EXCERPTS FROM COMMUNITY BOARDS' "STATEMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET" FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

Reactions to Agency Responses listed in the FY '16 Register of Community Board Budget Requests are collectively listed under Agency Subheading

Administration for Children's Services

BRONX 3

Bronx Community Board Three supports funding in the amount of $11 million for various child welfare reforms to support data driven risk assessments, frontline coaching, training and preventive services.

BRONX 5

Tracking Code
105201404C

New York City Administration for Children's Services
Request: Request for 1801-1805 Davidson Avenue property transferred from ACS to DCAS then be transferred to NYC Department of Parks and Recreation.

Explanation: 1801-1805 Davidson Avenue is extremely deteriorated, dangerous and eyesore in the community. Community Board #5 is in desperate need of open space in an immensely high density area.

Responsible Agency: Administration for Children's Services

Agency Response: Please contact the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Telephone#: 212-341-2673.

Board Response: This densely overpopulated area where there are approximately 15-20 multiple buildings on one very long block is in dire need of open space. This request should be expedited as soon as possible. Currently, NYC Department of Parks and Recreation has an allocation of 1 million capital funds from the previous Council member. In August 2014 our elected official, NYC ACS, NYC Parks, Bronx Community Board #5 did a site inspection. Community Board #5 is requesting the outcome of the site visit inspection with ACS and NYC Parks Department. Also, please include a timeline for the transferring of 1801-05 Davidson Avenue site to the Parks Department.

BROOKLYN 9

Provide Additional Day Care Slots/Vouchers to CD 9
Establish a Head Start Program in CD 9

There is an ongoing need for adequate day care and head start programs to serve the growing population of preschoolers in the community. The agency's response is that these requests depend on sufficient federal/state funds. We therefore call on our Federal and State elected representatives to take a closer look at the inadequacy of the funds that are provided to funds for the provision of additional head start programs in this community. The hardworking families in this district and those who want to work but can't because there is no one to care for their children are depending upon you. This community needs some relief from this ongoing battle for adequate day care/head start services.

Community Board 9 and the community are heartened by the recent allocation of additional funds for Universal Pre-Kindergarten in the City of New York. With the current overcrowding in our district schools, we encourage all organizations providing for our little ones to respond the RFP so that funding could be acquired to provide this much resource for our children and families.

BROOKLYN 14

Of major concern to the board are the needs for preventative and protective services for children. Such services must be provided while continuing to reduce caseload. Evidence based models for foster care and foster family support must be fully funded to ensure safe and nurturing home environments.

BROOKLYN 17

As outlined in Tacking Code#217198803E**,** funding for Head Start programs in the community should be a priority in 2016 and beyond. Our need for Day Care and Head Start in Community District 17 has only been minimally met. With the growing population, increase in one-parent families and families with both parents working, provision for day care services has to be increased and funded as requested under Tracking Code#217198803E.

MANHATTAN 7

Tracking Code: 307200915E
Request: Maintain Funding for Baselined Early Learn Programs, Including UPK and Head Start.
Agency Response: Use the agency's application/RFP procedure. Contact the agency.

Reply: While CB7 appreciates the willingness of ACS to entertain requests for additional funding of individual programs, and is happy to advocate on behalf of specific programs within our District, the thrust of this priority is to ensure that funding baselined for the FY 2015 budget not be eroded in subsequent budget cycles.
CB7 would welcome a dialogue with ACS to ensure needs, including those who qualify even though they are surrounded by affluence, are met.

MANHATTAN 10

- **Priority 11 – 310200603E:** Provide additional funding for early childhood programs.

Agency Response: Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal and State funds.

Community Board Comments: Expense request number 4 calls for the provision of additional funding for early childhood programs. Manhattan Community Board 10 recognizes that research has shown that quality early childhood education has positive and long lasting benefits for young children. Quality early childhood education establishes strong foundations for learning, which provides encouragement for children to develop to their full potential. What has ACS done to acquire these funds what is needed and how can the community board(s) help advocate for this need?