

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

Fiscal Year  
2025

**Bronx  
Community District**

**8**

November 2023



## 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) 2025. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2023.

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 FY24 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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## **2. 2020 CENSUS DATA**

The following two pages contain data from the most recent 2020 Decennial Census, which includes basic demographic and housing characteristics for New York City, the borough, and this community district. The data also includes a view of change over time since 2010.

## New York City

|  | 2010      |         | 2020      |         | Change, 2010-2020 |         |                  |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
|  | Number    | Percent | Number    | Percent | Number            | Percent | Percentage Point |
| <b>AGE</b>                                       |           |         |           |         |                   |         |                  |
| Total population                                 | 8,175,133 | 100.00  | 8,804,190 | 100.00  | 629,057           | 7.7     | 0.0              |
| Total persons under 18 years                     | 1,768,111 | 21.6    | 1,740,142 | 19.8    | -27,969           | -1.6    | -1.8             |
| <b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b> |           |         |           |         |                   |         |                  |
| Total population                                 | 8,175,133 | 100.0   | 8,804,190 | 100.0   | 629,057           | 7.7     | 0.0              |
| Hispanic/Latino (of any race)                    | 2,336,076 | 28.6    | 2,490,350 | 28.3    | 154,274           | 6.6     | -0.3             |
| White non-Hispanic                               | 2,722,904 | 33.3    | 2,719,856 | 30.9    | -3,048            | -0.1    | -2.4             |
| Black non-Hispanic                               | 1,861,295 | 22.8    | 1,776,891 | 20.2    | -84,404           | -4.5    | -2.6             |
| Asian non-Hispanic                               | 1,028,119 | 12.6    | 1,373,502 | 15.6    | 345,383           | 33.6    | 3.0              |
| Some other race, non-Hispanic                    | 78,063    | 1.0     | 143,632   | 1.6     | 65,569            | 84.0    | 0.6              |
| Non-Hispanic of two or more races                | 148,676   | 1.8     | 299,959   | 3.4     | 151,283           | 101.8   | 1.6              |
| <b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>                         |           |         |           |         |                   |         |                  |
| Total housing units                              | 3,371,062 | 100.0   | 3,618,635 | 100.0   | 247,573           | 7.3     | 0.0              |
| Occupied housing units                           | 3,109,784 | 92.2    | 3,370,448 | 93.1    | 260,664           | 8.4     | 0.9              |
| Vacant housing units                             | 261,278   | 7.8     | 248,187   | 6.9     | -13,091           | -5.0    | -0.9             |

## The Bronx

|  | 2010      |         | 2020      |         | Change, 2010-2020 |         |                  |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
|  | Number    | Percent | Number    | Percent | Number            | Percent | Percentage Point |
| <b>AGE</b>                                       |           |         |           |         |                   |         |                  |
| Total population                                 | 1,385,108 | 100.00  | 1,472,654 | 100.00  | 87,546            | 6.3     | 0.0              |
| Total persons under 18 years                     | 368,196   | 26.6    | 349,579   | 23.7    | -18,617           | -5.1    | -2.9             |
| <b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b> |           |         |           |         |                   |         |                  |
| Total population                                 | 1,385,108 | 100.0   | 1,472,654 | 100.0   | 87,546            | 6.3     | 0.0              |
| Hispanic/Latino (of any race)                    | 741,413   | 53.5    | 806,463   | 54.8    | 65,050            | 8.8     | 1.3              |
| White non-Hispanic                               | 151,209   | 10.9    | 130,796   | 8.9     | -20,413           | -13.5   | -2.0             |
| Black non-Hispanic                               | 416,695   | 30.1    | 419,393   | 28.5    | 2,698             | 0.6     | -1.6             |
| Asian non-Hispanic                               | 47,335    | 3.4     | 67,766    | 4.6     | 20,431            | 43.2    | 1.2              |
| Some other race, non-Hispanic                    | 12,494    | 0.9     | 19,866    | 1.3     | 7,372             | 59.0    | 0.4              |
| Non-Hispanic of two or more races                | 15,962    | 1.2     | 28,370    | 1.9     | 12,408            | 77.7    | 0.7              |
| <b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>                         |           |         |           |         |                   |         |                  |
| Total housing units                              | 511,896   | 100.0   | 547,030   | 100.0   | 35,134            | 6.9     | 0.0              |
| Occupied housing units                           | 483,449   | 94.4    | 522,450   | 95.5    | 39,001            | 8.1     | 1.1              |
| Vacant housing units                             | 28,447    | 5.6     | 24,580    | 4.5     | -3,867            | -13.6   | -1.1             |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files  
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

**Bronx Community District 8**

|  | 2010    |         | 2020    |         | Change, 2010-2020 |         |                  |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
|  | Number  | Percent | Number  | Percent | Number            | Percent | Percentage Point |
| <b>AGE</b>                                       |         |         |         |         |                   |         |                  |
| Total population                                 | 101,731 | 100.00  | 106,924 | 100.00  | 5,193             | 5.1     | 0.0              |
| Total persons under 18 years                     | 20,522  | 20.2    | 20,729  | 19.4    | 207               | 1.0     | -0.8             |
| <b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b> |         |         |         |         |                   |         |                  |
| Total population                                 | 101,731 | 100.0   | 106,924 | 100.0   | 5,193             | 5.1     | 0.0              |
| Hispanic/Latino (of any race)                    | 44,156  | 43.4    | 52,317  | 48.9    | 8,161             | 18.5    | 5.5              |
| White non-Hispanic                               | 39,190  | 38.5    | 34,097  | 31.9    | -5,093            | -13.0   | -6.6             |
| Black non-Hispanic                               | 11,434  | 11.2    | 11,247  | 10.5    | -187              | -1.6    | -0.7             |
| Asian non-Hispanic                               | 5,022   | 4.9     | 5,329   | 5.0     | 307               | 6.1     | 0.1              |
| Some other race, non-Hispanic                    | 564     | 0.6     | 1,279   | 1.2     | 715               | 126.8   | 0.6              |
| Non-Hispanic of two or more races                | 1,365   | 1.3     | 2,655   | 2.5     | 1,290             | 94.5    | 1.2              |
| <b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>                         |         |         |         |         |                   |         |                  |
| Total housing units                              | 44,164  | 100.0   | 45,144  | 100.0   | 980               | 2.2     | 0.0              |
| Occupied housing units                           | 41,335  | 93.6    | 42,569  | 94.3    | 1,234             | 3.0     | 0.7              |
| Vacant housing units                             | 2,829   | 6.4     | 2,575   | 5.7     | -254              | -9.0    | -0.7             |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files  
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

**Statement on Data Accuracy**

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau is legally bound to protect the privacy of individuals participating in the decennial census. To adhere to the law and to avoid the disclosure of information about individual respondents, the Census Bureau has historically applied a host of techniques, such as top- and bottom-coding, imputation, table- and cell-suppression, and data swapping. The Census Bureau is employing a new technique with the 2020 Census, referred to as the Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS), based on differential privacy. With this approach, the Census Bureau “infuses noise” systematically across census data and sets a quantified disclosure risk, referred to as the Privacy Loss Budget (PLB).

While the new DAS approach may diminish the risk of disclosure concerns, it comes at a cost to data accuracy. Consequently, 2020 Census data users should be aware that all sub-state counts, except for housing units (which are unaffected by the DAS), may be adjusted to protect the privacy of Census participants and may be subject to reduced accuracy. Because DAS noise infusion is randomized, it is impossible for data users to know the degree to which any individual statistic is altered. However, it is possible to say that in general the relative size of errors decreases as counts increase. Consequently, data users should have greater confidence in the accuracy of the data as counts get larger. Further, an evaluation of a Privacy-Protected Microdata File (PPMF), treated with a Disclosure Avoidance System like the one applied to 2020 redistricting data, showed that counts of 300 or more rarely have sizable errors (error beyond +/- 10% of the count). Therefore, while data users need to be cognizant of data accuracy limitations, they should have confidence in conclusions based on sizable counts, which are relatively unaffected by the Census Bureau’s latest disclosure avoidance method.



### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Bronx Community Board 8 is located the 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 the district is bordered by the Harlem River, West 225th Street and Kingsbridge Road. Totaling 3.3 square miles, Community District 8 covers the neighborhoods of Spuyten Duyvil, Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Fieldston, Riverdale, Marble Hill and Van Cortlandt Village. Bronx Community Board 8 has an estimated 106,924 population, which is a growth of over 5,000 residents over the past ten years. Over 20,000 of our residents are younger than eighteen years old. Almost twenty percent of our residents are 65 and older. Over 48% of our residents identify as Hispanic/ Latino, 31% Caucasian, 10% Black and 5% Asian. Education, youth, and aging issues are very important to our Community Board. 16% of our residents have incomes below the NYC poverty threshold. As a result, we have an increased need for social services, especially for our aging residents and young people. Marble Hill is unique in that it is considered a part of the Borough of Manhattan, but municipal services are provided by the Bronx. However, Marble Hill data is not included in our city planning profile. There are over 45,000 total housing units in our District. Community Board 8 has two New York City Housing Authority Developments: Marble Hill & Fort Independence Houses. Our District has various types of housing including cooperative apartments, condominium units, one family houses, 2-4 family houses and multi-family apartment buildings. 45% of our residents consider themselves rent burdened. Since our Board is surrounded by the Harlem River, Spuyten Duyvil Creek and the Hudson River the need for storm resiliency measures that will protect our communities is imperative. Some neighborhoods were severely affected by the recent hurricanes and tropical storms. Our aging infrastructure cannot handle extreme weather, causing flooding and raw sewage backups. We consider this an environmental justice issue.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Bronx Community Board 8

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Affordable housing**

Bronx Community Board 8 needs affordable housing for families and seniors. Forty five percent of our residents are rent burdened, meaning they spend more than one third of their salary on rent. New York City's Area Median Income (AMI) is determined by the Federal Government and includes Westchester County & Long Island which affects what is considered affordable in the five boroughs. We advocate for affordable housing for our older adult population so that our residents can age in place. We support increased funding for housing subsidies for current residents to avail themselves of neighborhood preferences in new and existing affordable housing developments. Bronx Community Board 8 recognizes the need for additional affordable housing for families in the district as well. Bronx Community Board 8 is home to two New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) developments: Fort Independence Houses, which is home to 482 residents and Marble Hill Houses, which is home to 3,222 residents. Both developments are in dire need of capital repairs. Residents face regular and long-term heat and hot water disruptions due to aging boilers. For years, Bronx Community Board 8's number one budget priority has been the repairs and replacement for the boilers at both Marble Hill & Fort Independence. Both developments require comprehensive roof repairs. The walkways and sidewalks at Marble Hill Houses are hazardous and need restoration. 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. NYCHA needs sufficient personnel to adequately monitor cameras at the Marble Hill Houses. There are security concerns as main doors to buildings do not have proper entry security such as working locks and buzzers.

#### **Parks and open space**

Bronx Community Board 8 has 68 parks and open greenspaces. Our District also has the most step streets in New York City. Our residents deeply value and heavily use our parks and playgrounds. There is a lack of maintenance and increased need for Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officers to enforce park rules remain a serious concern for both park users and neighbors who live near parks. The heavily used twenty six step streets require regular maintenance to ensure safety for pedestrians. One of our top expense budget priorities for Bronx Community Board 8 is additional Parks Enforcement Officers to monitor our parks. Our community desperately needs PEP officers to properly enforce the rules and regulations of city parks, enforce no use of motorized bikes, scooters, etc. on the recently paved Putnam Greenway, increased illegal BBQ's and parties. In addition to enforcement our local parks require parks equipment such as a new garbage truck, crew cab pickup, Deere tractor with cutting unit, mini packer and gator for Van Cortlandt Park. The garbage truck and mini packer for Van Cortlandt Park will help deal with the increased trash in our parks. Other equipment is needed for maintaining parks and transporting staff and equipment. We request additional lighting along the Jerome Park Reservoir for pedestrian safety and to help deter illegal dumping. Bronx Community Board 8 advocates for the redesign and reconstruction of Bailey Playground. For years, we have advocated for the daylighting of Tibbetts Brook; we are asking for continuous maintenance and operation funds to preserve the daylighting project in Van Cortlandt Park and along the Putnam Greenway. We continue to advocate for additional funding to reconstruct and update Old Fort Four Park and Washington's Walk. One of our most valuable community institutions, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center (KHCC), may possibly face imminent closure, displacing its programs, which serve 1500 residents weekly by providing essential services to expectant mothers, infants, children, youth, and families. KHCC is located in a landmarked building at 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace. The building is severely compromised by deteriorated mortar and damaged flashing, which is causing leaks that are damaging walls and ceilings. Prior to the pandemic, funding was in place to address these conditions through a combination of City funding and non-City funding. The damage has recently worsened and there is now an unfunded gap of \$1.5 million. The building is owned by the Department of Parks & Recreation but they do have a capital projects budget. If the additional funding cannot be quickly secured, the building may be forced to close, displacing staff and the many residents who use the building for its programs.

**Senior services**

One in five of our residents is over the age of 65. Community Board 8 is committed to the safety and improvement of quality of life for our older residents. We support increased funding for older adult centers run by the Department of the Aging. Increased funding would ensure qualified staff, access to mental health services, funding for social workers, technology upgrades and provide food security for our older population. The need for mental health services has increased significantly since the pandemic began. Food security has become an increased concern in our communities. There is a need for congregate food programs, additional pantries and meal deliveries for those who are homebound. Safer crossings, accessory pedestrian signals (visual & auditory), increased bus and Access-a-Ride services are critical district-wide needs. Community Board 8 supports an increase in crossing guards in our district as well as increased traffic enforcement to ensure pedestrian safety. Since the pandemic began, CB8 has witnessed a growing digital divide amongst older residents. Our Community Board supports funding for internet access for older residents as well as technology upgrades to older adult centers, and personal devices for older adults.

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# 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

##### **Services for domestic violence victims**

Domestic Violence is one of the leading crimes within the confines of the 50th Precinct. Between 2020 and 2021, the Bronx had the most chronic Domestic Violence Complaints, almost twice as much as any other borough. In order to protect our vulnerable residents, CB8 urges the city to increase funding of the domestic violence unit within NYPD 50th Precinct. The 50th Precinct is home to Safe Horizons, an organization that offers support and aims to decrease domestic violence. We support an increase of community workshops to educate residents about warning signs of domestic violence, lists of shelters available to victims and to likely incoming migrants, how to obtain protective orders, and counseling services available to residents. Bronx Community Board 8 recognizes the need for affordable housing options for domestic violence victims in the district.

#### Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

CB8 advocates for increased agency outreach for those affected by COVID-19, family crisis counseling, and other mental health problems, including service staff for suicide prevention hot-lines and other mental health professionals. CB8 supports additional funding for Coronavirus home test kits to help decrease infection rates within CB8 to assist decreasing clinic and hospital visits.

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

One of five of CB8 residents are 65 and older. Community Board 8 is committed to the safety and improvement of quality of life for all of our our aging residents. We are committed to the increase mental health services and innovative programs at our senior centers. The need for mental health services has increased significantly during the pandemic. Pedestrian safety for seniors includes safer crossings and ccessory pedestrian signals (visual & auditory). Increased bus and Access-a-Ride services are critical district-wide needs.

##### **Needs for Homeless**

An increase in outreach services is needed to connect with homeless New Yorkers and provide them with the resources that they not only need, but are entitled to. We support an increase in prevention services, outreach services and permanency assistance for homeless residents.

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

No comments

## 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 |
|----------|--------|--|---|----------|
| 1/40     | DFTA   | <b>Other senior center program requests</b>  | <i>Older Adult Centers Funding: Increase multicultural / multilingual outreach and programming, ensure access to mental health services, meet technology needs, and meet increased costs for all service delivery requirements.</i>   |          |
| 4/40     | HRA    | <b>Provide social services for domestic violence survivors (legal services, counseling, referral to supportive services, etc.)</b> | <i>Provide funding for counseling services staff for those affected by CoVID-19, domestic violence, and other mental health problems, including suicide prevention hotlines and other mental health professionals.</i>  |          |
| 14/40    | DFTA   | <b>Provide additional senior center staffing</b>   | <i>Older Adult Center Transportation: Enable Centers to operate their own bus/van transportation for participation in their nutrition, health and social programs, day trips, etc. Walkability in many sections of our community is difficult having steep hills, step streets and long blocks.</i>   |          |
| 15/40    | DFTA   | <b>Other senior center program requests</b>  | <i>Food Programs: Food insecurity has become increased within our community. There is increased need for congregate food programs, additional food pantries, plus meals for individuals who are temporarily homebound.</i>  |          |
| 31/40    | HHC    | <b>Other expense budget request for HHC</b>  | <i>Mayors Office for Community Affairs - City Wide Health Advisory Board: Provide funding for a citywide advisory board to be comprised of residents and community health professionals. The board shall task with providing advice to NYS Department of Health and DOHMH how to combat a future communicable virus outbreak and also provide a needs and assessment report concerning the needs of the community that is experiencing an outbreak.</i> |          |

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DOHMH

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

*Provide increased funding for protective medical supplies such as hand sanitizers, gloves and masks and Coronavirus home test kits to combat a future communicable virus outbreak . These supplies would be distributed to the public to reduce the spread of another outbreak and to help decrease the infection rate within CB8 and to assist the decrease of clinic & hospital visits.*

## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

### Bronx Community Board 8

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#### Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

##### **Schools and educational facilities (Maintenance)**

Twenty percent of Bronx Community Board 8 residents are younger than 18 years old. Bronx Community Board 8 strongly supports the maintenance of our schools. There are twenty public schools and numerous private and charter schools in our district. School safety & access to a good education is paramount to our Community Board and residents. Bronx Community Board 8 advocates for the renovation of the PS 24 Auditorium which is currently in disrepair. We support funding for safety cameras at HS 368 to ensure safety for students and teachers. Equipment was purchased but there was no funding for outdoor cameras to complete the security system. This school also requires an upgrade at the school library. For several years the Board has requested funding for career & technical education at Marie Curie HS for Nursing and Professions which was approved by the School Construction Authority but never funded. Proper maintenance of school infrastructure would help with the expansion of after school programs and extra curricular activities for students. The pandemic uncovered a digital divide among our communities, especially for students, especially students living in shelters. Our world was forced to become virtually connected overnight, whether it was our schools, doctors and programs, but many did not and still do not have reliable broadband access. Bronx Community Board 8 advocates for internet access for students. In addition to these requests, Bronx Community Board 8 supports funding for additional school safety officers at the John F. Kennedy HS campus as well as school crossing guards throughout the district.

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#### 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. Many of our schools have unsatisfactory libraries, technology and physical education spaces.

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

CB8 recognizes inequity in technology access, lack of mental health counseling for young people and the space they need to learn successfully. CB8 advocates for the expansion of SYEP for 14 & 15 year olds as well as expanding College Access for All for all our middle school students. Our CB urges for the increase of school crossing guards, particularly at P.S.95, to ensure the safety of our children. CB8 requests additional domestic violence services for families in our district.

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

| Priority | Agency | Request                                     | Explanation  | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--|----------|
| 4/27     | SCA    | <b>Renovate interior building component</b> | <i>P.S. 24 Auditorium Renovation: Current conditions include broken seats, no audio/visual equipment, obsolete stage and defective lighting.</i> |          |
| 10/27    | DOE    | <b>Other capital budget request for DOE</b> | <i>Reinstate Arts in Public Schools: Educate the whole child with art, music, theater and dance. [This was cut out of last year's budget.]</i>   |          |
| 18/27    | DOE    | <b>Other capital budget request for DOE</b> | <i>Bronx High School of Law &amp; Finance: Provide Chrome Books for 300 students to use them at home.</i>  |          |

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

| Priority | Agency | Request   | Explanation  | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--|----------|
| 6/40     | DOE    | <b>Other educational programs requests</b>        | <i>Tutors are needed in lower grades, especially in 4th grade for students that fell behind during the pandemic and remote learning.</i> |          |
| 8/40     | DYCD   | <b>Other youth workforce development requests</b> | <i>Sustain/expand Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP): for FY2025</i>   |          |
| 16/40    | DYCD   | <b>Other youth workforce development requests</b> | <i>– Jobs Program for Young Adults: Expand both current and new jobs programs for young adults.</i>                                      |          |



## **PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### **Bronx Community Board 8**

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#### Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **General crime**

Like other communities in New York City, our district has seen an uptick in crime, lack of enforcement and an increase in quality of life complaints. The Community Board strongly advocates for additional NYPD support for the 50th Precinct and an increase of Argus cameras throughout our community and our subway stations to help deter crime and assist the NYPD in investigations. Lack of traffic enforcement, a decrease in Police Officers and an increase in crime have lead to more quality of life complaints. Our residents complain about illegal parties, loud music, illegal Cannabis Shops, scooters and ATV's on sidewalks and in parks, etc. In addition to these requests, Bronx Community Board 8 supports funding for additional school safety officers at the John F. Kennedy HS campus as well as school crossing guards throughout the district, especially at PS 95 and PS 344 .

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#### 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. Quality of life is a major concern to residents of CB8. Our district has seen an increase of car theft, illegal bbq'ing and late night parties in our parks, drag racing on our streets and noise complaints throughout the district. Noise complaints are the number one 311 complaint in CB8 and throughout NYC. We work closely with our local precinct regarding these concerns, but we advocate for a better response to these quality of life complaints. Unfortunately, CB8 has seen its fair share of hate crimes, which require police presence and support, especially at local religious institutions.

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

We saw the need for emergency services during the pandemic and CB8 continues to advocate for additional funding in emergency services so that we can improve the response time in our district. CB8 would like to see funding restored to maintain FDNY Paramedic Unit in CB8 (to replace canceled 27 Victor Unit).

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## Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

| Priority | Agency | Request   | Explanation  | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--|----------|
| 5/27     | NYPD   | <b>Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras</b>         | <i>Provide Argus Security Cameras: Capture video footage in high definition (up to two blocks from camera). Useful for catalytic converter theft and robbery; Safety measure for local businesses at the following locations: • Mosholu Avenue &amp; Tyndall Avenue • West 230th Street &amp; Kingsbridge Avenue • West 238th Street &amp; Bailey Avenue • West 231st Street &amp; Bailey Avenue • Broadway &amp; West 231st Street • West 235th St. Pedestrian Overpass on Henry Hudson Parkway • Bailey Avenue at Van Cortlandt Park South • Sedgwick Avenue &amp; Gouverneur Avenue (Reservoir Side) • East 233rd Street &amp; Jerome Avenue • West 195th Street &amp; Reservoir Avenue</i> |          |
| 9/27     | NYPD   | <b>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</b> | <i>Funding for 3 Pole Cameras (3): Positioned on street poles, used primarily for facial recognition (closer to street level than Argus). • two at courtyard of Marble Hill Houses (capturing front of 5360 Broadway) • one at 5480 Broadway</i>   |          |

## Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

| Priority | Agency | Request   | Explanation   | Location   |
|----------|--------|---|---|--|
| 5/40     | NYPD   | <b>Increase resources for domestic violence prevention programs</b> | <i>Domestic Violence Unit: Increase funding for domestic violence unit within NYPD 50th Precinct, including 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 available. to residents</i> |  |
| 10/40    | NYPD   | <b>Other NYPD programs requests</b>                                 | <i>Increase funding for School Crossing Guards throughout CB8, especially needed at PS95 and Ampark Neighborhood School (located at intersection of Sedgwick Ave &amp; Hillman Ave.).</i>   | Sedgwick Ave<br>Van Cortlandt Park West<br>Van Cortlandt Park West |

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| 12/40 | NYPD | <b>Hire additional school safety agents</b>              | <i>Sufficient Coverage of Safety Officers for All Schools: Especially middle and high schools, since violence in schools is on the upswing.</i>  |
| 13/40 | NYPD | <b>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</b>      | <i>Quality of Life Enforcement: • Sound Meters (2): Measures noise decibel levels. Useful for measuring potentially unlawful sound levels of loud music and abrasive noises that disturb the peace. • Tint Meters (2): Measures tint levels on car windows. Certain tint levels violate state law and are sometimes used to conceal criminal activity within vehicles.</i> |
| 19/40 | NYPD | <b>Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles</b> | <i>Request 5 more Patrol Cars: Many patrol cars are routinely out of service and awaiting repairs, due mainly to mechanical “wear and tear” issues. There are not enough police vehicles in Precinct to accommodate Officers requiring them.</i>   |

# CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

## Bronx Community Board 8

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

#### **Environmental concerns affecting citizens**

The Environmental Justice (EJ) areas of Bronx Community District 8 are the focus of needs shared by the entire district. These areas, which include Kingsbridge Heights, Kingsbridge, Marble Hill, and the border of North Riverdale with Yonkers, are delineated by the two-criterion adopted by the Mayor's Office of Climate Policy: they are majority non-white; and 23.59 % of the households are at or above the poverty rate. Bronx Community District's Core Infrastructure, City Services, and Resiliency Needs are magnified in these Environmental Justice areas. Throughout the district, construction is having a negative impact on quality of life, measured by noise, commercial dumping, and asbestos related complaints. EJ areas have documented need for relief from construction related air and noise pollution, and illegal dumping. Construction complaints demand pro-active enforcement instead of a complaint driven system. Kingsbridge, Marble Hill EJ neighborhoods suffer from air pollution created by the Major Deegan expressway, and illegal dumping along the highway and Metro North corridor. They also suffer from flooding caused by Combined Sewer Overflow along the Broadway sewer line. Bronx Community Board 8 is known for its green parkland and its absence of right-of-way green infrastructure to address flooding where it occurs in Kingsbridge and 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 such as Broadway. CB8 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 230th 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**

CB8 is supported by a great DSNY district staff and have one of the cleanest districts in NYC. Illegal dumping remains a problem and we work with DSNY Enforcement. The Jerome Park Reservoir and park and playgrounds along Bailey Avenue have become a commercial dumping ground with no agency accountable for cleanup. CB8 recognizes the need for additional services in busy areas such as W 242nd Street, W 231st Street and W 225th St. CB8 has the most step streets in NYC and advocates for additional sanitation services at the 26 step streets. These areas have intense enforcement needs from district and borough-based DSNY teams.

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

| Priority | Agency | Request  | Explanation  | Location |
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| 13/27    | DEP    | <b>Other capital budget request for DEP</b>  | <i>Spuyten Duyvil Waterfront- : Spuyten Duyvil Creek Combined Sewer Outflow (CSO) - Mitigate CSO outfalls into Spuyten Duyvil Creek adjacent to Spuyten Duyvil and Marble Hill MNRR stations with a living shoreline and green infrastructure along DEP easements.</i> |          |
| 23/27    | DSNY   | <b>Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure</b> | <i>215th Street Garage Rehabilitation - Rehabilitate and update DSNY garage on 215th and Broadway used for vehicles servicing CD8</i>  |          |
| CS       | DSNY   | <b>Other capital budget request for DSNY</b>   | <i>215th Street Garage Rehabilitation - Rehabilitate and update DSNY garage on 215th and Broadway used for vehicles servicing CD8</i>  |          |

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

| Priority | Agency | Request  | Explanation  | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|----------|
| 7/40     | DEP    | <b>Evaluate a street segment or intersection for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, and plan for construction if feasible</b> | <i>Storm Water Management – to reduce chronic flooding: • Feasibility Study: Analyze district-wide resilience and storm water management plan using green infrastructure along Major Deegan Expressway corridor, with focus on: Van Cortlandt Village, Kingsbridge Heights roadway, Bailey Avenue and Broadway corridors and Kingsbridge floodplains. • Bailey and Broadway Corridor GI - Install right-of-way green infrastructure along Bailey Avenue and Broadway corridors to alleviate flooding and ponding in Kingsbridge and Marble Hill.</i> |          |
| 17/40    | DSNY   | <b>Provide or expand community composting programs</b>   | <i>Compost Project Expansion - Expand funding for NYC Compost Project and community composting to beyond pre-CoVID levels to enable compost education, community-based composting sites, and organic waste drop-off sites, including expanding smart compost bins throughout Bronx CD 8</i>  |          |

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| 20/40 | DEP  | <b>Other expense budget request for DEP</b>                              | <i>- Jerome Park Reservoir Public Access - Develop and implement an updated plan with community stakeholders to expand regular, on-going public access to the Jerome Park Reservoir. Increase funding for maintenance contracts for Jerome Park Reservoir to pick up litter within DEP property, specifically with concerns to illegal dumping and littering.</i>  |
| 22/40 | DSNY | <b>Other expense budget request for DSNY</b>                             | <i>– District Clean Streets: • Residential Litter Patrol - Increased funding for Manual Litter Patrol, particularly in the environmental justice-designated areas of Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Marble Hill in Bronx CD8. • Commercial District Street Cleaning - Full restoration of all street cleaning and pickup services required for clean streets in commercial districts of Marble Hill, Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Spuyten Duyvil, and Central and North Riverdale.</i> |
| 27/40 | DSNY | <b>Increase vacant lot cleaning</b>                                      | <i>Increase funding for removal of litter on vacant lots and around building sites in CD8.</i>   |
| 28/40 | DEP  | <b>Other expense budget request for DEP</b>                              | <i>Tibbetts Brook Waterway Infrastructure Maintenance - Fund continual maintenance for operation, efficiency, and good housekeeping of Daylighting Project in Van Cortlandt Park and along Putnam South Greenway.</i>  |
| 29/40 | DEP  | <b>Other expense budget request for DEP</b>                              | <i>Maintain funding for catch basin inspection, cleaning, and maintenance in flood prone areas along Broadway and Bailey Avenue and on roadways in Kingsbridge Heights and Van Cortlandt Village</i>   |
| 30/40 | DEP  | <b>Other expense budget request for DEP</b>                              | <i>Croton Filtration Plant Cells – Provide a maintenance program for cells managing excess groundwater due to operation of Croton Filtration Plant</i>   |
| 37/40 | DSNY | <b>Provide or expand NYC organics collection program</b>                 | <i>Universal Curbside Organics Pick-up - Implement throughout Bronx CD 8</i>   |
| 38/40 | DSNY | <b>Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal</b> | <i>Restore e-cycling program to include community drop-off for buildings with less than 10 units in Bronx District 8</i>   |

# 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**

Because this category is so broad, it is difficult to choose one important issue dealing with housing, economic development, and land use. For several years the board has seen a major uptick in development throughout the district. We note that due to lack of contextual zoning, many one- and two-family homes are sold, razed and built into seven story apartment buildings. Bronx Community Board 8 urges developers to maintain the character of the neighborhood and supports neighborhood preservation as well as scale zoning. Large scale developments affect our municipal services and put a strain on our infrastructure, emergency response time, school enrollment, parking and traffic congestion. This is evident all over the district. Too often developers demolish and build without proper permits. Bronx Community Board 8 is home to a Special Natural Area District and many times Building Inspectors are unfamiliar with the rules and regulations. We advocate for additional funds for increasing the number of building inspectors and training for building inspectors. We support an increase in funding for NYCHA maintenance for our two housing developments, including funding for security such as outdoor cameras and new entry door locks. Bronx Community Board 8 is comprised of predominantly small businesses. We support an increase in funding to Small Business Services (SBS) to provide more service oriented support for small businesses.

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

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

CB8 advocates for smart development and contextual zoning when developing in the district. We support neighborhood preservation and working with the Land Use Community on development projects.

#### **Needs for 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.

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

Our business community is extremely important to CB8 and we work with local organizations to remove bureaucratic red tape, link businesses with city resources and support local endeavors. Many Mom and Pop stores and restaurants have suffered severely due to the pandemic. We advocate for making 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

| Priority | Agency | Request  | Explanation  | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|----------|
| 2/27     | NYCHA  | <b>Renovate or upgrade public housing developments</b> | <i>Housing- NYCHA – Infrastructure Upgrades: • Boiler repairs and replacement for the Marble Hill and Fort Independence Houses. • Comprehensive roof repairs at Marble Hill and Fort Independence Houses</i> |          |
| 7/27     | NYCHA  | <b>Other capital budget request for NYCHA</b>          | <i>Repair of all walkways and sidewalks to mitigate tripping hazards in and around Marble Hill Houses, noting senior population.</i>   |          |
| 20/27    | EDC    | <b>Other capital budget request for EDC</b>            | <i>SBS/EDC/DoITT – Small Business Rewards Mobile App/ Digital Currency: Development of mobile app rewards program for small businesses to reward and redeem points (“Bronx Bucks”)</i>                       |          |

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

| Priority | Agency | Request  | Explanation   | Location |
|----------|--------|--|---|----------|
| 9/40     | NYCHA  | <b>Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades</b>            | <i>NYCHA Consistent Camera Monitoring: All building and roof landing cameras at the Marble Hill Houses</i>  |          |
| 11/40    | SBS    | <b>Provide or expand business recovery assistance after an emergency</b> | <i>– SBS – Emergency Response Unit: Increase funding for SBS emergency response services for CB 8 small businesses.</i>   |          |
| 18/40    | HPD    | <b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>                        | <i>– Housing Assistance for Older District Residents: • Increase funding to prevent evictions, • provide support for programs that enable vulnerable older adults to age independently and in place, and for housing subsidies/vouchers • facilitate current district residents to avail of neighborhood preferences in new and existing affordable senior housing.</i> |          |
| 25/40    | SBS    | <b>Provide commercial lease support for business owners</b>              | <i>Increase funding for SBS’s Commercial Lease Assistance Program (CLAP)</i>  |          |



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| 34/40 | NYCHA | <b>Other expense budget request for NYCHA</b>  | <i>NYCHA: Rehabilitation and Re-opening of Building #9 Laundry Room: at Marble Hill Houses.</i>   |
| 35/40 | HPD   | <b>Provide, expand, or enhance programs for housing inspections to correct code violations</b> | <i>Increase HPD Inspectors</i>  |
| 39/40 | NYCHA | <b>Other expense budget request for NYCHA</b>  | <i>Security gate at building #11 at the Marble Hill Houses. Councilmember Rodriguez previously funded this project item, project #9910 for \$100,000.</i> |

## Bronx Community Board 8

### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility.

#### **Traffic safety and enforcement (cars, scooters, ebikes, etc.)**

Bronx Community Board 8 advocates for increased traffic safety and enforcement throughout the district year after year. Community Board 8 receives many complaints about loud vehicles, speeding vehicles, scooters and e-bikes on sidewalks and in parks, particularly Van Cortlandt Park. We are in constant communication with the 50th Precinct regarding traffic enforcement. Bronx Community Board 8 has many dangerous intersections that require traffic safety and enforcement. One of our top capital priorities is the reconstruction of the Van Cortlandt Park Bailey Ave Pedestrian Plaza to help create a safer entrance to Van Cortlandt Park and the area in general. We strongly support reconstruction of our step streets. We advocate for safer pedestrian signals near our schools and senior centers. Community Board 8 requests funding for a Major Deegan Expressway Storm water management study which will have an impact on Van Cortlandt Village and Kingsbridge Heights. We also advocate for the study of safe pedestrian bicycle connections along the Putnam Greenway from Bailey Ave to the Broadway Bridge. We support an increase in funding for school crossing guards especially at PS 95 and PS 344. We support increased lighting along the Jerome Park Reservoir to help promote pedestrian safety.

### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility.

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

CB8 recognizes the importance of maintaining safe streets and sidewalks throughout our community for both traffic and pedestrian safety. CB8 supports the reconstruction of the Van Cortlandt Park Bailey Pedestrian Plaza integrating green infrastructure to capture storm water while making it a safe pedestrian plaza. We advocate for the reconstruction and regularly scheduled maintenance of our step streets. BXC8 has 26 step streets, the most of any district in NYC, some of which desperately need to be maintained and reconstructed. CB8 requests additional safety enhancements such as auditory pedestrian signals. We advocate for funding to resurface West Kingsbridge Road.

#### **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 for many years. Our board advocates for increased service for Access-a-Ride for older adults with disabilities within CB8 because of its particularly hilly topography. In addition to an increase in transit services, CB8 requested security cameras at subway stations and happy to hear this has been funded.

## Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

| Priority | Agency | Request  | Explanation   | Location |
|----------|--------|--|---|----------|
| 3/27     | DOT    | <b>Repair or build new step streets</b>                            | <i>Reconstruct the step street: Van Cortlandt Park South Step Street: Reconstruct the step street from Van Cortlandt Park South to Gale Place.</i>  |          |
| 8/27     | DOT    | <b>Reconstruct streets</b>   | <i>Rehabilitate step streets • W229 from Kingsbridge Terrace to Sedgwick Avenue • W231 between Sedgwick Ave and Kingsbridge Terrace.</i>  |          |
| 12/27    | DOT    | <b>Reconstruct streets</b>   | <i>Dickinson Avenue: Realign &amp; reconstruct the intersection of Dickinson Avenue, an unmapped DEP-owned street at Sedgwick Avenue to Goulden Avenue to create one safe intersection for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.</i>   |          |
| 17/27    | DOT    | <b>Install Real Time Passenger Information signs</b>               | <i>Bus shelter and countdown clocks on East side of West 231st Street between Broadway and Albany Crescent Avenue</i>   |          |
| 21/27    | DOT    | <b>Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)</b> | <i>Resurface Kingsbridge Road: Resurface West 225th Street / Kingsbridge Road, portions of which are a full depth, concrete roadway, from Broadway to Reservoir Avenue</i>  |          |
| 24/27    | DOT    | <b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>                | <i>West 235th Street Sidewalk: Reconstruct West 235th Street between Independence Ave and Henry Hudson Parkway West, adding sidewalk on north side of street and sewer infrastructure to improve pedestrian access and eliminate unsafe ponding.</i>  |          |
| 26/27    | DOT    | <b>Other capital budget request for DOT</b>                        | <i>West 235th Pedestrian Walkway Reconstruct pedestrian walkway over the Henry Hudson Parkway between West 236th Street and West 235th Street. Feasibility study for ADA ramps to be added to the pedestrian walkway over Henry Hudson Parkway between West 236th Street and West 235th Street.</i> |          |
| 27/27    | DOT    | <b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>                          | <i>Feasibility Study for a new step street connecting Independence Ave. from 5900 Arlington Ave to West 261st Street.</i>   |          |

## Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

| Priority | Agency | Request   | Explanation   | Location |
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| 3/40     | DOT    | <b>Other expense budget request for DOT</b>                             | <i>Step Street Repair: Repair damaged features and reset misaligned stone steps on step streets and repaint railings and lampposts at: • Marble Hill Lane Step Street: Repair aging rebar, replace rusted railings and re-mortar cobbles on Marble Hill Lane step street near W228th Street and Marble Hill Avenue • Godwin Terrace Step Street: Replace railings and re-paint lamp posts on Godwin Terrace step street between W231st St and Naples Terrace • West 238 Street Step Street: Replace rusted railings and re-mortar cobbles on W238th St between Orloff Avenue and Cannon Place • Bailey Avenue/Orloff Avenue Step Street: Replace missing bench seat and re-paint railings. [Adjacent to 3860 Bailey Avenue, between Bailey Ave and Orloff Ave</i> |          |
| 21/40    | DOT    | <b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b> | <i>DOT – Safe Crossings: • Increase funding to expedite the inspection and maintenance of 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 our large senior populations and shopping areas.</i>  |          |
| 23/40    | NYCTA  | <b>Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation</b>               | <i>Restore full Bx20 service.</i>   |          |
| 33/40    | DOT    | <b>Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals</b>                        | <i>Safe Crossing: Install crossing signal to help pedestrians safely cross intersection of 235th Street and Cambridge Avenue.</i>   |          |
| 40/40    | DOT    | <b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>                               | <i>Broadway Corridor Parking Study: Conduct a parking study of the Broadway corridor to better understand future capital or expense priorities to balance supply and demand of parking, including commercial parking</i>  |          |

## **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**

Bronx Community Board 8 is home to at least sixty- eight parks and open green spaces. Our residents deeply value and use our parks and playgrounds heavily. Use of our parks increased significantly since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020. 87.0% of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space. However, lack of maintenance and increased need for PEP officers to enforce park rules remain a serious concern. Bronx Community Board 8 urges the city redesign and reconstruct Bailey Playground in Kingsbridge. It is important to reduce paving and introduce green space, update equipment, and repair deteriorated drains. Bronx Community Board 8 recommends incorporating adjacent Tibbetts Tail into Bailey Park. If this project gets done, it will expand the park and create an equitable playground for nearby residents and create a greenspace where it is lacking. CB8 requests an increase in personnel to help alleviate illegal use of electric bikes, ATVS, illegal BBQ's, parties and double parking. Park rules and regulations need to be enforced. Van Cortlandt Park is the third largest park in New York City, with nearly 1,200 acres of public space that is used by nearly 3 million visitors each year. It is considered a destination park. CB8 supports an increase in funding for equipment for Van Cortlandt Park such as a mini packer to deal with the growing trash problem and a gator to help with landscape management and operations of the park. For years we have advocated for the renovation of the Van Cortlandt Park stadium, W 251st Street restrooms, and the restoration of the mansion's exterior brick stairway. We also request new equipment to help with the maintenance and operation of our district's parks and green spaces such as Two Large Packer Garbage Trucks, Crew Cab Pickup and a Deere tractor with cutting unit. It is almost impossible to maintain parks without these essential vehicles. These are the bare essentials needed to upkeep our parks. One of our most valuable community institutions, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center (KHCC), may possibly face imminent closure, displacing its programs, which serve 1500 residents weekly by providing essential services to expectant mothers, infants, children, youth, and families. KHCC is located in a landmarked building at 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace. The building is severely compromised by deteriorated mortar and damaged flashing, which is causing leaks that are damaging walls and ceilings. Prior to the pandemic, funding was in place to address these conditions through a combination of City funding and non-City funding. The damage has recently worsened and there is now an unfunded gap of \$1.5 million. The building is owned by the Department of Parks & Recreation but they do have a capital projects budget. If the additional funding cannot be quickly secured, the building may be forced to close, displacing staff and the many residents who use the building for its programs.

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

##### **Needs for Parks**

CB 8 is home to at least 68 parks and open greenspaces. CB8 requests an increase in seasonal maintenance staff for our parks and additional PEP officers for the busy season. We request capital improvements to Bailey Playground, the Van Cortlandt Park Stadium, reconstruction of Washington's Walk and an erosion control study at Ewen Park.

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

CB8 is home to many cultural institutions and we urge the city to continue supporting these amazing organizations.

One of our most valuable community institutions, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center (KHCC), is facing imminent closure, displacing its programs, which serve 1500 residents weekly by providing essential services to expectant mothers, infants, children, youth, and families. KHCC is located in a landmarked building at 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace. The building is severely compromised by deteriorated mortar and damaged flashing, which is causing leaks that are damaging walls and ceilings. Prior to the pandemic, funding was in place to address these conditions through a combination of City funding and non-City funding. The damage has recently worsened and

there is now an unfunded gap of \$1.5 million. The building is owned by the Department of Parks & Recreation but they do have a capital projects budget. If the additional funding cannot be quickly secured, the building may be forced to close, displacing staff and the many residents who use the building for its programs.

### **Needs for Library Services**

Our libraries are an invaluable social, cultural, and educational resource for residents of all ages, especially children & older residents. CB8 requests funding to ensure that our six branch libraries can safely continue to meet the growing programming needs of our increasing population. 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 centrally located office will help Community Board 8 staff support the needs of local residents.

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

| Priority | Agency | Request   | Explanation   | Location |
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| 1/27     | DPR    | <b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b> | <i>- Redesign and Reconstruction of Bailey Playground: Repair deteriorated drains and reconstruct play equipment, safety surfacing, fencing along the Deegan. Reduce asphalt and add green space. Incorporate adjacent Tibbett's Tail area into an expanded Bailey Playground Park.</i> |          |
| 6/27     | DCLA   | <b>Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility</b>                                  | <i>Restoration of Historic Kingsbridge Heights Community Center Building: Complete funding of roof repairs, re-point façade, and restore interior walls back to a state of good repair from water damage. Update heat and windows to meet energy efficiency best practices.</i>         |          |
| 11/27    | DPR    | <b>Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting</b>             | <i>Safety Improvements Marble Hill Playground Lighting: Install park lighting within park's interior</i>  |          |
| 14/27    | DPR    | <b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>                          | <i>Restoration of Lower Brust Park Staircase: Restoration of historic flagstone, pavers, steps and handrails</i>  |          |
| 15/27    | DPR    | <b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b> | <i>Reconstruction of Old Fort Four Park: Reconstruction of Old Fort Four Park including playground equipment, basketball courts, benches, greenspace, stone walls and fencing.</i>  |          |
| 16/27    | DPR    | <b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b> | <i>Update Play Equipment at Fort Independence Playground: Replace 20 year old playground equipment and safety mats</i>  |          |

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| 19/27 | DPR | <b>New equipment for maintenance</b>  | <i>Parks Equipment: Serious and increasing trash conditions in all our parks, necessitates Parks Department needs: • One large garbage truck Currently equipment is shared with another district. • Replacement Gator-type Utility Vehicles: For landscape management, maintenance and operations staff within Van Cortlandt Park; Needed due to vehicle age and maintenance issues. • Deere Tractor with Cutting Unit: Constantly need maintenance, especially with hilly topography, such machinery is essential for mowing.</i> |
| 22/27 | DPR | <b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b> | <i>Van Cortlandt Park Stadium Funding for engineering study to assess and to develop a restoration plan, particularly for the restoration of its historic nature.</i>  |
| 25/27 | DPR | <b>Other capital budget request for DPR</b>   | <i>Upstream Storm Water Management of Alder Brook Stream Bed in Riverdale Park: Remove sedimentation and invasives and restore native plantings along Alder Brook stream in Riverdale Park</i>   |

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

| Priority | Agency | Request   | Explanation   | Location |
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| 2/40     | NYPL   | <b>Other expense budget request for NYPL</b>      | <i>Enable the local library branches to address the current asylum seekers crisis, including welcome kits to children and families during outreach events, in-person ESOL classes, to help with immigration services, improve their language skills and connect with the community.</i> |          |
| 24/40    | DPR    | <b>Other expense budget request for DPR</b>       | <i>Crushed Stone and Boulders for Maintenance: Material to enable repairs of tracks and walkways within Van Cortlandt Park and across District 8</i>  |          |
| 26/40    | DPR    | <b>Other park maintenance and safety requests</b> | <i>Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) Command Within Van Cortlandt Park: PEP personnel, stationed in Van Cortlandt Park, sufficient to properly enforce DPR rules and regulations in Van Cortlandt Park and other CD8 parks.</i>  |          |



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DPR

**Other park  
maintenance and  
safety requests**

*Repair Bruckner Box Connection in Upper Henry  
Hudson Park.*

## **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

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| 1/27     | DPR    | <b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b> | - <i>Redesign and Reconstruction of Bailey Playground: Repair deteriorated drains and reconstruct play equipment, safety surfacing, fencing along the Deegan. Reduce asphalt and add green space. Incorporate adjacent Tibbett's Tail area into an expanded Bailey Playground Park.</i>  |          |
| 2/27     | NYCHA  | <b>Renovate or upgrade public housing developments</b>                                    | <i>Housing- NYCHA – Infrastructure Upgrades: • Boiler repairs and replacement for the Marble Hill and Fort Independence Houses. • Comprehensive roof repairs at Marble Hill and Fort Independence Houses</i>   |          |
| 3/27     | DOT    | <b>Repair or build new step streets</b>   | <i>Reconstruct the step street: Van Cortlandt Park South Step Street: Reconstruct the step street from Van Cortlandt Park South to Gale Place.</i>   |          |
| 4/27     | SCA    | <b>Renovate interior building component</b>   | <i>P.S. 24 Auditorium Renovation: Current conditions include broken seats, no audio/visual equipment, obsolete stage and defective lighting.</i>   |          |
| 5/27     | NYPD   | <b>Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras</b>   | <i>Provide Argus Security Cameras: Capture video footage in high definition (up to two blocks from camera). Useful for catalytic converter theft and robbery; Safety measure for local businesses at the following locations: • Mosholu Avenue &amp; Tyndall Avenue • West 230th Street &amp; Kingsbridge Avenue • West 238th Street &amp; Bailey Avenue • West 231st Street &amp; Bailey Avenue • Broadway &amp; West 231st Street • West 235th St. Pedestrian Overpass on Henry Hudson Parkway • Bailey Avenue at Van Cortlandt Park South • Sedgwick Avenue &amp; Gouverneur Avenue (Reservoir Side) • East 233rd Street &amp; Jerome Avenue • West 195th Street &amp; Reservoir Avenue</i> |          |

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| 6/27  | DCLA  | <b>Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility</b>                      | <i>Restoration of Historic Kingsbridge Heights Community Center Building: Complete funding of roof repairs, re-point façade, and restore interior walls back to a state of good repair from water damage. Update heat and windows to meet energy efficiency best practices.</i> |
| 7/27  | NYCHA | <b>Other capital budget request for NYCHA</b>                                 | <i>Repair of all walkways and sidewalks to mitigate tripping hazards in and around Marble Hill Houses, noting senior population.</i>  |
| 8/27  | DOT   | <b>Reconstruct streets</b>  | <i>Rehabilitate step streets • W229 from Kingsbridge Terrace to Sedgwick Avenue • W231 between Sedgwick Ave and Kingsbridge Terrace.</i>  |
| 9/27  | NYPD  | <b>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</b>                           | <i>Funding for 3 Pole Cameras (3): Positioned on street poles, used primarily for facial recognition (closer to street level than Argus). • two at courtyard of Marble Hill Houses (capturing front of 5360 Broadway) • one at 5480 Broadway</i>                                |
| 10/27 | DOE   | <b>Other capital budget request for DOE</b>                                   | <i>Reinstate Arts in Public Schools: Educate the whole child with art, music, theater and dance. [This was cut out of last year's budget.]</i>  |
| 11/27 | DPR   | <b>Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting</b> | <i>Safety Improvements Marble Hill Playground Lighting: Install park lighting within park's interior</i>  |
| 12/27 | DOT   | <b>Reconstruct streets</b>  | <i>Dickinson Avenue: Realign &amp; reconstruct the intersection of Dickinson Avenue, an unmapped DEP-owned street at Sedgwick Avenue to Goulden Avenue to create one safe intersection for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.</i>   |
| 13/27 | DEP   | <b>Other capital budget request for DEP</b>                                   | <i>Spuyten Duyvil Waterfront- : Spuyten Duyvil Creek Combined Sewer Outflow (CSO) - Mitigate CSO outfalls into Spuyten Duyvil Creek adjacent to Spuyten Duyvil and Marble Hill MNRR stations with a living shoreline and green infrastructure along DEP easements.</i>          |
| 14/27 | DPR   | <b>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</b>              | <i>Restoration of Lower Brust Park Staircase: Restoration of historic flagstone, pavers, steps and handrails</i>  |

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| 15/27 | DPR | <b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b> | <i>Reconstruction of Old Fort Four Park:<br/>Reconstruction of Old Fort Four Park including playground equipment, basketball courts, benches, greenspace, stone walls and fencing.</i>   |
| 16/27 | DPR | <b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b> | <i>Update Play Equipment at Fort Independence Playground: Replace 20 year old playground equipment and safety mats</i>   |
| 17/27 | DOT | <b>Install Real Time Passenger Information signs</b>                                      | <i>Bus shelter and countdown clocks on East side of West 231st Street between Broadway and Albany Crescent Avenue</i>  |
| 18/27 | DOE | <b>Other capital budget request for DOE</b>   | <i>Bronx High School of Law &amp; Finance: Provide Chrome Books for 300 students to use them at home.</i>  |
| 19/27 | DPR | <b>New equipment for maintenance</b>  | <i>Parks Equipment: Serious and increasing trash conditions in all our parks, necessitates Parks Department needs: • One large garbage truck Currently equipment is shared with another district. • Replacement Gator-type Utility Vehicles: For landscape management, maintenance and operations staff within Van Cortlandt Park; Needed due to vehicle age and maintenance issues. • Deere Tractor with Cutting Unit: Constantly need maintenance, especially with hilly topography, such machinery is essential for mowing.</i> |
| 20/27 | EDC | <b>Other capital budget request for EDC</b>   | <i>SBS/EDC/DoITT – Small Business Rewards Mobile App/ Digital Currency: Development of mobile app rewards program for small businesses to reward and redeem points (“Bronx Bucks”)</i>   |
| 21/27 | DOT | <b>Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)</b>                        | <i>Resurface Kingsbridge Road: Resurface West 225th Street / Kingsbridge Road, portions of which are a full depth, concrete roadway, from Broadway to Reservoir Avenue</i>   |
| 22/27 | DPR | <b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b> | <i>Van Cortlandt Park Stadium Funding for engineering study to assess and to develop a restoration plan, particularly for the restoration of its historic nature.</i>  |

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| 23/27 | DSNY | <b>Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure</b> | <i>215th Street Garage Rehabilitation - Rehabilitate and update DSNY garage on 215th and Broadway used for vehicles servicing CD8</i>   |
| 24/27 | DOT  | <b>Other transportation infrastructure requests</b>  | <i>West 235th Street Sidewalk: Reconstruct West 235th Street between Independence Ave and Henry Hudson Parkway West, adding sidewalk on north side of street and sewer infrastructure to improve pedestrian access and eliminate unsafe ponding.</i>  |
| 25/27 | DPR  | <b>Other capital budget request for DPR</b>  | <i>Upstream Storm Water Management of Alder Brook Stream Bed in Riverdale Park: Remove sedimentation and invasives and restore native plantings along Alder Brook stream in Riverdale Park</i>  |
| 26/27 | DOT  | <b>Other capital budget request for DOT</b>  | <i>West 235th Pedestrian Walkway Reconstruct pedestrian walkway over the Henry Hudson Parkway between West 236th Street and West 235th Street. Feasibility study for ADA ramps to be added to the pedestrian walkway over Henry Hudson Parkway between West 236th Street and West 235th Street.</i> |
| 27/27 | DOT  | <b>Other traffic improvement requests</b>  | <i>Feasibility Study for a new step street connecting Independence Ave. from 5900 Arlington Ave to West 261st Street.</i>   |
| CS    | DSNY | <b>Other capital budget request for DSNY</b>   | <i>215th Street Garage Rehabilitation - Rehabilitate and update DSNY garage on 215th and Broadway used for vehicles servicing CD8</i>   |

## Expense Budget Requests

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| 1/40     | DFTA   | <b>Other senior center program requests</b>  | <i>Older Adult Centers Funding: Increase multicultural / multilingual outreach and programming, ensure access to mental health services, meet technology needs, and meet increased costs for all service delivery requirements.</i>   |          |
| 2/40     | NYPL   | <b>Other expense budget request for NYPL</b>   | <i>Enable the local library branches to address the current asylum seekers crisis, including welcome kits to children and families during outreach events, in-person ESOL classes, to help with immigration services, improve their language skills and connect with the community.</i>   |          |
| 3/40     | DOT    | <b>Other expense budget request for DOT</b>  | <i>Step Street Repair: Repair damaged features and reset misaligned stone steps on step streets and repaint railings and lampposts at: • Marble Hill Lane Step Street: Repair aging rebar, replace rusted railings and re-mortar cobbles on Marble Hill Lane step street near W228th Street and Marble Hill Avenue • Godwin Terrace Step Street: Replace railings and re-paint lamp posts on Godwin Terrace step street between W231st St and Naples Terrace • West 238 Street Step Street: Replace rusted railings and re-mortar cobbles on W238th St between Orloff Avenue and Cannon Place • Bailey Avenue/Orloff Avenue Step Street: Replace missing bench seat and re-paint railings. [Adjacent to 3860 Bailey Avenue, between Bailey Ave and Orloff Ave</i> |          |
| 4/40     | HRA    | <b>Provide social services for domestic violence survivors (legal services, counseling, referral to supportive services, etc.)</b> | <i>Provide funding for counseling services staff for those affected by CoVID-19, domestic violence, and other mental health problems, including suicide prevention hotlines and other mental health professionals.</i>  |          |

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| 5/40  | NYPD  | <b>Increase resources for domestic violence prevention programs</b>  | <i>Domestic Violence Unit: Increase funding for domestic violence unit within NYPD 50th Precinct, including 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 available. to residents</i>  |  |
| 6/40  | DOE   | <b>Other educational programs requests</b>   | <i>Tutors are needed in lower grades, especially in 4th grade for students that fell behind during the pandemic and remote learning.</i>   |  |
| 7/40  | DEP   | <b>Evaluate a street segment or intersection for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, and plan for construction if feasible</b> | <i>Storm Water Management – to reduce chronic flooding: • Feasibility Study: Analyze district-wide resilience and storm water management plan using green infrastructure along Major Deegan Expressway corridor, with focus on: Van Cortlandt Village, Kingsbridge Heights roadway, Bailey Avenue and Broadway corridors and Kingsbridge floodplains. • Bailey and Broadway Corridor GI - Install right-of-way green infrastructure along Bailey Avenue and Broadway corridors to alleviate flooding and ponding in Kingsbridge and Marble Hill.</i> |  |
| 8/40  | DYCD  | <b>Other youth workforce development requests</b>  | <i>Sustain/expand Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP): for FY2025</i>   |  |
| 9/40  | NYCHA | <b>Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades</b>  | <i>NYCHA Consistent Camera Monitoring: All building and roof landing cameras at the Marble Hill Houses</i>   |  |
| 10/40 | NYPD  | <b>Other NYPD programs requests</b>  | <i>Increase funding for School Crossing Guards throughout CB8, especially needed at PS95 and Ampark Neighborhood School (located at intersection of Sedgwick Ave &amp; Hillman Ave.).</i>  | Sedgwick Ave<br>Van Cortlandt Park West<br>Van Cortlandt Park West |
| 11/40 | SBS   | <b>Provide or expand business recovery assistance after an emergency</b>   | <i>– SBS – Emergency Response Unit: Increase funding for SBS emergency response services for CB 8 small businesses.</i>  |  |
| 12/40 | NYPD  | <b>Hire additional school safety agents</b>  | <i>Sufficient Coverage of Safety Officers for All Schools: Especially middle and high schools, since violence in schools is on the upswing.</i>  |  |



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| 13/40 | NYPD | <b>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</b>      | <i>Quality of Life Enforcement: • Sound Meters (2): Measures noise decibel levels. Useful for measuring potentially unlawful sound levels of loud music and abrasive noises that disturb the peace. • Tint Meters (2): Measures tint levels on car windows. Certain tint levels violate state law and are sometimes used to conceal criminal activity within vehicles.</i> |
| 14/40 | DFTA | <b>Provide additional senior center staffing</b>         | <i>Older Adult Center Transportation: Enable Centers to operate their own bus/van transportation for participation in their nutrition, health and social programs, day trips, etc. Walkability in many sections of our community is difficult having steep hills, step streets and long blocks.</i>  |
| 15/40 | DFTA | <b>Other senior center program requests</b>              | <i>Food Programs: Food insecurity has become increased within our community. There is increased need for congregate food programs, additional food pantries, plus meals for individuals who are temporarily homebound.</i>   |
| 16/40 | DYCD | <b>Other youth workforce development requests</b>        | <i>– Jobs Program for Young Adults: Expand both current and new jobs programs for young adults.</i>  |
| 17/40 | DSNY | <b>Provide or expand community composting programs</b>   | <i>Compost Project Expansion - Expand funding for NYC Compost Project and community composting to beyond pre-CoVID levels to enable compost education, community-based composting sites, and organic waste drop-off sites, including expanding smart compost bins throughout Bronx CD 8</i>  |
| 18/40 | HPD  | <b>Other affordable housing programs requests</b>        | <i>– Housing Assistance for Older District Residents: • Increase funding to prevent evictions, • provide support for programs that enable vulnerable older adults to age independently and in place, and for housing subsidies/vouchers • facilitate current district residents to avail of neighborhood preferences in new and existing affordable senior housing.</i>    |
| 19/40 | NYPD | <b>Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles</b> | <i>Request 5 more Patrol Cars: Many patrol cars are routinely out of service and awaiting repairs, due mainly to mechanical “wear and tear” issues. There are not enough police vehicles in Precinct to accommodate Officers requiring them.</i>   |

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| 20/40 | DEP   | <b>Other expense budget request for DEP</b>                             | <i>- Jerome Park Reservoir Public Access - Develop and implement an updated plan with community stakeholders to expand regular, on-going public access to the Jerome Park Reservoir. Increase funding for maintenance contracts for Jerome Park Reservoir to pick up litter within DEP property, specifically with concerns to illegal dumping and littering.</i>  |
| 21/40 | DOT   | <b>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</b> | <i>DOT – Safe Crossings: • Increase funding to expedite the inspection and maintenance of 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 our large senior populations and shopping areas.</i>   |
| 22/40 | DSNY  | <b>Other expense budget request for DSNY</b>                            | <i>– District Clean Streets: • Residential Litter Patrol - Increased funding for Manual Litter Patrol, particularly in the environmental justice-designated areas of Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Marble Hill in Bronx CD8. • Commercial District Street Cleaning - Full restoration of all street cleaning and pickup services required for clean streets in commercial districts of Marble Hill, Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Spuyten Duyvil, and Central and North Riverdale.</i> |
| 23/40 | NYCTA | <b>Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation</b>               | <i>Restore full Bx20 service.</i>  |
| 24/40 | DPR   | <b>Other expense budget request for DPR</b>                             | <i>Crushed Stone and Boulders for Maintenance: Material to enable repairs of tracks and walkways within Van Cortlandt Park and across District 8</i>   |
| 25/40 | SBS   | <b>Provide commercial lease support for business owners</b>             | <i>Increase funding for SBS’s Commercial Lease Assistance Program (CLAP)</i>   |
| 26/40 | DPR   | <b>Other park maintenance and safety requests</b>                       | <i>Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) Command Within Van Cortlandt Park: PEP personnel, stationed in Van Cortlandt Park, sufficient to properly enforce DPR rules and regulations in Van Cortlandt Park and other CD8 parks.</i>   |
| 27/40 | DSNY  | <b>Increase vacant lot cleaning</b>                                     | <i>Increase funding for removal of litter on vacant lots and around building sites in CD8.</i>   |

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| 28/40 | DEP   | <b>Other expense budget request for DEP</b>  | <i>Tibbetts Brook Waterway Infrastructure Maintenance - Fund continual maintenance for operation, efficiency, and good housekeeping of Daylighting Project in Van Cortlandt Park and along Putnam South Greenway.</i>   |
| 29/40 | DEP   | <b>Other expense budget request for DEP</b>  | <i>Maintain funding for catch basin inspection, cleaning, and maintenance in flood prone areas along Broadway and Bailey Avenue and on roadways in Kingsbridge Heights and Van Cortlandt Village</i>  |
| 30/40 | DEP   | <b>Other expense budget request for DEP</b>  | <i>Croton Filtration Plant Cells – Provide a maintenance program for cells managing excess groundwater due to operation of Croton Filtration Plant</i>  |
| 31/40 | HHC   | <b>Other expense budget request for HHC</b>  | <i>Mayors Office for Community Affairs - City Wide Health Advisory Board: Provide funding for a citywide advisory board to be comprised of residents and community health professionals. The board shall task with providing advice to NYS Department of Health and DOHMH how to combat a future communicable virus outbreak and also provide a needs and assessment report concerning the needs of the community that is experiencing an outbreak.</i> |
| 32/40 | DPR   | <b>Other park maintenance and safety requests</b>  | <i>Repair Bruckner Box Connection in Upper Henry Hudson Park.</i>   |
| 33/40 | DOT   | <b>Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals</b>   | <i>Safe Crossing: Install crossing signal to help pedestrians safely cross intersection of 235th Street and Cambridge Avenue.</i>   |
| 34/40 | NYCHA | <b>Other expense budget request for NYCHA</b>  | <i>NYCHA: Rehabilitation and Re-opening of Building #9 Laundry Room: at Marble Hill Houses.</i>   |
| 35/40 | HPD   | <b>Provide, expand, or enhance programs for housing inspections to correct code violations</b> | <i>Increase HPD Inspectors</i>  |

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| 36/40 | DOHMH | <b>Other programs to address public health issues requests</b>           | <i>Provide increased funding for protective medical supplies such as hand sanitizers, gloves and masks and Coronavirus home test kits to combat a future communicable virus outbreak . These supplies would be distributed to the public to reduce the spread of another outbreak and to help decrease the infection rate within CB8 and to assist the decrease of clinic &amp; hospital visits.</i> |
| 37/40 | DSNY  | <b>Provide or expand NYC organics collection program</b>                 | <i>Universal Curbside Organics Pick-up - Implement throughout Bronx CD 8</i>   |
| 38/40 | DSNY  | <b>Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal</b> | <i>Restore e-cycling program to include community drop-off for buildings with less than 10 units in Bronx District 8</i>   |
| 39/40 | NYCHA | <b>Other expense budget request for NYCHA</b>                            | <i>Security gate at building #11 at the Marble Hill Houses. Councilmember Rodriguez previously funded this project item, project #9910 for \$100,000.</i>  |
| 40/40 | DOT   | <b>Conduct traffic or parking studies</b>                                | <i>Broadway Corridor Parking Study: Conduct a parking study of the Broadway corridor to better understand future capital or expense priorities to balance supply and demand of parking, including commercial parking</i>   |