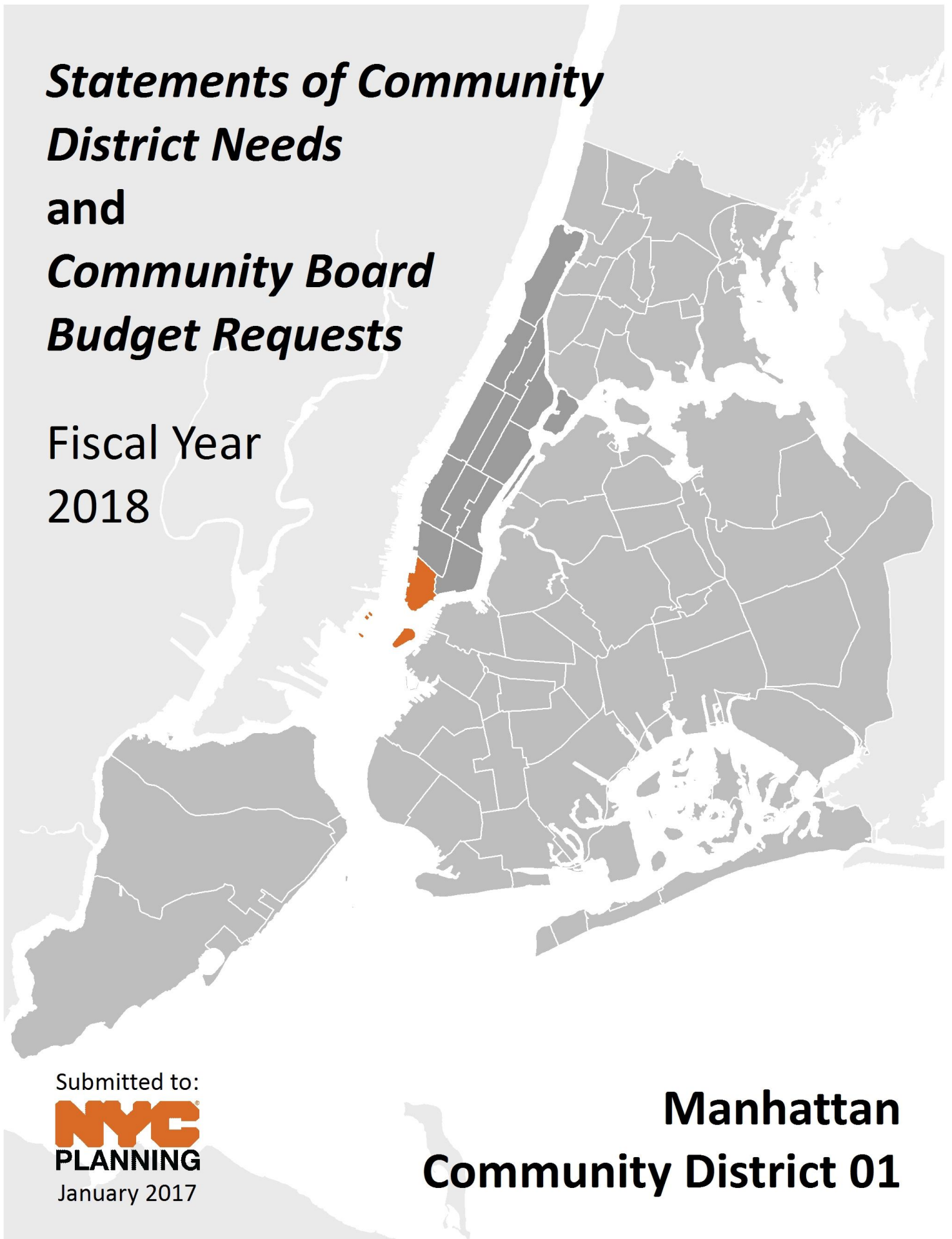


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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Manhattan Community Board 1's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018*. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the Community Board, collected through an online form available to community boards from September to November 2016.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

a) Overarching Community District Needs

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

b) Policy Area- Specific District Needs

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

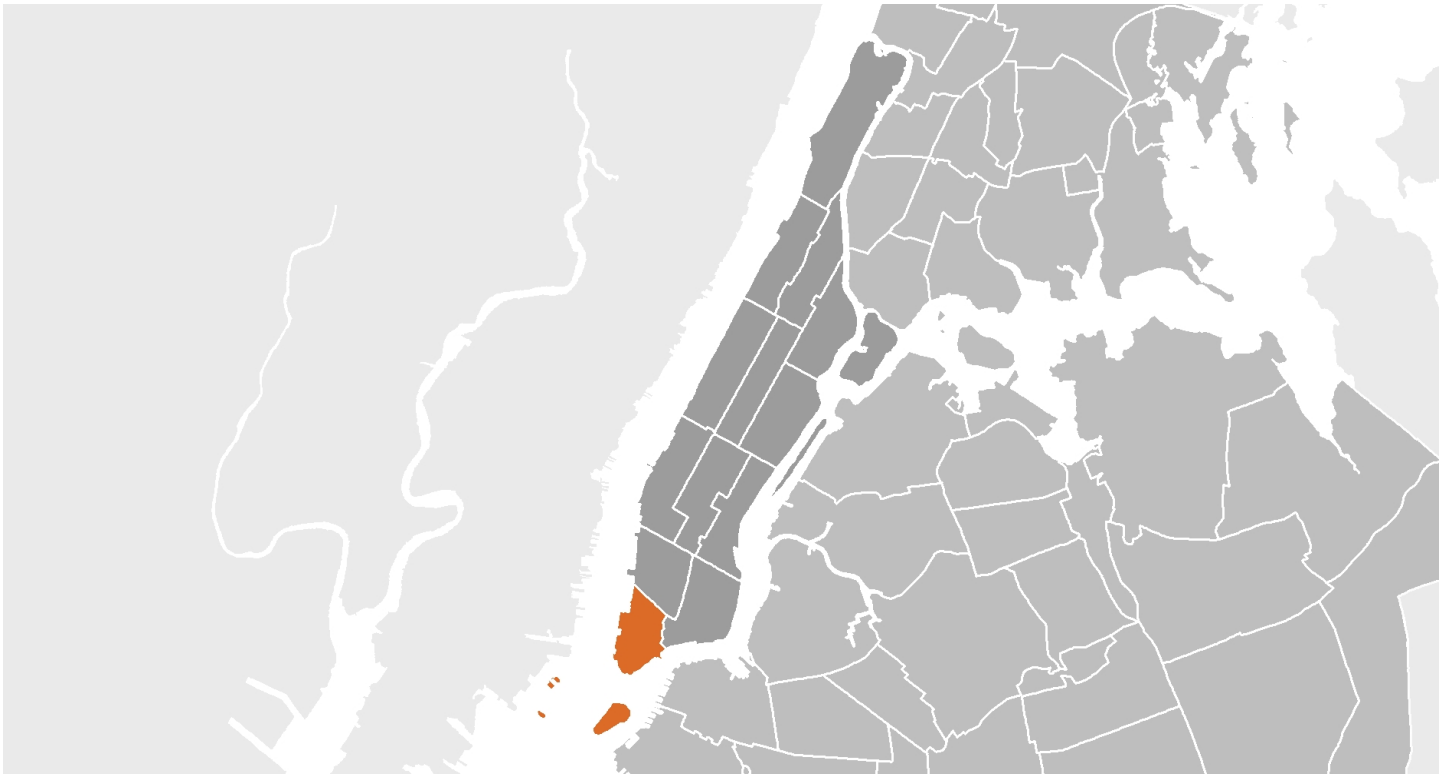
c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY18 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.



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Budget Requests: Listed for informational purposes only. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests and budget request responses.

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

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

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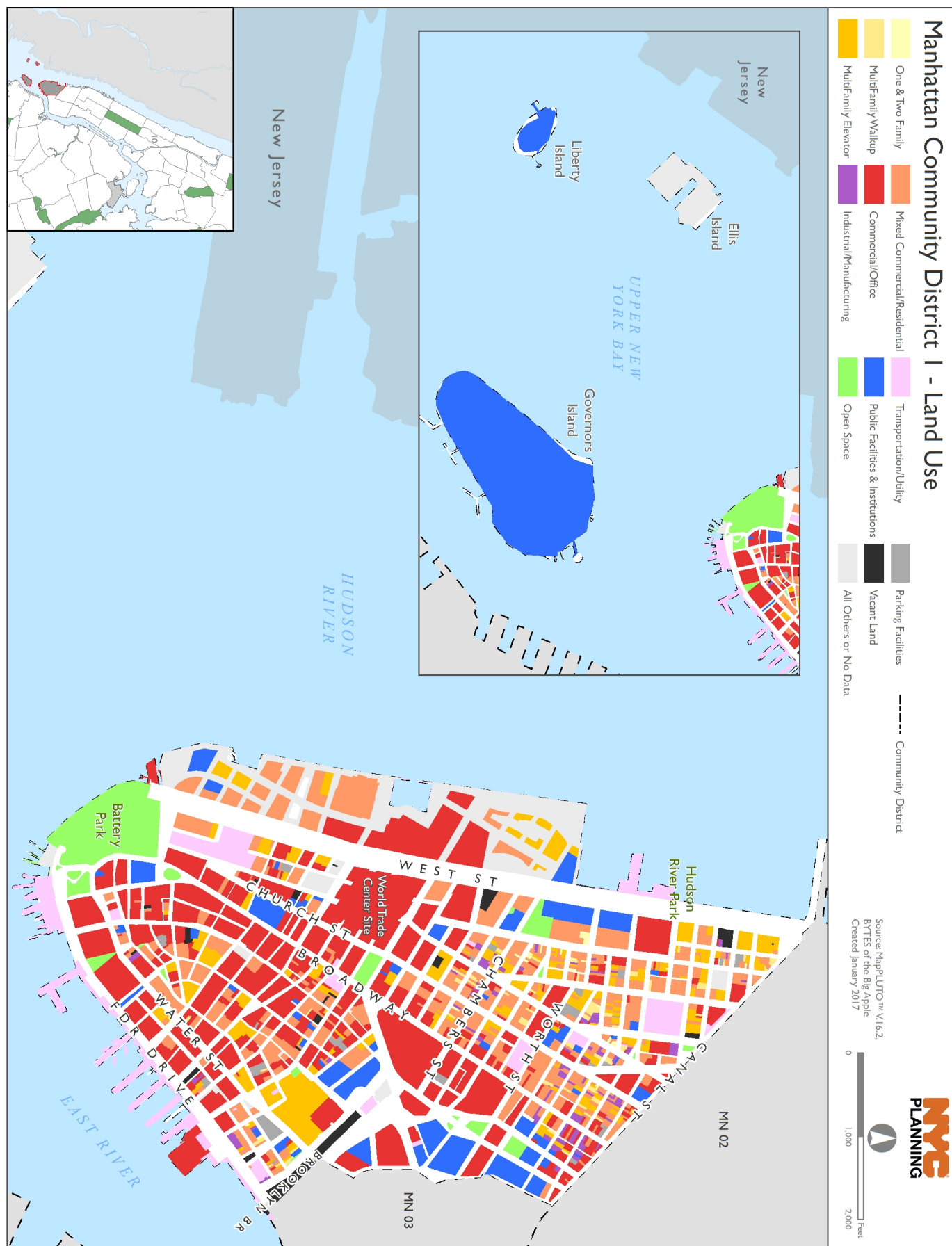
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2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Lower Manhattan continues to be America's fourth largest business district, even after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the financial crisis of 2008 and Superstorm Sandy in October 2012. During this time, public and private investment of over \$30 billion was made in our neighborhood. Our location at the hub of the nation's largest mass-transit network – originally built to deliver workers to the center – now works also to provide working families with a location from which they can tap into all of our region's opportunities for work, education, recreation and culture. Lower Manhattan remains a resilient place more people want to live, work and visit.

We have a lot of work to do to assure that these powerful growth trends result in a district that is livable for all. This document describes the needs of our district for more schools, more open spaces, efficient transportation, less crowded streets and thorough preparation for future disasters. Our needs are great but the opportunity is immense: we can show how New York City can be the 21st Century's model city for livable, equitable and thriving urban life.

Pedestrian and Streetscape Surveys In response to a pedestrian survey conducted by students at Pace University during 2014, 2015 and 2016, close to 2,000 residents, workers, tourists and students were asked to identify the most serious problems for each geographic sub-district in Community District 1 (CD1). The results varied by neighborhood, but the overall responses ranked overcrowded sidewalks and streets, unclean subway stations, too much noise and garbage on the streets and the lack of affordable housing as the most serious issues facing the district. Too much construction and homelessness ranked not far behind the lack of affordable housing.

When asked "if you could immediately improve one thing that would raise the quality of life here, what would that be?", responses varied by neighborhood. But the aggregate responses, ranked by percentage, were the following:

1. 49.2% "Less garbage, pollution, improve air quality."
2. 34.5% "More affordable housing."
3. 32.0% "More parks, open spaces and recreation."
4. 30.8% "Less construction."
5. 28.1% "Improve overcrowded sidewalks, streets, more parking."
6. 18.4% "More restaurants, bars, nightlife, and shopping."
7. 17.9% "Improve public transportation."
8. 12.2% "Not one thing: It's Nice Here!"

In 2016 respondents asked for more benches, trees, better lighting and less constriction barriers.

In summary, residents, workers, tourists and students all want more affordable housing, more parks and open spaces and improved mobility and pedestrian experience in CD1. They also want less construction and all of its attendant byproducts of garbage, pollution, poor air quality and noise. People do still love to live, work, and visit lower Manhattan because a significant number of respondents said: "It's Nice Here!"

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Manhattan Community Board 1 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Resiliency*
- *Schools*

The child population demographic trends in Community District 1 (CD1) point to the need for additional community infrastructure and amenities in our district to serve children. In March 2013, CB1 analyzed U.S. Census data of the demographic changes by neighborhood for children ages 0 - 19 in our district. Our findings show astonishing growth. Between 2000 and 2010, the 0 - 19 population increased by 246% in the Financial District, 67% in Tribeca, and 125% in Battery Park City. While there was no net change in the Seaport/Civic Center's child population, the 0 - 4 age group increased by 57%, and the 5 - 9 age group by 44%. District-wide, there has been particularly rapid growth within the 0 - 4 and 5 - 9 age groups throughout all neighborhoods. It is a priority of CB1 to ensure that existing rent stabilized and affordable units in the district are preserved and that development of new affordable housing units continues. We must ensure that people who teach our children, patrol our streets, and fight our fires can afford to live here. We urge the city to build more affordable housing downtown and do everything possible to preserve existing units. We voice our concern about building owners leaving programs that require rents to remain subsidized as well as the expiration of taxation incentives for stabilized apartments. We urge the City to do everything possible to ensure that Lower Manhattan remains a diverse community that is affordable to people in a range of income levels and demographic groups. The unprecedented Superstorm Sandy in 2012 brought surges of 14 feet and numerous, serious disruptions to residents and businesses in Lower Manhattan, including power outages and loss of steam (for heat and hot water), telephone, data services and transportation, including subways which experienced flooding of tunnels. Two people were trapped by rising water and drowned. Disruptions were particularly severe in the South Street Seaport; historic buildings suffered great damage and while many businesses have reopened, some businesses and non-profit institutions are still struggling and have not fully recovered. The South Street Seaport area was especially devastated by water up to seven feet above street level. The City still has not implemented any short or medium-term measures although we are approaching the four year anniversary of Sandy.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

CD1 has a long history of concern for homeless people in our community. We supported John Heuss House, a drop-in facility for homeless and hungry people that was operated by Trinity Church until it closed in 2010. We also have a close relationship with the NYC Rescue Mission, which expanded its capacity in 2015 to 220 beds. The success of our efforts to reclaim the Lower Manhattan waterfront and other open spaces as community amenities requires that people are safe and secure when they visit. In this regard, it is important that all levels of government maintain acceptable funding for agencies that provide outreach and services to homeless people. We have received reports recently of groups of homeless people in encampments in different locations in our district. It is important that resources are available to reach out to the people living in these locations.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Gouverneur Health is the closest municipal hospital to CD1 and some of our residents receive medical treatment there. It is located in CD3, CD1's neighbor to the northeast. In addition, Gouverneur, along with the Bellevue Hospital Center in CD6, is one of the WTC Environmental Health Centers of Excellence, which were established to address physical and mental health issues resulting from September 11, 2001. These Centers are part of the WTC Health Program, which is administered by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) which was established by the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010. The Zadroga Act was extended for 75 years by the U.S. Congress in December, 2016. CB1 advocated for this renewal in many resolutions and testimonies, and it was strongly supported by Rep. Jerrold Nadler, who represents CD1, and other U.S. Representatives and elected officials. The renewal was a very important victory for the community. We are also very concerned about the loss of hospital beds in all lower Manhattan community districts. Several years ago we lost St. Vincent's Hospital in Greenwich Village in CB2, which created great concern about whether remaining bed are sufficient for growing populations. In recent months the merger of Beth Israel and Mount Sinai has led to plans to very greatly reduce the number of beds at Beth Israel's hospital in CD6.

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

There is a need for funding for a senior services referral center in lower Manhattan. CB1 is especially concerned about the ability of seniors to remain and age in place in our district. Fixed incomes cannot keep pace with rapid inflation in housing costs, especially rent and property taxes, that rise as neighborhoods become more desirable.



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

Supporting Materials:

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Appendix II				
Total Population	Year 2000	Year 2010	# Change	% Change
Battery Park City	7,951	13,386	5,435	68%
Financial District	5,908	20,625	14,717	249%
Seaport / Civic Center	8,595	9,784	1,189	14%
Tribeca	11,964	17,181	5,217	44%
TOTAL	34,418	60,976	26,558	77%
Senior Population	Year 2000	Year 2010	# Change	% Change
Battery Park City	809	1,983	1,174	145%
Financial District	325	931	606	186%
Seaport / Civic Center	1,869	2,379	510	27%
Tribeca	1,610	2,962	1,352	84%
TOTAL	4,613	8,255	3,642	79%

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Source: US Census Bureau 2000 & 2010 // NHGIS 2.0

[Senior slide](#)

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

CD1 has a long history of concern for homeless people in our community. We supported John Heuss House, a drop-in facility for homeless and hungry people that was operated by Trinity Church until it closed in 2010. We also have a close relationship with the NYC Rescue Mission, which now serves approximately 220 people each night and cares for women as well as men. In addition, for nearly a decade the Coalition for the Homeless has been headquartered at Nassau and John Streets. Incidents in recent years have illustrated the need for additional services for homeless and mentally ill people rather than short-sighted cuts to funding in that area. The success of our efforts to reclaim the lower Manhattan waterfront and other open spaces as community amenities requires that people are safe and secure when they visit. In this regard, it is important that all levels of government maintain sufficient funding for agencies that provide outreach and services to homeless people.

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

It is a priority of CD1 to ensure that existing rent stabilized and affordable units in the District are preserved and that development of new affordable housing units continues. We must ensure that people who teach our children, patrol our streets, and fight our fires can afford to live in the neighborhoods they serve. We therefore urge the city to build more affordable housing downtown as well as do everything possible to preserve existing units. Additionally, we voice our concern about building owners attempting to leave programs that require rents in their buildings to remain subsidized as well as the expiration of taxation incentives for stabilized apartments. We urge the City to do everything possible to ensure that lower Manhattan remains a diverse community that is affordable to people in a wide range of income levels and demographic groups.



Health Care and Human Services

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/27	DOHMH	<i>Animal and pest control services</i>	<i>Reduce rat populations</i>	
1/27	DFTA	<i>Senior center programs</i>	<i>Other senior center program requests</i>	
1/27	DOHMH	<i>Developmental, mental health and substance abuse prevention programs</i>	<i>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment</i>	
1/27	HHC	<i>Health care facilities</i>	<i>Other health care facilities requests</i>	
1/27	DHS	<i>Services for the homeless</i>	<i>Provide programs for homeless veterans</i>	
1/27	DFTA	<i>Facilities for seniors</i>	<i>Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors</i>	



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

A priority issue in our district in recent years has been the development of new school seats to serve our rapidly growing population of young people. We therefore welcomed the announcement in December 2015 by the School Construction Authority that it would build a new 476-seat elementary school at 77 Greenwich Street. But, the Department of Education has only provided half the 1,000 seats promised to the community.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Construct sufficient number of school seats in CB1 in the next 5-year Capital Plan to meet the need resulting from the rapid growth in the population of our district in recent years. There is no public K-8 school in the Financial District, despite being the neighborhood with the fastest growing youth population (see attachment).

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[Population Summary](#)

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

As a growing residential community, CD1 needs additional active and passive recreational space including ballfields. This issue remains a top priority for CB1, and with so little active recreation space available in Lower Manhattan, we are forced to search for available fields outside of our district to accommodate our growing population of children and the resulting growth in sports leagues. Community sports are important for the development of youth and sense of community.

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[Open Space Inventory Update](#)

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/30	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate site component</i>	
1/30	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	
CS	EDC	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Rehabilitate bridges</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/27	DOE	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	
1/27	LPC	<i>Staff</i>	<i>Expense</i>	
1/27	EDC	<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>Expense</i>	GOVERNORS ISLAND



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

In order to continue to thrive, our community must remain secure and retain the quality of life valued by its residents and workers. In recent years the crime rate in our district has remained at reasonably low levels, however we cannot take for granted that this will continue. In addition to preventing and responding to crimes against people and property, we rely on the NYPD as well as other enforcement agencies to control quality of life problems in our busy mixed-use district, which is also a major tourist destination. These issues include idling buses, placard parking, double-parking, bike lanes, homelessness and vendors. Dangerous intersections remain a primary concern for our district. Crossing guards are especially important near schools and CB1 has advocated along with our elected officials for guards to protect the schoolchildren who cross at such intersections. The NYPD has been responsive in recent months and has provided protection for children at these locations until permanent guards can be placed there.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

CB1 has numerous and significant needs in the area of public safety. CB1 is pleased that the NYPD has located a permanent home for the World Trade Center Command Center. The NYPD has developed a WTC Campus Security Plan to restrict and regulate traffic at the perimeters of the site. Although we are concerned about creating a fortress-like presence in our community, CB1 is working with the NYPD, local leaders and stakeholders to find the right balance between safety considerations and livability so that the area will be thriving and vibrant, commercially successful as well as secure. We also strongly recommend that to the greatest extent possible, where safety concerns allow, areas closed after September 11, 2001 be re-opened to the public. We have worked with Friends of City Hall Park to increase public access to restricted parts of City Hall Park. Comparable ways to safely reopen Park Row are necessary to relieve severe burdens placed on nearby residents and businesses by restrictions associated with 1 Police Plaza. In addition to crime against people and property, CD1 also has many significant quality of life problems. We rely on the NYPD as well as other agencies for enforcement to keep these problems under control. Our district is a destination for many double-decker as well as commuter and tour buses. These generate complaints about idling, blocking sidewalks and street crossings, and other disruptive activity. Enforcement in this area by the NYPD, NYC DOT, DEP and other relevant agencies such as the agency that issues their permits, the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs, must continue. Other quality of life problems that occur excessively in our district include the abuse of placard parking. CB1 is home to many government agency offices and facilities, and enforcement is needed to keep under control the chronic and acute problem with government-authorized vehicles occupying limited space for parking and taking up spaces needed by emergency service and commercial vehicles. We also need to address the homeless situation discussed elsewhere by providing adequate and appropriate services for this vulnerable population.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/30	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>NYC Police Museum</i>



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/27	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Other NYPD staff resources requests	
1/27	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional crossing guards	
1/27	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional uniformed officers	
1/27	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	



Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Sewer capacity

New York City has a combined sewer and storm water system. During heavy rain and snow storms, combined sewers receive higher than normal flows. According to the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), treatment plants are unable to handle flows more than twice design capacity and when this occurs, a mix of excess storm water and untreated wastewater discharges directly into the City's waterways at certain outfalls. This is called a combined sewer overflow (CSO). We are concerned about CSOs because of their effect on water quality and recreational uses.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

There is an ongoing need to need to mitigate the negative impact of over 90 major public and private construction projects in the approximately 1.5 square miles of CB1 so that during this rapid time of transformation people will want to continue to live, work and visit our community. Inspection of construction sites to monitor and regulate dust, noise and air pollution and safety is not only needed during the workweek, but also after hours and on weekends as deliveries of supplies and removal of debris are shifted to off hours to avoid peak traffic congestion. CB1 would like to see budget increases for investment in new technologies required to advance sewage treatment plants and wastewater management e.g. greenbelts and bio swales. Helicopters, specifically those catering to tourists, cause innumerable quality of life issues for our district including environmental concerns such as noise and air pollution. In early 2016 the City established a concession agreement with the Downtown Heliport located at Pier 6, requiring an overall reduction in the number of tourist flights, an end to tourist flights on Sunday and air quality monitoring and mitigation. While helicopter traffic has lessened and conditions have improved, most notably in relation to the moratorium on Sunday flights, the helicopter traffic is still by no means unobtrusive. This has been a good first step towards addressing the quality of life impacts from helicopter tourism, but the City must be aggressive in continuing to amend the agreement with the goal of eliminating all helicopter tourism.

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Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

The increase in our district's residential population and associated commercial activity have significantly increased the amount of garbage on our streets. It is important that the Sanitation Department be given the resources that it needs to ensure that the streets in our district are kept clean. Resources should also be increased to address the proliferation of rats in Lower Manhattan. Mounds of plastic trash bags often clutter narrow streets during both day and night and are unsightly and a health hazard as well as an impediment to pedestrians. The frequency of garbage pick-ups needs to be increased. The number of days when there are piles of refuse on the street is increased because there are separate days for pickup of recyclables and trash and residential and commercial waste. When new buildings are built or old buildings are converted, the design process should take into consideration where the residents' garbage will go and how it will be picked up. The landmarked street grid of the Financial District has narrow sidewalks and streets, making it difficult and unpleasant to navigate areas congested with piles of garbage and waste left out for recycling. CB1 supports the "Make Way for Lower Manhattan" plan presented by Buro Happold Engineering, which suggests ways to improve quality of life and mobility issues.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/30	DEP	Water supply system	Replace or upgrade water mains	
1/30	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Provide new or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/27	DEP	Environmental protection	Address air quality issues	
1/27	DSNY	Sanitation Enforcement	Other enforcement requests	



Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Zoning review and enforcement

Community Board 1 is a rapidly changing district with dramatic increases in population, facing an enormous amount of construction and still recovering from Superstorm Sandy. The zoning for CB1 must be reviewed so that it best meets the changing needs of the district.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

Decades-long increases in the numbers of residents, office workers and tourists have significantly increased the density of our district. This has heightened concerns about infrastructure capacity and overcrowded streets and sidewalks as well as resiliency. Our waterfront remains particularly vulnerable. Many recently completed large developments in the CB1 area as well as those underway will add to this pressure.

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

The rapid and continuing growth of the population of CD1 in recent years has created significant challenges. Since 2000, a total of 16,000 housing units have been developed in CD1, which had a total of over 34,000 units by 2010, an almost 90% increase which made CD1 the city's fastest growing residential community. Our records indicate that almost 5,000 additional residential units are now under construction or in the pipeline. CD1's rapidly growing residential population and the ongoing addition of residential units to the district's housing stock create a unique set of housing challenges in Lower Manhattan. After 9/11, incentives for the development of housing units in lower Manhattan spurred a boom in residential conversions, and development remains strong today. However, community infrastructure falls woefully short in meeting the needs of this considerable residential growth. As a result, CB1's top priorities include more school seats, community centers and resources for seniors. As a district with many ongoing construction projects, CD1 has extensive scaffolding, detours and other construction-related impacts. Scaffolding is a particular blight on our district, as City laws make it is very easy for property owners to renew permits that enable them to keep it in place indefinitely, creating circulation and safety issues and hindering economic development by blighting blocks with conditions unfriendly to retail and commercial businesses. CD1 also strongly supports the retaining existing affordable housing units in the district and developing as many new affordable units as possible. This has traditionally been a community with a diversity of income levels and a strong middle class, and government at all levels should do everything it can to keep this important demographic diversity.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Along with finance, insurance and real estate, all historically associated with lower Manhattan, many other industries thrive in CD1. One of these is tourism. Lower Manhattan has long served as a unique tourist destination, as it is rich in iconic historical, cultural, and economic assets. An ongoing project of great importance to our Board and our District has been the redevelopment of the South Street Seaport. CB1 has served on the Seaport Working Group along with various elected officials, city agencies, the Howard Hughes Corporation and other stakeholders. Our priority is revitalizing this historic area while maintaining and protecting its historical significance. Small businesses, or "mom and pop" operations, are very important to our District. Supporting and preserving them are of great importance to our Board. We understand that the NYC Economic Development Corporation views tourist helicopters as an important revenue stream. However, these flights present critical quality of life challenges for our district and we have therefore joined our elected officials in a successful effort to significantly reduce flights at the Downtown Heliport at Pier 6 in the Financial District, especially weekend flights. We must ensure that impacts from the flights do not threaten the quality of life of the increased residential population.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/30	NYPD	Economic development investments	Improve streetscapes in business districts to attract / encourage commercial activity, e.g., lighting, sidewalk improvements	NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
1/30	EDC	Economic development investments	Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts	Governors Island
1/30	HPD	Affordable housing programs	Other affordable housing programs requests	
1/30	EDC	Economic development investments	Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts	
1/30	EDC	Economic development investments	Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts	
CS	EDC	Economic development investments	Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	
CS	EDC	Economic development investments	Improve streetscapes in business districts to attract / encourage commercial activity, e.g., lighting, sidewalk improvements	Water Street Whitehall St Fulton St
CS	EDC	Economic development investments	Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/27	DOB	Building code and zoning enforcement	Expand code enforcement	
1/27	DCP	Zoning and land use	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	
1/27	DCP	Zoning and land use	Other zoning and land use requests	



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Accessibility (ADA related compliance and infrastructure enhancements)

In lower Manhattan, narrow streets, a large number of ongoing public and private construction projects, vehicular and pedestrian conflict and crowded public transportation present many challenges. Much work needs to be done to ensure that our streets are safe and accessible to all. We are in a period of transition following the implementation of the City's bike share program and the opening of the Fulton Transit Center and the WTC Transportation hub, but we still have many significant challenges and areas of interest such as the need to better regulate commercial cyclists, improve subway and ferry service, further restrict tourist helicopters, and implement a one-seat ride to the airport and build an extension to lower Manhattan of the 2nd Avenue Subway line.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Community District 1 faces many issues in regards to traffic and transportation infrastructure and public transit services. CB1 has worked with the NYC Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) to enhance street crossings and improve pedestrian safety on select streets, but much work still needs to be done. We have many old streets which require cobblestone repair. New developments also require substantial improvement of street conditions, as in the case of the 5 Beekman development and Theater Alley. The many reconstruction projects in the district that have been completed or remain underway have caused challenges for quality of life, but ultimately improve the infrastructure in meaningful ways. Reconstruction projects were completed in the past year on Chambers and Hudson Streets. Work on Broadway remains underway and work on Worth Street has just begun, with John Street expected to commence in the coming months. In addition, a major multi-year project on Route 9A has largely been completed. CB1 works closely to monitor these projects and troubleshoot problems that arise for residents and workers in the affected areas. Other important projects such as the West Thames Street Bridge, an important passage between Battery Park City and the Financial District, are expected to get underway in coming months as well. This bridge has been in design for well over a decade and remains a priority as many pedestrians, including seniors and children, need a way to safely cross the dangerous Route 9A highway. The temporary pedestrian bridge at Rector Street was built by NYSDOT after 9/11 and needs to be replaced by a permanent structure. We have worked with the Mayor's office and NYC Economic Development Corporation (NYC EDC) to provide input on the design of the bridge so that it meets the needs of our changing community. CD1 has many dangerous intersections. We would like enhanced streetscape improvements to ensure safety at these intersections. We are especially concerned about crossings near schools, and have advocated vigorously for crossing guards to protect schoolchildren. With much help from our elected officials and thanks to the NYPD, police officers are assisting at many of these crossings on an interim basis until permanent crossing guards can be assigned. We have been encouraged by the openings of the Fulton Transit Center and the WTC Transportation Hub, which are important components of the transportation infrastructure in lower Manhattan. However, subway and bus overcrowding and service and station maintenance and cleanliness remain critical issues. Cyclists, specifically commercial cyclists, sometimes disregard rules and pose a threat to themselves and vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Better enforcement is needed.

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

While Lower Manhattan has plans for transportation improvements, all efforts must be made to protect one of its most valuable assets – its dense transportation network. All efforts must be made to make subways, bus routes, tunnels/underpasses, the Brooklyn Bridge, ferries and docks resilient to extreme weather events. Billions of dollars of existing investment must be hardened. Currently underway are three major tunnel repairs due to Sandy: the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel (formerly Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel), the South Ferry Station and the Battery Park Underpass. These repairs are costly, take years to complete and add to commuter travel time.



Transportation

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/30	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Other transportation infrastructure requests	
1/30	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Rehabilitate bridges	Morris Street Greenwich Street Washington Street
1/30	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Collister Alley Laight St Beach St
1/30	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Staple St Duane St Harrison St
1/30	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Duane St Greenwich St Hudson St
1/30	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Moore St Water St Pearl St
1/30	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Franklin St Hudson St Varick St
1/30	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Theater Alley Beekman St Ann St
1/30	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Other transportation infrastructure requests	
1/30	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	N. Moore Street Hudson Street Varick Street
1/30	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Vestry St West St Greenwich St

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/27	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Conduct traffic or parking studies	
1/27	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Conduct traffic or parking studies	
1/27	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	Beaver St William St S William St
1/27	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Quality of parks and park facilities

Quality parks are essential to the mental and physical well-being of community residents and strengthen resiliency to storms and extreme climate events. CD1 lacks sufficient active and recreational space to meet the needs of its rapidly growing population. In July 2011, CB1 documented this inadequacy in a report which found that there are approximately 3.5 million square feet of open and park space in our district. However, the analysis conducted for the report concluded that a large portion of this open space does not serve the community, is not accessible, and does not facilitate active recreation. Therefore it is extremely important that the parkland we have be of the highest quality possible and that as much new parkland and open space as possible be developed in CD1. The recent opening of the Hills on Governor's Island brought an important new amenity to the district. CB1 has long advocated for the development of public open space on Governor's Island as a resource for residents of CD1 and elsewhere.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

CB1 has some important needs associated with our existing parks and open spaces. The Battery is a vibrant part of the CD1 waterfront which provides a resilient edge as protection from future storms. Its integrity must be maintained and strengthened. CB1 looks forward to the fulfillment of inspiring plans presented in recent years. We were very pleased when the SeaGlass Carousel opened in August 2015 and we look forward to the fulfillment of other inspiring plans presented in recent years for The Battery including the Green and bikeway that will link the Hudson River Park Bikeway to the East River Esplanade, and the imaginative and educational Playspace for children designed by Frank Gehry. However some commercial activity detracts from the experience of visiting the park. We continue to receive complaints about vendors in The Battery aggressively selling tickets for bus and boat trips and blocking narrow pathways. Stepped up enforcement is needed. East River Esplanade Open space is in short supply on the east side of Lower Manhattan. However, there is an extensive waterfront, which, when fully developed, will be a wonderful amenity for the community. We welcome efforts by NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to fully realize the long anticipated East River Esplanade and Piers Project, which includes the Wall Street and Pier 15 area that are now open to the public. Additional funds will be needed to fully implement the comprehensive waterfront restoration project envisioned in the City's well-received East River Waterfront concept plan put forward in 2005. CB1 urges NYC EDC and the Department of City Planning to identify additional funds, complete a final design and move forward expeditiously to complete and maintain this project. Elizabeth H. Berger Plaza (formerly Edgar Plaza) We strongly support the redevelopment of Elizabeth H. Berger Plaza in accordance with the proposal developed by the Downtown Alliance. Governors Island The 172 acres on Governors Island contain numerous well-maintained historic structures and playing fields, and we support efforts by the Trust for Governors Island to make as much of it as possible accessible to the public.



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

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

The east side of our community, which includes the South Street Seaport/Civic Center and Financial District, was radically transformed in the last decade into a thriving mixed-use community with a large residential population. Though our entire district has experienced tremendous growth in recent years, the population growth on the east side has made it the fastest growing neighborhood in the city. However, it does not have a community center or other public recreational facility or a public library. The South Street Seaport Museum has been unable to open its galleries at 12-14 Fulton St. because of damage to the electrical systems from Sandy. Exhibits can't be mounted in rooms that are not correctly heated and air conditioned. The Museum needs to keep both its land-based premises and its ships to tell the story of how New York began and grew as a great port. They are an important cultural hub in a historic district that is unique in New York City. The permanent location for the New York City Police Museum remains closed due to damage from Sandy. It is not clear when the museum can reopen. We continue to support the museum's efforts to reopen in CD1. We also strongly support creation of the WTC Performing Arts Center (PAC) at the World Trade Center. Recently it was announced that Ronald Perelman had donated \$75 million to the development of this important facility. Previously, the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) committed \$100 million. This major new cultural center will provide needed arts programming in lower Manhattan and also create construction and long term jobs and promote the economic revitalization of the neighborhood. The Manhattan Youth Downtown Community Center in Tribeca serves people of all ages and has developed programs in response to evolving community needs. In addition, the Asphalt Green community center and the community center at Stuyvesant High School, both in Battery Park City, serve our growing community. We need to ensure that all such facilities in CD1 receive needed funding to provide places where children and teenagers can play, learn, and grow; where our seniors can socialize and find needed resources and intellectual stimulation; and where all adults can pursue personal enrichment through fitness and continuing education. These existing facilities serve as models for what is needed east of Broadway as well.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

The population in Lower Manhattan is growing rapidly. Though the majority of the recent population growth has occurred east of Broadway, the Financial District and Seaport areas are still without a public library branch. A new library is needed to serve the many new residents in these areas. It is also important that our existing libraries in Battery Park City and on Murray Street receive sufficient resources to meet the needs of our growing population, and that funds are allocated to ensure that these libraries are open at times when residents and children need them most.

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

The current annual budget allocation for Community Boards is woefully inadequate to address the rapidly increasing needs faced by our lower Manhattan Community Board. Community Boards play a critical role in providing local residents and workers with a voice in determining policies and priorities for their community. A long-awaited and much needed increase would greatly assist us in fulfilling our important mission, particularly at a time when lower Manhattan is undergoing tremendous construction and redevelopment activity that challenge the quality of life of our residents and workers.



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/30	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility	Castle Clinton
1/30	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Barnett Newman Triangle
1/30	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Bowling Green Park
1/30	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	
1/30	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility	South Street Seaport Museum
1/30	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Peck Slip East River Esplanade
1/30	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	
1/30	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
1/30	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Improve access to a building in a park	
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/27	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	
1/27	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	South Street Seaport Museum
1/27	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	
1/27	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	
1/27	OMB	Community board facilities and staff	Provide more community board staff	

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
CS	EDC	Transportation infrastructure	Rehabilitate bridges	

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/27	LPC	Staff	Expense	
1/27	EDC	Maintenance	Expense	GOVERNORS ISLAND

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/30	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Develop and maintain affordable housing including rent stabilized rentals units.		
1/30	DOT	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Reconstruct and restore Franklin Street between Hudson and Varick Streets, a cobblestone street within CB 1's historic district.	Franklin St Hudson St Varick St	
1/30	DOT	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Repair Theater Alley behind the Park Row block. With the development at 5 Beekman Place, street conditions will need to be improved in Theater Alley, behind the Park Row block known for many years as the location of many J&R stores.	Theater Alley Beekman St Ann St	
1/30	DEP	Provide new or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales	Provide or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales - CB1 would like to see budget increases for investment in new technologies required to advance sewage treatment plants and wastewater management.		
1/30	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Funding for traffic and mobility studies in the Financial District, including east of Broadway and south of Park Row, as well as the WTC area, to address safety, sanitation and crowding issues as noted previously by CB1 and numerous other groups, including for example, the "Make Way for Lower Manhattan" initiative.		
1/30	DCLA	Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility	Provide funds for the reestablishment of a robust South Street Seaport Museum as an educational and historical institution, community center, and anchor to the historic South Street Seaport district, including all seaport historic vessels.	South Street Seaport Museum	
1/30	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Fund needed repairs to enable the NYC Police Museum to reopen as soon as possible due to Superstorm Sandy damaging the current City building they are in. Funds are required to properly staff the programs and activities at this city-wide resource.	NYC Police Museum	
1/30	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Build a community center to serve the increased population east of Broadway in Lower Manhattan.		
1/30	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Construct 1,000 Pre-K to 5th grade school seats in CB1 in the next 5-year Capital Plan as committed by the DOE and construct a zoned middle school for CB1.		Assembly Member Sheldon Silver; Council Member Margaret Chin
1/30	DOT	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Reconstruct and restore N. Moore Street between Hudson Street and Varick Street within CB1's historic district.	N. Moore Street Hudson Street Varick Street	

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/30	EDC	<i>Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts</i>	<i>Provide funds to close the funding gap for Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency, for the design and construction of long term resiliency infrastructure in anticipation of future extreme weather events.</i>		
1/30	DPR	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Develop more park and unstructured open space and more ballfields and space for active recreation east of Broadway in Lower Manhattan.</i>		
1/30	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Create a public library east of Broadway in Lower Manhattan.</i>		
1/30	DOT	<i>Repair potholes (resurface roads)</i>	<i>Reconstruct and restore Vestry Street between West and Greenwich Streets, a cobblestone street within CB 1's historic district.</i>	Vestry St West St Greenwich St	
1/30	EDC	<i>Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts</i>	<i>Provide funds for the design and construction of short to medium term resiliency infrastructure in anticipation of future extreme weather events.</i>		
1/30	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Provide funding for the short-term cleanup and repair as well as the long-term redesign of Jerry Driscoll Walk, which is still damaged from Superstorm Sandy. Funds are needed to restore and revitalize this important part of Lower Manhattan's waterfront.</i>	Peck Slip East River Esplanade	
1/30	DOT	<i>Repair potholes (resurface roads)</i>	<i>Reconstruct and restore Duane Street between Greenwich and Hudson Streets, a cobblestone street within CB 1's historic district.</i>	Duane St Greenwich St Hudson St	
1/30	DCLA	<i>Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility</i>	<i>Create a performing arts center at Castle Clinton.</i>	Castle Clinton	
1/30	DOT	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Provide funds for improvements to areas under and surrounding the Brooklyn Bridge, including rebuilding active recreation space underneath the bridge as well as repairs to the staircase on Frankfort Street.</i>		
1/30	DOT	<i>Rehabilitate bridges</i>	<i>Rehabilitate the Morris Street Pedestrian Bridge over the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel.</i>	Morris Street Greenwich Street Washington Street	
1/30	DOT	<i>Repair potholes (resurface roads)</i>	<i>Reconstruct and restore Collister Alley between Laight and Beach Streets, a cobblestone street within CB1's historic district.</i>	Collister Alley Laight St Beach St	

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Priority / Continued Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/30	DOT	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Reconstruct and restore Staple Street between Duane and Harrison Streets, a cobblestone street within CB1's historic district.	Staple St Duane St Harrison St	
1/30	DEP	Replace or upgrade water mains	Replace or upgrade water mains aging infrastructure in water delivery systems is a serious problem that results in large losses of water due to leaks. There have been several water main breaks in Tribeca in recent years, one earlier this year, one last year and another in 2009. We are looking forward to the completion of Water Tunnel No. 3 in 2020 so that Tunnel No. 1 and No. 2 can be closed for inspection and repairs. Continued infrastructure upgrades and repairs of CD1 water pipes are necessary.		
1/30	EDC	Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts	Provide funds to continue transformation of Governors Island. The current City capital budget for the Island focuses on the completion of the ambitious capital program begun in FY 2013 and the identification and purchase of a new ferry boat to expand transportation access to the Island. Upon completion of these projects, the Trust's priorities will shift to maintaining historic structures, open space and infrastructure.	Governors Island	
1/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Renovate Barnett Newman Triangle at Church and White Streets. There is a need to convert this unsightly traffic island into a usable and attractive open space.	Barnett Newman Triangle	
1/30	DOE	Renovate site component	Funding to improve internet download speed at public schools in CB 1.		
1/30	DOT	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Repair the currently cobbled roadbed of Moore Street between Water and Pearl Streets.	Moore St Water St Pearl St	
1/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Funds are needed to renovate the pathway of Bowling Green Park, which currently pools with water after heavy rains. The drainage in Bowling Green Park is inadequate and needs to be improved so that water does not pool up after heavy rainfalls.	Bowling Green Park	
1/30	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Provide \$4 million for the acquisition and construction of a new facility for the Church Street School of Music and Art.		
1/30	NYPD	Improve streetscapes in business districts to attract / encourage commercial activity, e.g., lighting, sidewalk improvements	Improve and modernize security infrastructure and devices in the vicinity of the New York Stock Exchange which includes Wall and Broad Streets.	NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE	

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CS	DPR	Improve access to a building in a park	Construct connections between East River Bikeway/Walkway and the Battery Park City esplanade. There are currently esplanades/bikeways along both the East and Hudson Rivers starting at the Battery and stretching northward. There is, however, no easy connection between them that enables travelers to go around the Battery and proceed up the other side of Manhattan. It has long been a goal of many downtown organizations to create a continuous waterfront esplanade and bikeway around Manhattan. The completion of the small connection between these two esplanades/bikeways at the Battery would be a major step towards realizing this goal.		
CS	EDC	Rehabilitate bridges	Provide funding to build permanent pedestrian bridge in southern Battery Park City (West Thames Street bridge) while maintaining the existing bridge until the new bridge is complete and ready for use. CS. Tracking number 301201726C.		
CS	EDC	Improve streetscapes in business districts to attract / encourage commercial activity, e.g., lighting, sidewalk improvements	Provide funds for design and implementation of a program for permanent streetscape improvements along Water Street from Whitehall to Fulton Streets that improves pedestrian safety, enhances public space, and strengthens connections between the Financial District and the Waterfront. The improvements may include new public plazas, sidewalk extensions at key intersections, and extensive plantings and street trees (including, where feasible, green infrastructure elements). This project will build on, and in some cases make permanent, the short term improvements implemented by NYCDOT in Summer 2013.	Water Street Whitehall St Fulton St	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rebuild comfort station and park office in The Battery.		
CS	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Reconstruct playground in The Battery.		

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
CS	EDC	<i>Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront</i>	<i>Complete construction of East River Waterfront Esplanade up to Brooklyn Bridge.</i>		
CS	EDC	<i>Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront</i>	<i>Create viable pedestrian and bicycle connections and access to the Battery Maritime Building with open space in front of the building in association with the proposed development.</i>		
CS	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Complete construction of Peck Slip Park. The creation of new and attractive parks and public spaces is essential to the revitalization of Lower Manhattan. With the extraordinary growth in the residential population downtown, new and improved parks are greatly needed.</i>		
CS	DPR	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Provide additional funding for the expansion and renovation of Elizabeth Berger Plaza to include Trinity Plaza.</i>		

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Manhattan Community Board 1 Expense Requests

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/27	DCLA	<i>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</i>	<i>Fund after-school and recreational programs district-wide.</i>		
1/27	EDC	<i>Expense</i>	<i>Provide funds to continue maintenance of Governors Island. The current City expense budget includes funding for the expansion of public access to Governors Island. The Governors Island Trust's priority is to maintain this budgeted level of funding to facilitate the budgeted levels of service to New Yorkers.</i>	GOVERNORS ISLAND	
1/27	DFTA	<i>Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors</i>	<i>Provide funding for a senior services referral center.</i>		
1/27	DSNY	<i>Other enforcement requests</i>	<i>Add personnel and resources to increase frequency of garbage pick-ups and graffiti removal to match the residential population explosion in the district, and increase enforcement of regulations for commercial waste.</i>		
1/27	NYPD	<i>Assign additional traffic enforcement officers</i>	<i>Provide traffic personnel with traffic mitigation training and mitigation measures along Canal Street at the following intersections: West Street, Washington Street, Greenwich Street, Hudson Street, Varick Street and Church Street during evening rush hours, nights and weekends and provide the same at the intersections of West Street and Albany, Liberty, Murray and Warren Streets, and at the intersections of Hudson and Vestry Streets and Hudson and Laight Streets. CB1 has received regular complaints about these intersections where mitigation measures are essential to reduce quality of life impacts from congestion such as noise and pollutants and to improve pedestrian safety. Impacts from traffic volumes and risks to pedestrian safety have always been a major concern in these areas.</i>		
1/27	DHS	<i>Provide programs for homeless veterans</i>	<i>Increase funding for mental health and outreach to the population of homeless veterans in CB1.</i>		
1/27	NYPD	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>Increase personnel of 1st Precinct for quality of life issues such as bus enforcement including double decker and tour buses, street vendors, crime, noise related to disruptive bars and clubs, enforcement of traffic and parking regulations including placard parking, illegal parking and blocking curb cuts and bike lanes, black cars, limos, cyclists and motorcycles.</i>		
1/27	DOT	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Fund maintenance and repair of streets in the Financial District. Pooling of water at corners at Beaver, William and South William require repaving for drainage to be fixed.</i>	Beaver St William St S William St	
1/27	OMB	<i>Provide more community board staff</i>	<i>Increase Community Board budget to \$300,000, which would be the first increase in over 20 years.</i>		

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Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/27	DEP	Address air quality issues	Increase personnel for 24/7 air/noise/idling inspections (enforcement teams) including for helicopters, trucks, buses and construction equipment.		
1/27	LPC	Expense	Increase staff budget for the Landmarks Preservation Commission for enforcement. Also, allocate funds for staff to study designation of historic streets in the CB1 area.		
1/27	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	Provide funds for staff to study land use patterns and zoning designations to better match current use and future neighborhood needs. This includes the Tribeca area of Community Board 1, which has seen a dramatic rise in sidewalk cafes throughout the district that are often located on crowded, narrow side streets that are inappropriate for this use. CB1 would like to see a study of zoning options to limit sidewalk cafes in Tribeca. Also, allocate funds for staff to determine impact of contextual zoning district proposals and revise current zoning regulations for CB1 to better reflect ability of City services and infrastructure to match growth of residents, workers, tourists and students.		
1/27	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Fund maintenance and repair of cobblestone streets that have been rebuilt in Tribeca in recent years.		
1/27	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	Fund additional school crossing guards in needed locations, especially near elementary schools.		State Senator Squadron and Assembly Members Glick and Silver; Council Member Chin
1/27	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Funding to study feasibility of placement of a taxi stand on Vesey or Greenwich Street near the World Trade Center in order to improve safety and		
1/27	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Fund traffic study of South End Avenue in Battery Park City.		
1/27	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	Fund study of the feasibility of transferring governance of Battery Park City to the City of New York.		
1/27	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Increase full-time personnel for Parks Department Enforcement Officers and maintenance workers, including in the Battery.		
1/27	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Reinstate \$1,000,000 in funds lost due to cuts to the DOE budget over the past five years.		

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1/27	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	Increase funding for mental health and outreach to the homeless population in CB 1.		
1/27	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Provide ongoing, consistent funding for Seaport Museum operations in support of programs, ships and collections.	South Street Seaport Museum	
1/27	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	Allocate funds for increased surveillance and law enforcement in non-permitted street encampments which are causing problems of safety, sanitation and economic distress to residents and retail merchants in the Financial District. Street encampments have been an inconvenience and danger to the Downtown residential and business community.		
1/27	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Restore funding to FY08 levels to provide increased hours, diverse programming, strong collections and sufficient staff to support these functions. The services provided through the Library are needed by New Yorkers now more than ever and with increased funding can be open more hours, including evenings and weekends, when working families need them.		
1/27	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	Continue funding for senior programs operating at the districts senior centers, Independent Plaza North, Southbridge Towers and St. Margarets House.		
1/27	DOB	Expand code enforcement	Increase personnel for day, night and weekend building and construction site inspections (enforcement teams) and for additional community liaison staff.		
1/27	DOHMH	Reduce rat populations	Increase resources to address the proliferation of rats in Lower Manhattan.		
1/27	HHC	Other health care facilities requests	Provide funding to Gouverneur Healthcare.		

Appendix - Supporting Materials

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

Health Care and Human Services



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