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

Fire Department

BRONX 3

Bronx Community Board Three supports the funding of $11 million to hire 181 civilians to establish 45 new BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS) tours targeted to the South Bronx, Western Queens and Staten Island, in order to reduce response times to life threatening emergencies.

Bronx Community Board Three supports the allocation of $6.6 million to fund the hiring of 149 new EMS call takers for emergency medical dispatch.

Bronx community Board Three supports the funding of $3.6 million to retain a military coordinator for the Office of Recruitment and Diversity as well as increased funding for uniformed overtime to support the firefighter candidate mentorship program and other recruitment related activities.

Bronx Community Board Three supports the increase in funding totaling $386k to implement initiatives across several agencies to improve the regulatory environment for small businesses related to customer service and plain language training/interpretation services.

BRONX 6

Bronx Community Board #6 thanks the Fire Department for its response to our request that it fund the purchase and installation of a back-up generator for FDNY Engine Company 88 (Tracking Code 106201501E). We now realize that such a project is reliant on the department receiving Federal grants. To that end, we have confidence that the department will continue to vigorously seek out such grants and we ask that Engine Company 88 be prioritized so that it will be one of the first companies up for consideration when the next round of Federal monies becomes available.

BROOKLYN 1

Public Safety – Community Board No. 1 seeks to make secure the services that will ensure a safe environment for our residents. We continue to maintain our outrage at the closure of Engine 212 located in the middle of the burgeoning Northside. We advocate for a state of the art facility in the area that will continue to serve the community and be fully adequate to respond top the emergency needs of our district. The long planned EMS station has opened at 333 Metropolitan Avenue and is functioning well. We support funding to maintain and operate the facility. We request DOT to assist the station with resolving its traffic flow problems as the area is often congested with traffic. The Fire Department's equipment in the district should be updated to include fireboats and additional ladder companies to address new construction of the high-rise buildings and waterfront development.

We remain concerned about the radical increase of restaurants and bars in the community and their impact. The Fire Department must ensure that these establishments are regularly inspected for code compliance and adherence to fire safety measures. This is especially important for those establishments and commercial operations located on lower floors with residential units above.

BROOKLYN 9

Generators for Battalion 38

Including Engine Co 249/Ladder 113

Community Board 9 continues to advocate for the provision of a generator for Engine Company 249/Ladder 113, and for all Engine/Ladder companies in the city. There should be no doubt in anyone's mind that funding should be provided for this purpose. We therefore call on the elected officials representing this district to provide the necessary funding for the acquisition of this vitally needed piece of equipment to enable the full scale installation of generators at a faster pace.

Replace Leaking Roof
Engine Company 249/Ladder Company 113

Community Board 9 is extremely pleased that funding has been allocated to address the water infiltration that was caused by the HVAC equipment. We are pleases that the HVAC project is currently underway and that it will also address and correct the roofing issues. We look forward to the successful completion of this project.

Fire Safety Education

Community Board 9 continues to strongly urge the agency to provide the necessary funding for increased fire safety education programs. The Child Fire Starter Program has proven to be an invaluable tool to educate children who might be at risk of starting fires. We urge the continuation of this program. The Board also wholeheartedly supports the expansion of the Fire Safety House program to provide hands-on fire-safety education for children.

Smoke Alarms/Carbon Monoxide Detectors

This program provides a valuable resource for the community, especially to senior citizens and others on low or fixed incomes. We sincerely hope that funding will be provided to continue the Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Detector Distribution Program. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors are life savers and these programs must be preserved. We also urge that adequate funding be provided for the purchase of CPR Kits.

Fire Marshals

The numbers of Fire Marshals in our city has been decimated over the years. Without adequate numbers of Fire Marshals to investigate fires, specifically suspicious fires, many arsonists may be getting away with committing arson. It is not only important to investigate the cause of some fires, it is important that all fires should be investigated to determine cause. Our city cannot be safe from arsonists without Fire Marshals. Funding should be restored to adequately provide this service.

BROOKLYN 10

Expense Priority #3 – Maintain P.S. Funding levels for firefighting personnel strength

Funding levels must be sustained to maintain engines and ladder companies within Community Board Ten to overcome attrition and for effective firefighting and prevention services.

BROOKLYN 14

The board supports funding for back-up generators for firehouses in CD 14. We are pleased to see that this capital project is recommended for funding and understand that locations will be determined contingent upon the total agency allocation and other factors.

The board recognizes that capital funding is recommended for interior and exterior renovations for fire houses in CD 14, but that it is contingent upon the total agency allocation for the fiscal year. Engine 281, Ladder 147 celebrated its Centennial two years ago and the board recommends that this event serve as incentive to allocate funding to improve the facade and interior of this location. Engine 250 should also be considered for capital improvements.

New technology and technology updates must be funded to ensure safety and efficiency in the Department.

Adequate staffing levels and specialized emergency equipment are paramount to maintain the safety of community members and property in CD 14. The board reiterates its request that allocations be directed to ensure that staffing is maintained or increased within the district as needed.

BROOKLYN 17

The installation of generators at Engine Companies 310 and 248 is a necessary component to sustain life and property during citywide blackout or other such emergency. Therefore, Community Board 17 request that the two fire houses be equipped with this much needed equipment as requested under Tracking Code #217201516C.

MANHATTAN 4

Ask:

- **Provide funding for relocating the 23rd Street EMS station**

MCB4 specifically requests immediate funding for a relocation of the EMS station that is temporarily located on W. 23rd Street and Tenth Avenue. We believe it is in the best interests of this community that a fully functioning garage be built on a property that not only fully serves the needs of the NYFD, but also is appropriately situated in an area that does not disturb residents and is not hindered by heavily congested streets. The current temporary location was never designed for the heavy use the EMS is placing on this site. The current small, cramped location adjacent to residential buildings has resulted in noise and exhaust

pollution. The site is unsafe for both FDNY personnel and nearby residents and pedestrians. There is an inadequate communication infrastructure–(one working telephone line). Our community strongly urges funding for a relocation study so a fully equipped and well-designed EMS site can be found immediately.

MANHATTAN 6

While we understand the FDNY Foundation provides funds for the Fire Department's CPR initiatives, we ask that your office and the Department formally support our request for additional dollars for such purposes from government sources as well.

The Department was incorrect in stating that we did not list specific firehouses in need of backup generators which became clearer after Sandy when much of the district lost power. Those firehouses are again, for reference are Engines 021, 016/007, and 023.
C-25: 306201503C - Provide Back-Up Generators at Selected Firehouses
E-26: 306201103E - Fully fund FDNY CPR initiative

MANHATTAN 10

Priority 17 – 310201612E: Support FDNY Home-Safety program for senior citizens.

Explanation: Central Harlem has a high number of low income housing and a large elderly population which can cause a high fire risk. This program addresses this issue by providing FDNY firefighters coupled with community groups conducting home fire safety checks.

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

Community Board Comments: The FDNY has programs through which they educate the community e.g. fire education, CPR trainings etc. We ask that in this outreach the Fire Department designate some dates to work with the seniors within our community. Does FDNY have an existing Home-Safety program? If so, can it be recorded and distributed to the seniors within Community District 10? If not, can it be created? CB10 is willing to help with outreach.

QUEENS 5

With the City becoming more populated every year, and greater numbers of people living in illegal apartments, the role and importance of the City firefighters has grown greatly, as have dangers to firefighters. The following are important fire fighting concerns:

That there not be any more reductions to the number of staffed engine companies, ladder companies, battalions, or hazardous material squads.
In our City of 8 million residents, delays of seconds can mean death and destruction.

That the Fire Marshal's Unit in Queens be funded as a priority.

That inspections of industrial buildings, commercial enterprises and residential multiple dwellings, with a history of problems, be properly made at least once a year.

That fire apparatus for engine, ladder and rescue companies be in good working order and replaced on a reasonable cycle.

That the Fire Department work with the Department of Buildings and the Department of Housing Preservation and Development to reduce the number of illegal apartments and other dangerous conditions.

A significant concern is what appears to be a planned reduction of more than $124 Million in the budget of the Fire Department for FY 2016.

QUEENS 7

We would like to thank you for the continued support and maintenance of the fire marshal base at Fort Totten since they are the detectives for the agency, and must be on the scene of
a fire to determine if arson is the cause. The evidence must not be destroyed, and with the base open, the backlog of open cases, and arson fires will diminish.

The board has continuously asked for a public safety education center to be developed at Fort Totten, which will include various agencies, including the fire department. It would be used to sell the messages of the city – fire safety, first aid, police protection, drug activity, peer pressure, gang identification, transportation safety, sanitation recycling, as well as coast guard safety. This center would be accessible for not only the youth, citywide, but for our senior population. It has been in our budget since :1.999, and we are not happy that this is not being supported within our district.