request   | Explanation   | Location |
|----------|--------|---|---|----------|
| 7/29     | DOT    | Other traffic improvement requests  | Install Accessory Pedestrian Signals (auditory/chirping signals) throughout CB8 near school crossings, senior centers and major intersections.  |          |
| 14/29    | DOT    | Provide new<br>traffic or<br>pedestrian<br>signals                        | Install countdown pedestrian traffic signals throughout CB8   |          |
| 16/29    | NYCTA  | Expand bus<br>service frequency<br>or hours of<br>operation               | Restore full Bx20 service: to level prior to 2011 service cuts  |          |
| 24/29    | DOT    | Improve traffic<br>and pedestrian<br>safety, including<br>traffic calming | DOT: Safe Crossings: Increase funding to inspect and maintain pavement at crosswalks throughout the district to mitigate falls that often lead to health decline and death; refresh cross-walk lines striping to increase driver and pedestrian visibility; lengthen pedestrian walk signals and add audible crossing signals near large senior populations and shopping areas. |          |

### PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

#### **Bronx Community Board 8**

Most Important Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

#### Park care and maintenance

CB 8 is home to at least 68 parks and open greenspaces. Our residents deeply value and heavily use our parks and playgrounds. However, lack of maintenance and increased need for PEP officers to enforce park rules remain a serious concern for both park users and neighbors who live near parks.

Community District Needs Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

#### **Needs for Parks**

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

No comments

#### **Needs for Library Services**

Our libraries are an invaluable social, cultural, and educational resource for residents of all ages, especially children. They serve as safe havens for students after school. We request funding to ensure that our six branch libraries can safely continue to meet the growing programing needs of our increasing population. We have requested upgrades to the Riverdale Branch exterior façade and retaining wall. Our libraries have saved the day during this pandemic with virtual tutoring, homework help, and pick up and go book services. Post pandemic it is essential that funding be allocated to keep all of our branch libraries open six days a week.

#### **Needs for Community Boards**

Community Board is currently working with DCAS on obtaining new office space centrally located within the district. An accessible office will help Community Board 8 staff support the needs of local residents.

### **Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities**

| Priority | Agency | Request   | Explanation   | Location   |
|----------|--------|---|---|--|
| 2/32     | NYPL   | Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library                                   | Riverdale Branch Rehabilitation to Exterior and Side Façade and Retaining Wall. For the safety of its patrons and students the condition of the building is essential.                  | 5540<br>Mosholu<br>Ave                                   |
| 9/32     | DPR    | Reconstruct or<br>upgrade a park or<br>amenity (i.e.<br>playground,<br>outdoor athletic<br>field) | Redesign and reconstruction of Bailey Avenue playground: Reduce paving and introduce green space, update equipment, and repair deteriorated drains.                                     |  |
| 15/32    | DPR    | Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park   | PARKS & RECREATION - Erosion control measures in Ewen Park to prevent runoff downhill toward Riverdale Avenue.  |  |
| 20/32    | DPR    | Reconstruct or<br>upgrade a park or<br>amenity (i.e.<br>playground,<br>outdoor athletic<br>field) | PARKS & RECREATION - Reconstruction of the Pond Wall at Spuyten Duyvil Park to prevent water run off onto the roadway in the parking lot of the Metro North station.                    |  |
| 23/32    | DPR    | Reconstruct or<br>upgrade a park or<br>amenity (i.e.<br>playground,<br>outdoor athletic<br>field) | Fully fund repair of footbridge over Tibbetts<br>Brook outside fence around golf course in<br>Van Cortlandt Park. [Bronx CB8<br>acknowledges that this project is partially<br>funded.] |  |
| 24/32    | DPR    | Other capital<br>budget request<br>for DPR  | Install sewer connection to street sewer at former Mosholu Golf House in Van Cortlandt Park so that property can receive a C of O and become a new park HQ building.                    | Croton<br>Filtration<br>Plant, Bronx,<br>New York,<br>NY |
| 27/32    | DPR    | Reconstruct or<br>upgrade a park or<br>amenity (i.e.<br>playground,<br>outdoor athletic<br>field) | PARKS & RECREATION Renovation of Van<br>Cortlandt Park Stadium  |  |
| 29/32    | DPR    | Improve access<br>to a building in a<br>park  | Improvements to Washington's Walk, including new benches, replacing temporary fence with a wrought-iron fence, and repair of adjacent sidewalk.   |  |

| 32/32 | DPR  | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) |  |                            |
|-------|------|--|--|----------------------------|
| CS    | NYPL | Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library                    | LIBRARIES funding for relocation of branch, including furniture, equipment and ADA compliance. | 3874<br>Sedgwick<br>Avenue |

### **Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities**

| Priority | Agency | Request   | Explanation   | Location |
|----------|--------|---|---|----------|
| 2/29     | DPR    | Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement) | Gardeners and other personnel sufficient for proper maintenance in CB 8 parks, including lawns, landscaped areas, and Greenstreets.   |          |
| 4/29     | BPL    | Extend library<br>hours or expand<br>and enhance<br>library programs          | Maintain 6-day service at branch libraries. Community and students count on being able to access libraries for their many innovative programs and they are safe places to go.   |          |
| 6/29     | DPR    | New equipment for maintenance   | Purchase of packer for Van Cortlandt and mini- packer for neighborhood parks to replace aging equipment and aid in maintaining clean parks  |          |
| 13/29    | DPR    | Other park<br>maintenance and<br>safety requests                              | PEP personnel to alleviate chronic double-<br>parking on Broadway adjacent to Van<br>Cortlandt Park Parade Grounds, especially<br>bicycle-mounted officers, operating in<br>conjunction with NYPD, particularly on<br>weekends and times of high use, and to<br>enforce regulations in other CB8 parks. |          |
| 18/29    | DPR    | New equipment for maintenance   | Purchase of New Crew-cab Pick-up Trucks with a lift-gate to replace aging vehicles in CB8 neighborhood parks.   |          |
| 23/29    | DPR    | Provide better park maintenance   | Purchase of ToolCat with plow and cutting attachments to aid in maintenance of CB8 parks.   |          |

# 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

### **Other Capital Requests**

| Priority | Agency | Request                      | Explanation  | Location |
|----------|--------|------------------------------|--|----------|
| 14/32    | Other  | Other capital budget request | Snow Removal Haulster: Purchase of an additional haulster to maintain inventory necessary to remove snow from narrow streets of CD8. |          |
| 17/32    | Other  | Other capital budget request | DSNY: 215th Street Garage Rehabilitation:<br>Rehabilitation of DSNY Garage Facility<br>supporting service delivery in CD8.           |          |

### **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  |
|----------|--------|---|---|---|
| 1/32     | NYCHA  | Renovate or<br>upgrade public<br>housing<br>developments                  | HOUSING – NYCHA - Replacement of<br>Boilers at Marble Hill (\$12.6m) and Fort<br>Independence Houses [incl. gas lines]<br>(\$6.3m)  |   |
| 2/32     | NYPL   | Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library           | Riverdale Branch Rehabilitation to Exterior and Side Façade and Retaining Wall. For the safety of its patrons and students the condition of the building is essential.  | 5540<br>Mosholu<br>Ave                            |
| 3/32     | NYPD   | Provide<br>surveillance<br>cameras  | Argus Security Cameras along merchant corridors and other suggested locations provided by 50th Precinct - Specific locations: - W 231 St. and Kingsbridge Ave - W 234 St. and Bailey Ave - W Kingsbridge Road and Kingsbridge Terrace - W 260 St and Riverdale Ave. |   |
| 4/32     | DOT    | Improve traffic<br>and pedestrian<br>safety, including<br>traffic calming | TRAFF&TRANS – DOT: Create sidewalk on north side of W254th St from Riverdale Ave. to Palisade Ave. and rehabilitate infrastructure on street to provide for adequate drainage.  |   |
| 5/32     | DOT    | Reconstruct<br>streets  | Dickinson Avenue: Realignment & reconstruction of the intersection of Dickinson Avenue, an unmapped DEPowned street at Sedgwick Avenue to Goulden Avenue and addition of project to Ten-Year Capital Plan   |   |
| 6/32     | SCA    | Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school                     | PS24 Bronx - Extension of building to accommodate both hot and cold lunchroom students to foster diversity in social setting.   | 660 West<br>236 Street,<br>Bronx, New<br>York, NY |
| 7/32     | DOT    | Repair or build new step streets  | Rehabilitate step street at Summit Place<br>between Heath Avenue and Bailey Avenue.   |   |
| 8/32     | DEP    | Other capital budget request for DEP                                      | Green Infrastructure: Construction of right-<br>of-way and public retrofit green<br>infrastructure projects in high flow/flood-<br>prone areas of CD8, in consultation with<br>Environment and Sanitation committee.  |   |

| 9/32  | DPR   | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)   | Redesign and reconstruction of Bailey Avenue playground: Reduce paving and introduce green space, update equipment, and repair deteriorated drains.   |
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| 10/32 | SCA   | Renovate or<br>upgrade a middle<br>or intermediate<br>school   | Riverdale- Kingsbridge Academy/MS 141<br>Bronx- Upgrade school library used by 1535<br>students and 120 staff members. Replace<br>tables, chairs, carpeting, built-in bookcases,<br>etc   |
| 11/32 | DEP   | Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds | E&S – DEP- Daylight Tibbetts Brook: Daylight freshwater wetland known as Tibbetts Brook, which currently discharges into Van Cortlandt Lake Weir and Broadway sewer, and reconnect it to Harlem River to reduce combined sewer overflow   |
| 12/32 | DOE   | Other capital budget request for DOE   | Marie Curie HS for Medicine, Nursing & Health Professions- Bronx Nursing Room for Health Services Career Technical Education (CTE) Program in Nursing. Room must meet certain criteria with special equipment as teaching tools. This project has been approved by SCA but needs funding. |
| 13/32 | DOT   | Reconstruct<br>streets   | TRAFFIC&TRANS – DOT: Rehabilitate step<br>street at Broadway between W231 St and<br>W233 St.  |
| 14/32 | Other | Other capital budget request   | Snow Removal Haulster: Purchase of an additional haulster to maintain inventory necessary to remove snow from narrow streets of CD8.  |
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| 22/32 | NYCTA | Improve<br>accessibility of<br>transit<br>infrastructure, by<br>providing<br>elevators,<br>escalators, etc. | TRAFFIC&TRANS – MTA: Install elevator at W242 Street elevated #1 train terminal. [This item had been placed on the MTA 2020-2024 Capital Plan]   |  |
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| 25/32 | DOT   | Improve traffic<br>and pedestrian<br>safety, including<br>traffic calming                                   | Connect Goulden Ave with Dickinson Ave at intersection of Sedgwick Ave to create one safe intersection for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.  |  |
| 26/32 | DOT   | Other<br>transportation<br>infrastructure<br>requests   | Putnam Right-of-Way greenway: expedite purchase of land known as former Putnam Right-of-Way alongside Major Deegan Expwy from W230th St to Van Cortlandt Park South, from CSX Railroad to create a greenway [Bronx CB8 acknowledges that this project is fully funded] |  |

| 27/32 | DPR   | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | PARKS & RECREATION Renovation of Van<br>Cortlandt Park Stadium  |                            |
|-------|-------|--|---|----------------------------|
| 28/32 | SCA   | Renovate interior building component   | PS 81 Air Conditioning for Auditorium   |                            |
| 29/32 | DPR   | Improve access<br>to a building in a<br>park                                       | Improvements to Washington's Walk, including new benches, replacing temporary fence with a wrought-iron fence, and repair of adjacent sidewalk. |                            |
| 30/32 | DSNY  | Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment            | Purchase an additional Haulster for snow season mobility  |                            |
| 31/32 | NYCHA | Renovate or<br>upgrade public<br>housing<br>developments                           | Restroom Accommodations for elderly and disabled tenants (grab bar installation)  |                            |
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### **Expense Budget Requests**

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|----------|--------|---|--|----------|
| 1/29     | DFTA   | Other senior<br>center program<br>requests                                    | Senior Centers Funding: Increase dedicated funding to ensure qualified staff, access to mental health services, funding for licensed social worker, technology infrastructure internally, technology support externally, increase outreach to lessen isolation and potential abuse, provide food security, meet all service delivery requirements. |          |
| 2/29     | DPR    | Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement) | Gardeners and other personnel sufficient for proper maintenance in CB 8 parks, including lawns, landscaped areas, and Greenstreets.  |          |
| 3/29     | DSNY   | Provide more frequent litter basket collection                                | Litter Basket Pick Up and placement expansion especially in areas of illegal dumping and heavily trafficked commercial districts.  |          |
| 4/29     | BPL    | Extend library<br>hours or expand<br>and enhance<br>library programs          | Maintain 6-day service at branch libraries. Community and students count on being able to access libraries for their many innovative programs and they are safe places to go.  |          |
| 5/29     | HRA    | Other domestic violence services requests                                     | Domestic Violence Unit: Increase funding to combat domestic violence unit for staff and resources within NYPD 50th Precinct. Conduct community workshops to educate residents about warning signs of domestic violence, lists of shelters available to victims, how to obtain protective orders and counseling services.                           |          |
| 6/29     | DPR    | New equipment for maintenance   | Purchase of packer for Van Cortlandt and mini- packer for neighborhood parks to replace aging equipment and aid in maintaining clean parks   |          |
| 7/29     | DOT    | Other traffic improvement requests  | Install Accessory Pedestrian Signals (auditory/chirping signals) throughout CB8 near school crossings, senior centers and major intersections.   |          |
| 8/29     | DOB    | Expand code enforcement   | Fund program to train Building Inspectors on zoning resolution, particularly about our Special Natural Area District (SNAD).   |          |

| 9/29  | NYPD  | Other NYPD programs requests                                     | Increase funding for School Crossing Guards throughout CB8, especially needed at PS95 and Ampark Neighborhood School (located at intersection of Sedgwick Ave & Hillman Ave.).   |
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| 10/29 | DYCD  | Other expense budget request for DYCD                            | Conflict Resolution: In community centers and after school centers to teach and train youth to resolve conflicts on their own and provide certification that the youth can add to their resumes and apply to their future interactions.  |
| 11/29 | DSNY  | Other expense<br>budget request<br>for DSNY                      | Compost Project: Full support for personnel and equipment required for program training, outreach, and service delivery to residents of CD8.   |
| 12/29 | DOHMH | Other programs<br>to address public<br>health issues<br>requests | Protective Medical Supplies – Increase funding for protective medical supplies such as hand sanitizer, gloves and masks to combat a future outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) or another virus. To be distributed to the public, city agencies and essential staff to reduce viral spread.   |
| 13/29 | DPR   | Other park<br>maintenance and<br>safety requests                 | PEP personnel to alleviate chronic double-<br>parking on Broadway adjacent to Van<br>Cortlandt Park Parade Grounds, especially<br>bicycle-mounted officers, operating in<br>conjunction with NYPD, particularly on<br>weekends and times of high use, and to<br>enforce regulations in other CB8 parks.  |
| 14/29 | DOT   | Provide new<br>traffic or<br>pedestrian<br>signals               | Install countdown pedestrian traffic signals<br>throughout CB8   |
| 15/29 | DFTA  | Increase<br>transportation<br>services capacity                  | Senior Center Transportation: Dedicated permanent transportation service funding in Senior Center contracts. Walkability in many sections of our community is difficult: steep hills, step streets and long blocks. Regular bus service provides limited North-South routes and even fewer East-West routes. Additionally, transportation services can provide vital food access for older adults. |
| 16/29 | NYCTA | Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation               | Restore full Bx20 service: to level prior to 2011 service cuts   |

| DSNY | Provide or expand NYC organics collection program                         | Organic Recycling Pick-Up: Full support for personnel and equipment required to maintain regular pick-up of organic waste in CD8.  |
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| DPR  | New equipment for maintenance   | Purchase of New Crew-cab Pick-up Trucks with a lift-gate to replace aging vehicles in CB8 neighborhood parks.  |
| HPD  | Provide or<br>enhance rental<br>subsidies<br>programs                     | Affordable Housing Serving Older District Residents: To reduce homelessness and allow older residents with low/moderate income to continue to age in their familiar communities, increase funding for housing subsidies for current residents to avail themselves of neighborhood preferences in new and existing affordable senior housing buildings, to prevent evictions from current units, and provide support for other programs that allow seniors to age independently and in place. |
| DYCD | Other expense<br>budget request<br>for DYCD                               | YOUTH – DYCD: Mental Health Counseling: In after school programs and in community centers so that the youth have additional access to mental health services and can access it in a more private setting   |
| DEP  | Investigate air<br>quality<br>complaints at<br>specific location          | Air, asbestos and Noise Inspectors: Support and expand staffing and training to enforce new NYC laws.  |
| DFTA | Other expense<br>budget request<br>for DFTA                               | increase to funding in Dementia Care: Non- subsidized social adult day programs have closed, leaving only one non-profit social adult daycare (SADC) in Bronx CB8. Expand tuition assistance for non-profit programs to allow more eligible seniors to afford SADC and fund outreach programs to educate family caregivers on dementia, safety issues, and caregiver support opportunities.  |
| DPR  | Provide better park maintenance   | Purchase of ToolCat with plow and cutting attachments to aid in maintenance of CB8 parks.  |
| DOT  | Improve traffic<br>and pedestrian<br>safety, including<br>traffic calming | DOT: Safe Crossings: Increase funding to inspect and maintain pavement at crosswalks throughout the district to mitigate falls that often lead to health decline and death; refresh cross-walk lines striping to increase driver and pedestrian visibility; lengthen pedestrian walk signals and add audible crossing signals near large senior populations and shopping areas.  |
|      | DPR HPD  DYCD  DEP  DFTA  | expand NYC organics collection program  DPR New equipment for maintenance  HPD Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs  DYCD Other expense budget request for DYCD  DEP Investigate air quality complaints at specific location  DFTA Other expense budget request for DFTA  DPR Provide better park maintenance  DOT Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including  |

| 25/29 | DSNY | Other cleaning requests   | Funding for adequate personnel to staff MLP operations to expedite cleaning in hard to access areas of CD8   |
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| 26/29 | DSNY | Improve snow removal  | Snow Removal: Restoration of funding for snow removal to FY 2020 level.  |
| 27/29 | DEP  | Other expense budget request for DEP  | Jerome Park Reservoir Personnel: Full deployment of DEP staff to protect and properly maintain DEP property in and around JPR and to supervise public access to CD8 residents.                               |
| 28/29 | DSNY | Other expense<br>budget request<br>for DSNY   | E&S – DSNY: Community Relations: Addition of personnel, both borough and citywide, to properly engage Community Boards and community organizations with DSNY programs and policies.                          |
| 29/29 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5) | Transportation for Special Needs students to After School Programs: To provide transportation from district 75 schools to local after school programs for equity and socialization of special needs students |