

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

Department of Cultural Affairs

BRONX 6

With regard to our request that the Department of Cultural Affairs fund our local cultural and art institutions (Tracking Code 106201301E) Bronx Community Board #6 will follow the department's suggestion and recommend and bring this request to the attention of our local elected officials.

BROOKLYN 9

The Board strongly supports the improvement of our historic cultural institutions – The Brooklyn Botanic Garden and The Brooklyn Museum. These institutions represent just two of the many treasures that our Borough shares with visitors and residents alike and which must be preserved and enhanced. We are pleased that funding was approved by the agency for FY 2014.

MANHATTAN 4

Ask:

- **Funding to preserve and create affordable spaces for small creative spaces**

Theater and artists are a major attraction and economic engine in New York City. The majority of New York City small-to-mid-sized performing arts groups have their offices and creative spaces in Community District 4. According to a study conducted by Innovative Theater Foundation and Columbia University in the Fall of 2008, close to 30% of performance spaces have closed within CD4 in the last eight years due to development pressures we believe originate from the Hudson Yards and Chelsea rezoning -- as these changes have a direct impact on the value of real estate. The creation of a subsidy program, as part of the overall budget of the Department of Cultural Affairs, that could ensure permanent locations for existing and displaced nonprofit arts entities is an ongoing need and a high priority for this community.

Therefore we request increase funding for preservation and creation of affordable space for small to mid-sized theatrical and other non-profit performance and visual art organization as well as their support services such as artists' studios, rental storage space for art, costumes, scenery, lighting, and rehearsal studios.

MANHATTAN 5

305200101E—We are thankful the Department of Cultural Affairs is maintaining funding levels for cultural organizations.

QUEENS 7

Community Board #7 continues to support funding, both Capital and Expense, for all of our institutions – Queens Botanical Gardens, Flushing Council on Culture and the Arts, the Lewis Latimer House, Kingsland House and the Poppenhusen Institute. These facilities serve as an extremely important component for the residents of our district, as well as the entire city. Without fair distribution of financial assistance from the city, they will need to increase the cost of membership, and admission prices, creating another indirect tax on the middle class. With regard to the Poppenhusen Institute we are happy that the final design for construction has been and that funding has been approved by the agency for the 2016 budget year.