

**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

NYPD

BRONX 1

A review FY16 budget shows tracking code (101199702C), budget line PO-141, Project ID PO141-001 is now proceeding and is in the ten-year plan. There are major police and patrol conditions in the district. We are now pleased that the project is in the FY16 Design Phase and moving forward.

BRONX 3

The NYPD has allocated \$10 million to fund an increase to the NYPD Police Cadet Program headcount by 520. This funding includes annual compensation and tuition re-imbusement. Bronx Community Board Three supports this allocation of funding which would allow for needed personnel to interface with local community residents in a way aimed at improving police/community relations.

Bronx Community Board Three supports the allocation of \$4.2 million (FY 2016 – 2019) to fund the re-placement of bulletproof vests which are five years old and to pursue a study to establish a regular and ongoing replacement cycle.

NYPD- 238 full time positions are identified in FY 2016 departmental estimates for the NYPD-42nd Precinct.

BRONX 5

Tracking Code

New York City Police Department

105200102C

Request: Construct New 46th Precinct Facility.

Explanation: The 46th Precinct is in need of a new facility. The current 46th non ADA compliance facility is old, dilapidated, and archaic. Most of the furniture is old & broken. There is no space for parking, causing the streets to be congested with very little walking space for pedestrians and emergency vehicles. This condition must be improved not only for the working police officers, but also for the surrounding community.

Responsible Agency: Police Department

Agency Response: NYPD's funding constraints, project capacity and Department priorities rule out including this project at this time.

Board Response: Bronx CB5 continues to urge NYPD to fund a new 46th Police Precinct. It is the Community Board #5's understanding that the Capital division of the Police Department has earmark funds for a 46 Police Precinct in the out years. In addition, the facility cannot accommodate all of its police vehicles that are parked illegally in and around the surrounding area. Parking on sidewalks and curb cuts add an additional negative quality of life condition in this community. The Board is requesting that the 46th Precinct funding allocation be included in next capital project cycle.

105201405C

Request: Handicap accessibility in front of the 46th Precinct.

Explanation: Seniors and physically challenged residents are requesting a ramp and handrails to the entrance of the 46th Precinct to make it ADA accessible and in compliance.

Responsible Agency: Police Department

Agency Response: Further study by the agency of this request is needed. Contact the agency.

Board Response: The Board is pleased that NYPD is studying this matter. However, our residents with ADA challenges as well as our seniors with physical challenges must have access to their precinct as soon as possible. The Board urges NYPD to fund this project in the 2017 capital cycle.

BRONX 7

The Board is pleased to have been chosen as a pilot site for ShotSpotter as outlined in tracking code 107201601C. We would like to request that the department provide progress reports on the technology so that we may measure the efficacy of the project.

BRONX 10

1. Request: Video surveillance cameras are needed along the overpass at I95 which extends from Baychester Avenue to Edson Avenue.

Agency Response: Locations must be surveyed in order to determine the technical feasibility and operational needs for ARGUS camera installation. NYPD ARGUS camera placement is based on impartial analytic review of relevant crime data with a particular emphasis on violent crime and shooting incidents. Locations with the greatest demonstrated need will receive priority in the placement process.

Board Response: In the 2015 Budget Register Response, the Agency recommended funding for

fiscal year 2015 and stated that part of the request was already funded. To the best of the Board's knowledge, no study was done and no cameras were installed and the project was never funded. The area has been identified as being the site of several criminal incidents involving youth. Would the Agency be so kind as to initiate the study for the cameras with an eye towards installation?

EXPENSE:

1. Request: The NYPD management should reestablish the Narcotics Module for the 45th Precinct and increase its resources such as vehicles, or consider merger with the 49th Precinct.

Agency Response: NYPD's Narcotics enforcement resources are deployed on a borough-wide basis and are available to all Precincts within the Borough. Specific complaints should be brought to the attention of the local Precinct Commander.

Board Response: This is exactly the same response the Board received in the 2015 Budget Register. The fact of the matter is this, the drug trade is different in Community Board #10. The sale of drugs is accomplished through the use of disposable cellular phones and cars that take advantage of the Board's geographic situation of being at the confluence of three highway systems. Clearly, this is a very difficult situation for the local Precinct to handle. That is why the Board is requesting assistance. The Police Commissioner had combined the Narcotics Module units from the 45 and 43rd Precincts together. The Board believes that this combination does not serve either precinct well. Instead, we would like to see a combination between the 45th and 49th Precincts, as we believe them to be similar types of command.

BROOKLYN 2

CB2 voted in December 2014 to oppose the designation of the 88th Precinct station house, originally the 4th Precinct, as an individual landmark. For Community Board 2, it is not a question of whether architect George Ingram's Romanesque Revival building is worthy of being designated a New York City landmark. Rather, the question for the community board is whether the 19th-century edifice can serve as a 21st-century police precinct. It is the board's opinion that it cannot. The community board believes replacement of the 88th Precinct is inevitable and strongly encourages the city to proactively secure an appropriate site and funds for construction (202200702C).

BROOKLYN 8

Responses to our Capital requests seeking the installation of police cameras along troubled commercial strips are unacceptable. The areas identified are high in criminal activity and have been determined to be good locations for surveillance cameras. Further consideration of the request for funding is urged so that we can continue toward a decrease in crime in District 8.

BROOKLYN 9

Renovation of the 71 Precinct

Police officers place their lives on the line every day for the people in this district. The Board believes that providing appropriate, safe facilities for personnel to work will go a long way towards improving morale and maximizing performance. This Precinct house is in borderline derelict condition, every square foot of the building. These conditions do not lead to maximum performance and diminishes morale.

The conditions that exist in this precinct should not be allowed to continue. We call on all elected officials representing this district to provide the funding necessary to upgrade the precinct to a state of the art facility, working to combat crime and improving public safety in the community.

Off Street Parking Facility

Community Board 9 is committed to accomplishing a “master plan” for this district. Inherent in this plan is the improvement of the quality of life in our community. One of the problems currently impacting on this quality of life is the one created by the Police Department which does not provide parking for agency vehicles and vehicles that are impounded in the course of conducting the work of the agency. These vehicles are parked indiscriminately on streets and sidewalks surrounding the precinct, creating congestion and blocking sidewalks, forcing pedestrians into the street and into oncoming traffic.

This situation is intolerable. The solution is to acquire available property in the vicinity of the 71 Precinct, either by **lease or purchase**, to provide the parking necessary for the Precinct. The successful realization of this project cannot be accomplished without an infusion of funds specifically earmarked for the acquisition of a suitable site. Since the agency’s “funding constraints...rule out including this project at this time”, we definitely need that infusion of funds from our elected officials. Although we are in tough economic times, the safety and well-being of our residents is of vital importance and should be a priority to all concerned.

Community Policing

While it may not be feasible to place a police officer on every block and corner of our district, we strongly urge an increase in police visibility within our community. This presence is an effective deterrent to the commission of crime and has a direct impact upon the safety and security that people feel when they see police officers on duty, on foot (or bikes) in the community. We urge the provision of the funding necessary for an increase in number of uniformed and civilian personnel assigned to the Precinct; to conduct the business of the people and provide protection for the district.

BROOKLYN 10

Expense Priority #2 – Increase patrol strength at 68th Precinct as well as civilian personnel levels

The Police Department continues to see headcount reductions. Maintaining police officer levels is vital to preserve public safety including addressing quality of life issues. The NYPD is in need of civilian personnel to support police services. The 68th Precinct needs additional uniformed patrol officers as well civilian personnel.

Expense Priority #4 – Permanent placement of Traffic Control Agents and School Crossing Guards

In keeping with the Mayor's Vision Zero initiative, additional traffic control agents are needed at the following locations: 86th Street at 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue; 65th Street – 6,7,8th Avenues and Fort Hamilton Parkway as they are all high crash locations. Additional agents needed to address traffic impacts caused by Verrazano Narrows bridge traffic disruptions and summer volume. Five new elementary schools demand need for additional school crossing guards. CB 10 allotment of crossing guards has not been changed to address new school needs.

BROOKLYN 12

TRACKING CODE 212198023C

DEMOLISH AND BUILD A NEW 66TH PRECINCT STATION HOUSE ON THE FOOTPRINTS OF THE 66TH PRECINCT PRESENT SITE. ACQUIRE THE AIR RIGHTS OVER THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD TO HOUSE TRAILERS WHICH CAN THEN BE USED, AFTER CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETE, AS A PARKING LOT FOR THE NEW 66TH PRECINCT.

Although some construction has occurred at the Precinct, these renovations are only band aid in nature. Much more is needed to improve working conditions. Good working conditions are conducive to fostering good police work and enhance and promote community relations and trust. Additional space is needed to house Police Officers. Several additional floors are needed to accommodate not only Police Officers (separate quarters for male and female Officers) but also for defendants, civilians and the general public. Additional off street parking is needed to accommodate police personnel as well as visitors.

Money saved by not having to acquire land will pay for a new building. There is no available land, private or City owned in this district. Air rights over the LIRR can be used to house trailers during demolition and construction and then, once construction is completed, can be used as a parking lot for personnel, visitors, etc. These plans and the start of ULURP applications must begin ASAP.

The City must put this project back in their ten year plan, and encumber monies once again for this project and not put it on hold. Too many times money was put into the project and then taken out. The Police Dept. is our first line of defense against crime and terrorism in the City of New York.

NEW REQUEST

REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICERS AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT

Our community is in immediate need of Traffic Control Officers assigned to critical areas in our District. At this time, we have none. One location where traffic congestion is out of control is 15th Avenue from 42nd to 45th Streets; 14th Avenue from 49th to 42nd Street (morning hours);

13th Avenue the entire day from 39th Street to 54th Street and Avenue I from McDonald Avenue to Coney Island Avenue; especially during rush hours. The traffic congestion is so severe as well as the horn honking during both AM and PM rush hours.

BROOKLYN 14

The board continues to consider the acquisition a new site for the 70th Precinct station house an urgent priority. After many years of advocacy, the board is gratified that the department has included the project in the FY 2016 preliminary project.

In the meantime, the board has requested funding to include handicap accessibility and updated telecommunications systems at the current precinct house. In addition, the board has requested a generator for the 70th Precinct House and understands that further study is required.

Security cameras are the smallest portion of the NYPD capital budget yet communities frequently call upon NYPD to install cameras. The board reiterates the request for funding from within the agency for the installation of additional security cameras in the District.

The board supports an increase in personnel in the 70th Police Precinct. We understand that NYPD's total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the preliminary and executive budget process and hope to look forward to a number of graduates from the next police academy class.

The board reiterates the request for an adequate number of vehicles in good condition and expresses our concern regarding the assessment that numbers are adequate in the 70th Precinct.

The board supports funding for additional crossing guards for the 70th Precinct. Approximately 31,000 students in Kindergarten through grade 12 attend both public and private schools in Community District 14 and only 36 crossing guards currently assigned to ensure their safety (a 1:861 ratio). At many schools, there is a need for more than one guard to ensure safe travel for our young people. It is discouraging that the department does not anticipate increased funding.

MANHATTAN 4

Asks:

- **Remapping of Precincts within MCD4**
- **Additional funding for an increase of traffic officers and Collision Investigation Squad personnel**
- **500 additional traffic cameras**

With the development of the Hudson Yards district underway, the addition of tens of thousands of residents, the installation of new tourist destinations (Whitney museum, High line, Hudson Boulevard and Park) and new commuter flows (#7 subway) our current precincts are stretched to the limit. It is time to regroup all of MCD4 within a single precinct that incorporate all the new territory and activities that are being developed. These combined with the exponential influx of

residents, commuters and businesses in and around Hudson Yards calls for the creation of a new precinct and a redistribution of territory.

We request the remapping of our district from 4 precincts to 1 or at most 2 precincts

We commend the continuing reduction of crime in the City through the truly exemplary efforts of the NYPD. We are concerned, however, with the reduced number of officers at our precincts, all of which remain below full strength, despite increased demand for safety and enforcement in Community District 4.

The number of nightclubs and bars in our District places extra demands on all four of our precincts, Midtown North, Midtown South, Thirteenth and the Tenth. Counter-terrorism efforts have increased the workload for officers at all our precincts..

- There needs to be more night resources, sound measurement devices and trained officers at the precincts to address the many noise complaints due to bars and clubs and now construction activity.

MCB4 neighborhoods have a pressing need for increased enforcement of many laws and regulations related to the safety of pedestrians. We support a continuing emphasis on traffic enforcement efforts, and urge that more traffic enforcement personnel be hired and assigned specifically to enforce the laws and issue gridlock summonses, truck violations, idling, noise, wrong way bicycling, bicycling on the sidewalk and yield to pedestrian summonses, and address conditions in residential areas where many side streets appear to have become arteries of the Interstate Highway System. Gridlock laws are not respected, impeding the flow of EMS vehicles and obstructing pedestrian crossings. Trucks and charter buses are increasingly avoiding traffic by racing through narrow residential streets, often speeding and failing to yield the right of way to pedestrians. As noted in the DOT Truck Study, increased enforcement is needed for trucks illegally using residential instead of designated through streets.

Side streets signed as no parking or no standing zones have become free parking lots for black cars and limos, trucks and charter buses, all of which often idle beyond permitted time. Extra traffic enforcement personnel are needed to address these conditions. More enforcement is especially needed for the midtown West 42nd Street corridor and the increasingly dangerous Ninth Avenue stretch from 49th to 37th Street. In Chelsea, more no-honking enforcement is needed for the community between 15th and 18th Streets from Thursday to Sunday throughout the night caused by the concentration of nightlife in the Gansevoort area.

- MCB4 favors the addition of five traffic officers to the NYPD for enforcement and the addition of as many traffic agents. We also suggest a retraining of all traffic officers and agents to focus more on pedestrian safety.

While New York State is reducing its funding for the City, it should allow the city to substitute technology to improve enforcement and safety at lower cost.

- As part of the budget, the city should negotiate for approval of 500 cameras for red lights and speeding enforcement; this will save lives and increase revenues.

The recent NYC Council hearings on traffic safety pointed out deficiencies in traffic

enforcement on arterials and streets, and the need for the city to more aggressively investigate both pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and deaths caused by drivers. A part of the problem is the decrease in number of police officers in the Highway Patrol District – from 376 in 2000 to 211 in 2012 and their exclusive focus on highways.

This Community Board has been an active supporter of the city's and DOT's efforts to improve both the pedestrian experience and more bicycle usage. However these efforts also require efforts to increase street safety and more highly prioritize investigations into accidents.

- We recommend an increase in highway patrol officers and their deployment in the precincts to focus on arterial road safety.
- We recommend an increase in personnel for the Collision Investigation Squad to more thoroughly evaluate crashes and the responsibilities of all parties.

MANHATTAN 5

305200901E—NYPD must receive increased funding for civilian hires to free up Police for traffic enforcement issues in our district.

MANHATTAN 6

Our highest-priority expense continues to be an increase in staffing for the 13th and 17th precincts. We point out that several City crime statistics are worse this year than at the same point in 2014, so a proactive deployment of officers is paramount to ensure this District remains a safe area. For the fourth year in a row, we have received a vague response indicating that levels are dependent on the budget process and upon personnel graduating from the academy. While increased funding for equipment, training and protection of officers is essential to effective and safe policing, our community needs additional officers. With the East 20th Street Police Academy location not providing the same level of training, there will be an overall lower visible law enforcement presence in the area.

As a District that endures traffic a high volume of congestion and bicycle-related complaints, and one that houses substance abuse treatment centers and a large homeless shelter, we deserve particular attention from the Department.

We requested additional traffic and parking enforcement agents, but the answer we received did not make sense. To be clear, we have requested additional agents for traffic and parking, not for school crossing guards or school safety agents as the Department indicated in its response. Therefore, we resubmit our request in its original form and ask that this be adopted during the budget process.

E-01: 306200801E - Increase staffing at 13th and 17th precincts

E-08: 306201208E - Expand number of traffic/parking agents

MANHATTAN 7

Tracking Code: 307201501E

Request: Hire Traffic Enforcement Officers.

Agency Response: NYPD total staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the NYPD only after graduation of Police classes from the Academy. The availability future funding for civilian personnel

depends on the decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive budget process.

Reply: The issue to be addressed with respect to this budget priority is not the allocation of existing staff levels, but the need for additional City-wide staff to address needs that currently go unmet or are added on to the duties of officers already fully occupied with other duties.

Pedestrian deaths and serious injuries took a huge toll on our District in calendar 2014, despite the raising of awareness about Vision Zero and the implementation of a variety of measures meant to enhance safety. The long-term solution requires the State Legislature to return to New York City the power to protect ourselves and implement our own budget and enforcement priorities, such as speed and red light cameras and altering the default speed limit.

In the short term, additional enforcement is needed to give vitality to the tenets of Vision Zero. That requires additional staffing. The cost in dollars cannot compare to the losses in human capital already experienced in the last 12 months, including too many children killed in crosswalks walking with the light.

Tracking Code: 307200911E

Request: Restore the number of police officers in precincts and PSAs.

Agency Response: NYPD's total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the agency only after graduation of police classes from the Academy.

Reply: The issue to be addressed with respect to this budget priority is not the allocation of existing staff levels, but the need for additional uniformed police officers City-wide to address needs that currently go unmet or are added on to the duties of officers already fully occupied with other duties.

The officers assigned to these duties fulfill both a crucial investigatory and enforcement function as well as creating a tangible presence in the community reinforcing the shared value of respect for neighbors, the built environment, and each other.

Tracking Code: 307201303E

Request: Hire civilian personnel to perform administrative and clerical duties in the NYPD.

Agency Response: NYPD total staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the NYPD only after graduation of Police classes from the Academy. The availability of future funding for civilian personnel depends on the decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive budget process.

Reply: The issue to be addressed with respect to this budget priority is not the allocation of existing staff levels, but the need for additional City-wide staff to address needs that currently go unmet or are added on to the duties of officers already fully occupied with other duties.

Additional civilian staffing can free uniformed officers from certain tasks so that they can concentrate on the enforcement functions for which they are trained and uniquely qualified.

Adding funding for civilian staff makes economic and policy sense.

MANHATTAN 9

Community safety is linked inextricably to the quality of life for all New York City residents. CB9 has repeatedly requested in prior fiscal years the allocation of funding to both increase the number of patrol cars assigned to District 9 and to maintain present levels of civilian personnel to

support the Police Departments servicing District 9 (specifically, Precincts 26 and 30). CB9 has also in prior fiscal years requested the renovation of District 9's Precinct Station Houses (specifically, Precincts 26 and 30). Each fiscal year these requests are summarily dismissed.

Therefore, CB9 deems it reasonable to first and foremost request that the City increase the number of New York City Housing Bureau Police in all District 9 Public Housing Projects particularly in response to increased drug trafficking and gang violence arising therefrom, which is predominantly concentrated in the Grant and Manhattanville Housing Projects (Expense Request No. 15). If anything, the failure to accommodate this Expense Request may be perceived by the lawless as outright indifference to adequately police these areas, thereby risking substantial harm to law-abiding residents and further enabling current gang members to successfully recruit additional youth to join their ranks.

CB9 is confident that the Police Department would corroborate the need for such immediate supplementation of Housing Bureau Police; indeed, implicit in the Police Department's response to Expense Request No. 15 that "[S]taffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process" evinces that the Police Department on its own presumes that Your Honor is fully supportive of protecting this City's law-abiding adult and youth population within Public Housing and that Your Honor shall ultimately provide funding to advance the vital interest in protecting youth and to guard against the proliferation of gangs and gang-related violence.

QUEENS 5

Capital Budget Request: Rehabilitate the 104th Police Precinct Interior

The 104th Police Precinct station house is an old building and improvements needed include:

- New lockers for police officers and supervisors
- Central air-conditioning, a basement ventilation system
- Exterior pointing and waterproofing, especially related to correcting leaks in the basement, and painting the entire precinct
- Lighting on the roof to illuminate the doorway and the American Flag
- Ongoing upgrades to the telephone/communication system, including voice-mail capability, as well as installation of an intercom system with communications device accessibility in numerous stationhouse areas.

Expense Budget Requests:

Assign Additional Personnel to the 104th Police Precinct Patrol Force

Until 2005, when our precinct was fortunately granted an Operation Impact Patrol Force, the number of police officers (exclusive of supervisors) assigned to the 104th Precinct had declined by approximately 30% from early 1995 levels.

The 104th Police Precinct needs at least 170 police officers, not including supervisors. At least 20 additional police officers need to be assigned to the 104th Police Precinct patrol strength. There have been far too many instances when the response of officers is slow, due to backlog conditions. In addition, there have been far too many instances when our precinct has been on alert because patrol officers are handling numerous jobs at one time.

A big concern is the reduction of Police Department Patrol Personnel in the FY 2016 Police Department Budget.

Reasonable starting salaries and salary increases are critical for enticing and retaining competent officers and supervisors, but we must be careful of allowing the patrol force to slip dangerously low in numbers.

Other important needs include:

Well maintained Police Department vehicles, both marked and unmarked. 12 radio cars in excellent condition is the most basic need, but typically, fewer than 7 radio cars are in good condition. An additional van and a 4-wheel drive vehicle are also important needs, as are at least 3 unmarked cars that are in very good condition.

Police Communications Systems, especially E-911, that function well with a 'State of the Art' goal.

Scooters, that are in good working order, and bicycles are needed to supplement radio patrol vehicles.

At least 5 additional School Crossing Guards are needed, considering ongoing increases in traffic and pedestrian safety issues.

QUEENS 7

The 109th precinct, which encompasses over 250,000 people, of which 100,000 are new Americans, and a little under 13 miles of streets, is being stretched far beyond their limits. Even though we are not a high crime area, the quality of life issues that the precinct has to deal with must be taken into consideration, and police personnel must be increased to meet this heavy demand.

- Our request to establish an additional police precinct for board #7 has again been denied stating that this is not an efficient use of resources. The fair share allocations for manpower has to be taken into consideration when dealing with the quality of life issues that the precinct has to deal with since we are one of the most ethnically diverse communities in the country, and the largest population wise of all 59 boards. In some instances our population is 100,000 more people than some of the other boards. This is definitely not a fair and equitable distribution of police protection.

This year the board initiated a request for a dedicated precinct within Flushing Meadow Corona Park. Over the years crime has increased, and the precincts surrounding the park are too busy to assist with regard to park security. If an incident was to occur within the park, the response time would be significantly improved with the establishment of this precinct. Safety must be our number one priority for the myriad of families utilizing the park on a daily basis. We are not happy with the response "further study by the agency is needed."