

# **Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests**

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2027

**Manhattan Community  
District  
6**

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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 the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2025.

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:

### **1. 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.

### **2. 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.

### **3. Community Board Budget Requests**

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY24 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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## 1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

### Manhattan Community Board 6

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## 2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

The following two pages contain data from the most recent 2020 Decennial Census, which includes basic demographic and housing characteristics for New York City, the borough, and this community district. The data also includes a view of change over time since 2010.

## New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	8,175,133	100.00	8,804,190	100.00	629,057	7.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	1,768,111	21.6	1,740,142	19.8	-27,969	-1.6	-1.8
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	8,175,133	100.0	8,804,190	100.0	629,057	7.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	2,336,076	28.6	2,490,350	28.3	154,274	6.6	-0.3
White non-Hispanic	2,722,904	33.3	2,719,856	30.9	-3,048	-0.1	-2.4
Black non-Hispanic	1,861,295	22.8	1,776,891	20.2	-84,404	-4.5	-2.6
Asian non-Hispanic	1,028,119	12.6	1,373,502	15.6	345,383	33.6	3.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	78,063	1.0	143,632	1.6	65,569	84.0	0.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	148,676	1.8	299,959	3.4	151,283	101.8	1.6
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	3,371,062	100.0	3,618,635	100.0	247,573	7.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	3,109,784	92.2	3,370,448	93.1	260,664	8.4	0.9
Vacant housing units	261,278	7.8	248,187	6.9	-13,091	-5.0	-0.9

## Manhattan

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	1,585,873	100.00	1,694,251	100.00	108,378	6.8	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	234,435	14.8	232,511	13.7	-1,924	-0.8	-1.1
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	1,585,873	100.0	1,694,251	100.0	108,378	6.8	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	403,577	25.4	402,640	23.8	-937	-0.2	-1.6
White non-Hispanic	761,493	48.0	793,294	46.8	31,801	4.2	-1.2
Black non-Hispanic	205,340	12.9	199,592	11.8	-5,748	-2.8	-1.1
Asian non-Hispanic	177,624	11.2	219,624	13.0	42,000	23.6	1.8
Some other race, non-Hispanic	7,882	0.5	16,112	1.0	8,230	104.4	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	29,957	1.9	62,989	3.7	33,032	110.3	1.8
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	847,090	100.0	913,926	100.0	66,836	7.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	763,846	90.2	817,782	89.5	53,936	7.1	-0.7
Vacant housing units	83,244	9.8	96,144	10.5	12,900	15.5	0.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files  
 Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

## Manhattan Community District 6

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	142,745	100.00	155,614	100.00	12,869	9.0	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	11,017	7.7	14,281	9.2	3,264	29.6	1.5
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	142,745	100.0	155,614	100.0	12,869	9.0	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	10,830	7.6	13,779	8.9	2,949	27.2	1.3
White non-Hispanic	103,667	72.6	101,605	65.3	-2,062	-2.0	-7.3
Black non-Hispanic	4,934	3.5	5,424	3.5	490	9.9	0.0
Asian non-Hispanic	19,864	13.9	27,293	17.5	7,429	37.4	3.6
Some other race, non-Hispanic	654	0.5	1,474	0.9	820	125.4	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,796	2	6,039	3.9	3,243	116	1.9
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	92,067	100.0	99,371	100.0	7,304	7.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	82,128	89.2	87,186	87.7	5,058	6.2	-1.5
Vacant housing units	9,939	10.8	12,185	12.3	2,246	22.6	1.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files  
 Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

### Statement on Data Accuracy

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau is legally bound to protect the privacy of individuals participating in the decennial census. To adhere to the law and to avoid the disclosure of information about individual respondents, the Census Bureau has historically applied a host of techniques, such as top- and bottom-coding, imputation, table- and cell-suppression, and data swapping. The Census Bureau is employing a new technique with the 2020 Census, referred to as the Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS), based on differential privacy. With this approach, the Census Bureau “infuses noise” systematically across census data and sets a quantified disclosure risk, referred to as the Privacy Loss Budget (PLB).

While the new DAS approach may diminish the risk of disclosure concerns, it comes at a cost to data accuracy. Consequently, 2020 Census data users should be aware that all sub-state counts, except for housing units (which are unaffected by the DAS), may be adjusted to protect the privacy of Census participants and may be subject to reduced accuracy. Because DAS noise infusion is randomized, it is impossible for data users to know the degree to which any individual statistic is altered. However, it is possible to say that in general the relative size of errors decreases as counts increase. Consequently, data users should have greater confidence in the accuracy of the data as counts get larger. Further, an evaluation of a Privacy-Protected Microdata File (PPMF), treated with a Disclosure Avoidance System like the one applied to 2020 redistricting data, showed that counts of 300 or more rarely have sizable errors (error beyond +/- 10% of the count). Therefore, while data users need to be cognizant of data accuracy limitations, they should have confidence in conclusions based on sizable counts, which are relatively unaffected by the Census Bureau’s latest disclosure avoidance method.

### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Manhattan Community Board Six (CB6) represents the geographic area known as Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6). CD6 encompasses the east side of Manhattan from 14th to 59th Streets, from the East River to Lexington Avenue and farther west in some areas. CD6 includes many neighborhoods on Manhattan's East Side, such as Stuyvesant Town – Peter Cooper Village, Gramercy, Kips Bay, Murray Hill, Tudor City, Turtle Bay, and Sutton Place. Our district is home to some of New York City's most well-known landmarks, including the United Nations and the Chrysler Building; Bellevue Hospital, the oldest hospital in America; the country's largest homeless shelter; and Belmont Island, a tiny island that is off limits to visitors.

The district is a mixture of residential, commercial, medical, educational, and institutional uses with major office buildings, including 731 Lexington ("Bloomberg Tower"), 601 Lexington Avenue (former Citigroup Center), and the Chrysler building. Retail shops and mostly independent restaurants and cafes line the avenues. According to 2019-2023 American Community Survey data, 155,614 people call CD6 home.

There are several medical facilities used by all New Yorkers including the VA Medical Center, Bellevue Hospital, NYU Langone Medical Center, NYU Langone Orthopedic Hospital, and the New York Eye and Ear Hospital. CD6 has experienced two major hospital closures in the recent past: Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital (MSBI), which closed on April 9, 2025; and Cabrini Medical Center, previously located at 227 East 19th Street, which closed in March 2008. In the wake of MSBI's closure, they've opened a 24/7 urgent care center at 310 East 14th Street, though it remains to be seen how long the center will remain open.

CD6 also hosts numerous bioscience laboratories at the Alexandria Center for Life Science and expects to host more facilities once the SPARC Kips Bay and Innovation East projects are completed in 2030 and beyond. Additionally, there are numerous substance abuse, mental health, ambulatory care clinics and numerous private medical and dental practices. CD6 hosts the 30th Street Men's Shelter, the city's largest, at 850 beds; and several other smaller facilities for people experiencing homelessness.

The district includes the Baruch College campus, the School of Visual Arts, the NYU School of Medicine, the NYU College of Dentistry, the Beren Campus of Yeshiva University, Stern College and other institutions. CD6 is also home to the United Nations as well as hundreds of missions and diplomatic residences.

While recognizing the diversity of residential and commercial use, the district is primarily a middle-income community that has significant numbers of low-income residents and a large elderly population, many of whom live on fixed incomes. It's important to recognize that mean and median income figures in our more affluent neighborhoods mask the very real need for access to affordable housing, homeless, and general social services, as well as measures for personal safety and overall well-being for all our neighbors.

There are five Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) within CD6 or at its borders: The Grand Central Partnership, 34th Street Partnership, East Midtown Association, Union Square Partnership and the Flatiron/23rd Street Partnership. These continue to improve the quality of life within the district, and we encourage the city to continue endorsing new BIDs where viable.

Two §197-a plans were prepared by CB6 and adopted, with modifications, by the City Planning Commission and the City Council in January 2008, and March 2008, respectively. In May of 1995, CB6 submitted a §197-a plan regarding Stuyvesant Cove. This plan was modified and adopted by the City Planning Commission and City Council in 1997. These long-term planning documents should guide the understanding of the needs of our district, particularly with respect to planning for

the waterfront. With respect to the Stuyvesant Cove §197-a Plan, the East Side Coastal Resiliency Project, now largely completed, has transformed residents' access to additional open space and recreational opportunities, while increasing our district's ability to withstand coastal flood damage.

The rezoning of East Midtown promises to transform several blocks in our district into more densely populated areas that could bring additional challenges to our community. We believe the Mount Sinai / Beth Israel's Campus must be replaced with facilities that can serve our community. . It is clear that service closures will affect our community. Finally, affordability remains a difficult issue to solve and one that affects middle income and working people in our community in direct, immediate, and innumerable ways. We will always prioritize any shifts in zoning (in-district or city-wide) and dispositions of governmental- or institutionally-owned property as potential means to provide housing units at reasonable cost based on income and for other good public purposes, such as health care or supportive housing

In this respect, we note particularly the imminent disposition by Mount Sinai of its facility known as Beth Israel Hospital in our district's Stuyvesant neighborhood. We are working to ensure that the facility, or its underlying property, are ultimately developed to include some public purposes, such as another hospital or elder, supportive, and affordable housing and childcare.

Similarly, we look forward to the development of the privately-owned former Con-Edison substation lot now known as "The Solow/Soloviev Site". We believe that including public amenities such as, thoughtfully-designed public space, a high-quality public school facility, and affordable housing and daycare, would serve the Soloviev Group in attracting tenants to First Class office space. We look forward to working with them to achieve a mutually beneficial vision for the property.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Manhattan Community Board 6

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Affordable Housing**

CD6 is in dire need of affordable housing, particularly low-income and moderate-income housing. Thanks to the passage of the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act of 2019, rent-stabilized housing remains the most effective measure of preserving existing affordable housing. We are grateful to the State legislature for passing comprehensive rent regulation reform which will preserve our district's stock of affordable rent stabilized housing. However, preserving our existing stock of affordable housing is not enough to ameliorate the housing crisis we face. Over the past 15-20 years, a loss of Mitchell-Lama, and loss of Section 8 housing, and the loss of rent-controlled and rent-regulated housing, have led to 13.7% of rental units being rented at 80% AMI, 20.6% of district renters are rent burdened, and 64.8% of low-income renters in the district are severely rent burdened. To support and retain population and economic diversity, the board seeks new or reclaimed low- and moderate-income housing within the district.

#### **Homelessness**

Despite the residential development boom in Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6), affordable housing in our district has severely diminished. At the same time, there has been little attention to the housing and support services needed by the disabled, seniors, and individuals experiencing homelessness. The City has opened both temporary and permanent housing for homeless people, but seldom provides the necessary support to transition such individuals to permanent housing. Outreach to the chronically homeless is a long, difficult and often unsuccessful process. The chronically homeless often turn to our parks and public spaces during the day, leaving them with little opportunity to fulfill basic personal needs, like medication maintenance, toileting, and personal hygiene. Funding and sound, data-based, administrative oversight for these critical support services should be increased, not merely maintained. We must include basic humanitarian support, services that provide a measure of personal dignity such as restrooms, showers, and mail services (to obtain social services and veterans' benefits) for those who currently have no way of accessing them.

#### **Parks and open space**

CD6 has the least amount of open space of any community district in New York City.. Census data shows our child-age and young adult population growing quickly, so that more playground and recreation space is needed. Residents of all ages keep our current spaces busy with active and passive uses. Unfortunately, much of the open space we do have has fallen into disrepair and needs regular clean up, security patrols and maintenance of facilities.. The lack of open space is also tied to our district's air quality. According to the NYC Environmental & Health Data Portal, Manhattan CD6 ranks fourth among all the Manhattan Community Boards in the measure of several pollutants, and adjoins the most polluted, District 5, with prevailing winds blowing west to east. Inasmuch as these levels of pollution are aggravated by lack of tree cover and widespread impermeable surfaces in our district, additional green spaces can be considered a health matter.

## 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

### HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Manhattan Community Board 6

##### Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

###### **Services to reduce or prevent homelessness**

At this time, Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6) has only one supportive housing facility, Kenmore Hall. CB6 asks that additional supportive housing units be built in CD6, especially given CD6's proximity to many public health facilities that support this population. Supportive housing will help our most vulnerable residents by creating a more robust social safety net to prevent a rise in street homelessness and to reduce crowding at our homeless shelters. CD6 has the largest men's homeless shelter in the country, the HRA 30th Street Men's Shelter (located at 400 East 30th Street). This shelter maintains 850 beds and is the citywide entry point for many into the shelter system. Homelessness is a citywide issue; however, CB6 is particularly concerned that the lack of supportive housing units in CD6 has led to an increase in street-homelessness. The City and State need to put greater focus on health care, mental health care, and other social services. CB6 asks that both the City and State ensure that supportive housing providers be fully funded so that they can continue to plan, build, and operate supportive housing and the associated social services. The City continues to invest in costly temporary solutions while underinvesting in long-term systemic solutions. The structural shortage of affordable housing and the undersupply of supportive housing and social support services have made it clear that our community is not adequately serving unhoused New Yorkers and that our state and city agencies are not delivering on our social commitment to enable all citizens to live in safety, security and dignity.

##### Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

###### **Needs for Health Care and Facilities**

There are four major hospitals in Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6), used by all New Yorkers: the Margaret Cochran Corbin VA Campus, Bellevue Hospital, NYU Langone Medical Center, and the NYU Langone Orthopedic Hospital. Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital permanently closed on April 9, 2025. Numerous substance abuse, mental health, and other ambulatory care clinics as well as some facilities of the New York Eye and Ear Hospital are located in CD6. These together essentially comprise a "medical corridor" within New York City. We look forward to continued cooperation with these medical facilities as they expand and modernize their operations, as well as cooperation with city agencies in ensuring that these institutions have the adequate, surrounding infrastructure and supportive programming needed to properly serve both district residents and New Yorkers at large.

Mount Sinai has indicated they are planning on selling two of their properties on its Beth Israel campus-1 and 10 Nathan Perlman Place, and have already sold two of their adjacent properties. The community now has less access to the wide variety of care that was provided at these two properties, ranging from substance abuse services to treatment for heart disease. Additionally, our community has serious concerns that the campus will be purchased by a developer and turned into more luxury housing, rather than the quality affordable housing and community facilities that our district needs. CB6 will continue monitoring the issue and advocating to give the community a voice in the future planning and development of any MSBI campus buildings that the hospital decides to sell.

## HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DFTA	1 / 1	New intergenerational community center
HHC	1 / 1	AV System Upgrade Bellevue

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DHS	1 / 1	Funds to Support DHS Services

### Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### **School and educational facilities (Maintenance)**

Schools in CD6 need continued investment in their aging infrastructure. HVAC issues, electrical and plumbing lines, and fiber optic cabling are just some of the areas in need of attention. We should also point out that while the welfare of students is the primary focus of any school maintenance, adult staff facilities should be kept in mind when renovations are identified and planned. Retrofitting our schools based on current energy code and sustainability requirements has begun but there may be a long and expensive period ahead.

## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
SCA	1 / 1	5 hydration stations and rooftop synthetic turf at PS 281

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

### Manhattan Community Board 6

#### Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

##### **General crime**

As previously mentioned, CD6's "public health district," the several block radius that encompasses NYCHA's Nathan Straus Houses (located at 2nd Avenue between 27th and 28th Street), the 30th Street Men's Shelter (located on 1st Avenue and 30th Street), ACS's Nicholas Scoppetta Children's Center (located on 1st Avenue between 26th and 27th Streets), Bellevue South Park (located between 1st and 2nd Avenues and 26th and 28th Streets), and the single largest concentration of hospitals in the city, including Bellevue Hospital and the VA Medical Center (all located along 1st Avenue between 23rd Street and 34th Streets, has resulted in a concentration of three separate constituencies (homeless, local residents and ACS teens), all within a few blocks of one another, each competing for extremely limited places to go, particularly during the day, and thereby creating a variety of challenges and pressures on this area of the district.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

# CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

## Manhattan Community Board 6

### Most Important Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

#### **Cleanliness/trash collection**

Manhattan Community Board 6 identifies cleanliness/trash collection as the most important Core Infrastructure and City Services issue that our district is facing.

### Community District Needs Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

#### **Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection**

Lead is poisonous and can irreversibly affect every organ and system in the human body causing health problems for people of all ages. Before 1961, NYC policy was to first encourage, then require, building construction to use lead pipes so 27.4% of all buildings in CB6 continue to have lead service lines. Property owners should not bear the direct cost of replacing the remaining lead pipes. The Federal Lead and Copper Rule Improvements issued by the Environmental Protection Agency on October 8, 2024, require the removal of all lead service lines by December 31, 2037. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) provide appropriations for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program to finance lead service line identification and replacement projects. The cost of replacing lead pipes is significantly lower in the long run than the cost of healthcare from lead exposure over an individual's lifetime.

#### **Needs for Sanitation Services**

Manhattan Community Board 6 identifies cleanliness/trash collection as the most important Core Infrastructure and City Services issue that our district is facing.

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	1 / 1	Replace all lead service lines

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DSNY	1 / 1	Increase frequency of collection from public waste baskets

# HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

## Manhattan Community Board 6

### Most Important Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

#### **Affordable housing creation**

Affordable housing is disappearing from CD6 and demand continues to increase. Thanks to the passage of the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act of 2019, rent-stabilized housing remains the most effective measure of preserving existing affordable housing City-wide. CB6 requests the development of NEW low-income and moderate-income housing in CD6. Over the past 15-20 years, a loss of Mitchell Lama, and loss of rent-controlled and loss of rent-regulated housing, have led to 13.7% of rental units being rented at 80% AMI. According to HPD, the 2025 Area Median Income (AMI) for the New York City region is \$145,800 for a three-person family (100% AMI). And 80% of the AMI for a three-person family is \$116,640. According to the US Census, the 2024 median income in New York City was \$76,577 and per capita income was \$50,776. In addition 20.6% of district renters are rent burdened, and 64.8% of low-income renters in the district are severely rent burdened. In order to support and retain our existing population and promote economic diversity, we call upon the City to provide new or reclaimed low-and moderate-income housing within our district in the forthcoming year.

### Community District Needs Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

#### **Needs for Land Use**

Before the 2008 recession, CD6 saw rapid building growth, with over 2000 additional residential units constructed since the 2000 Census, plus over 2 million square feet of new office and retail space. By 2016, a boom in residential permitting had returned, with building applications at record highs. DOB and related agencies need enough tools and personnel to process paperwork and inspect sites correctly. Rapid growth also means additional infrastructure requirements, such as transit options, subsurface service delivery, sanitation services, and open space - City Planning staff must be sufficient to meet these challenges.

The Greater East Midtown rezoning was approved in August 2017, after extensive community comment and input. Responding to community requests for additional open space, the text amendment requires each site developed under the rezoning to provide public open space. CB6 wants to encourage the creation of open space in the district and will work with the city and private developers to facilitate open space development, as well as street level public realm improvements.

CB6 remains an advocate for expanded transportation and subsurface infrastructure and specific public realm upgrades. We hope to work with DCP and partners to preserve East Midtown's global competitiveness in the 21st Century, while retaining the human scale and meeting the demands of local residents. This applies not just to multi-block rezoning, but also to the rising number of individual sites slated for "superscrapers," which CB6 opposes when they threaten the scale and character of a neighborhood.

As to remapping streets, 30th Street east of First Avenue does not appear on the official city map, thus is technically not a street. In our 2008 City Council-approved 197-a plan, CB6 Stated its desire to re-map this street.

The recent closure of Mount Sinai Beth Israel has further strained the district's already limited healthcare resources. The loss of hospital beds intensifies the need for expanded healthcare facilities to serve both local residents and the broader city. As development continues, it is critical that land use decisions prioritize the creation and preservation of hospital space to ensure that the district remains equipped to meet current and future public health needs.

Finally, we ask for additional oversight of our POPS and for City Planning to partner with community boards on developing a better POPS framework, especially since CD6 ranks lowest in the amount of open space in Manhattan.

### **Needs for Housing**

CD6 is confronting a housing crisis along with the rest of the city. We have not seen significant upticks in the preservation of or the creation of new affordable development under the current Housing New York plan. Other kinds of housing – such as senior housing, supportive housing, short-term housing, etc. – have stagnated. Based on NYC Housing Production Snapshot for 2024 (NYC DCP), CD6 saw a net increase of 509 total new dwelling units. In order to support and retain our existing residents and promote economic diversity, CB6 calls on the city to commit funds to provide new or reclaimed low- and moderate-income housing within the district, with particular attention to senior citizens and other fixed-income households.

The number of unhoused and homeless New Yorkers has reached the highest level in nearly 100 years. According to statistics provided by the Coalition for the Homeless, approximately 114,791 people slept each night in NYC shelters, with 70% being members of homeless families. Thousands more slept unsheltered in public spaces or temporarily in the homes of others. Our community has demonstrated great compassion for those experiencing homelessness and is aware of the enormous demands for the services needed by this population. CD6 welcomed new developments within the district built or converted under the successful city-and-State joint program New York/New York III, which created 9000 supportive housing units for the mentally ill homeless and other target populations. We believe it is essential that successor programs learn from the positive lessons in interagency communication and community involvement in site selection (led in the city by DOHMH and HPD). We were encouraged by city and State commitments to the construction of new supportive units and hope to see those commitments actually result in housing units. We ask that already allocated funding be disbursed immediately so they can begin to sensibly address our persistent homelessness crisis. This kind of housing is a better allocation of City resources.

### **Needs for Economic Development**

We are pleased that sources of highly skilled medical and research jobs and the economic stimulus they provide are in and near CD6. We look forward to the creation of SPARC Kips Bay and Innovation East, which are projected to add substantial new lab and office space and create thousands of new jobs in the life sciences and healthcare sectors, further strengthening CD6's position as a hub for innovation and economic growth. While we welcome economic development in our community, CB6 remains steadfastly opposed to the opening of a casino in our district. In summer 2025, the Soloviev Group, partnering with Mohegan and Banyan Tree Group, applied for one of three available downstate casino licenses. Their Freedom Plaza proposal was evaluated by a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and was the subject of two public hearings. The CAC voted, 4-2, to reject the casino proposal. CB6 encourages the city to seek productive uses for any parcels of undeveloped and underdeveloped land in the district, particularly uses that align with our stated needs for more housing, medical facilities, and park space.

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## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
HPD	1 / 1	More affordable housing
EDC	CS	Construct a Continuous Esplanade

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCP	1 / 1	Comprehensive coastal resiliency and flood risk study
HPD	1 / 1	Supportive housing study

# TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

## Manhattan Community Board 6

### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

#### **Accessibility (ADA related compliance and infrastructure enhancements)**

Of the six subway stations that have subway entrances in Community District 6, two (59th & Lexington Ave and 14th & 3rd Ave) remain ADA non-compliant. The heavily used 59th & Lexington Ave station was slated for accessibility improvements in the 2020-2024 Capital Plan. We hope that funds will become available sooner than expected and that the critical accessibility upgrades can be back on schedule. The City should provide funding to the MTA to make all subway stations in and near our district accessible by constructing elevators and accessible entrances to subway platforms. Getting on and off the trains is also an accessibility issue. People in wheelchairs sometimes rely on other passengers to help them get on and off train cars because of the height difference and gap between the train and platform.

### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

#### **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

Traffic in CD6 is a major concern. We need a traffic study and action plan to understand how vehicular flow can be improved. With major vehicular transit points like the 59th St Bridge, Queens Midtown Tunnel and FDR, plus sometimes all-day avenue and side street congestion, solutions need to be identified to allow better movement for private cars, buses, bikes and pedestrians alike. Major construction at the Queens Midtown Tunnel has abated but the problem of traffic backups and noise continue on major streets, side streets, and avenues that feed this vital artery. NYPD's 17th Precinct listed East 37th and 3rd Avenue, an intersection heavily trafficked by vehicles exiting the Midtown Tunnel, as one of the most dangerous in the precinct. Traffic congestion increases with partial and full street closures by real estate development and construction, and is further complicated by DOT or utility company street work. We need studies of the traffic patterns as well as better coordination of work/permitting to aid in addressing the obstacles in relieving congestion. And with the implementation of congestion pricing, it is now a good time to conduct such studies to address the impact it will have on our neighborhood.

CB6 had high hopes for Vision Zero. We were pleased with the initial efforts being made to install accessible crossing signals and curb cuts and continue to request them at problem-corners via DOT's portal. Traffic incidents occur throughout the district, but some locations are of greater concern. The area around 34th St and FDR Dr Service Rd consistently ranks high in collision rates. Engineering to address traffic flow there is essential. CB6 has also heard from residents about 23rd St and 2nd Ave, 23rd St and 3rd Ave, and the ever- problematic 57th to 58th Street section of 2nd Ave. To help address pedestrian-vehicle collisions, several measures can be studied. Dedicated left turn signals are necessary at several major intersections along our avenues. Additionally, CB6 asks that DOT consider traffic calming measures, such as leading pedestrian intervals, speed bumps, all-red stop phases or other methods to improve safety for pedestrians along some avenue segments.

Pedestrian-bicycle incidents are on the rise. There has been a noticeable increase in bike ridership. CB6 supports protected bike lanes, but infractions such as sidewalk riding, ignoring stop lights, and traveling against traffic are dangerous to not only pedestrians, but to cyclists and vehicular traffic as well. Simple enforcement of existing laws and regulations is the obvious first level solution. Micro-mobility users not only deal with lanes shared by buses, vehicles, and double parking, but

they have challenges with major gaps in the East River Greenway, which force cyclists into dangerous traffic conditions. Completion of protected bike lanes along the east side of CD6 is a critical component of DOT strategy.

### **Needs for Transit Services**

CB6 notes its continuing support for a full-length Second Avenue Subway which would relieve the burden on the Lexington Line and provide much-needed relief to the congested bus system along First, Second and Third Avenues. Many on the East Side currently walk over one-half mile to a subway station. Phases 3 and 4 of the project are expected to benefit Manhattan CD6. We eagerly await the completion of this work and ask the city to block any efforts to further delay it.

In light of capital demands on the Metropolitan Transit Authority, we hope the city and the State will cooperate in funding shortfalls in the MTA's capital budget, with particular attention to the Second Avenue Subway line's completion. The economic benefits are apparent: it would secure New York its place as a competitive, world-class business environment, while its construction provides good-paying jobs for New Yorkers.

For this and any other project in the neighborhood we expect efforts to limit noise, potential street closures, pedestrian detours, and general traffic flow disruptions. The Board is pleased that requests to make the First Av L Train subway station ADA compliant have resulted in the construction of platform elevators at that station, and hopes that, along with vital upgrades to the line, the MTA will consider making additional L train stops compliant with ADA regulations

Additionally, CB6 hopes more bus lane improvements such as transit priority signals and bus lane cameras will increase efficiencies of bus lanes along First and Second Avenues to decrease clustering and improve travel times.

Finally, we want to ensure the MTA and NYCTA remain vigilant in its oversight of maintenance at stations managed and constructed by private developers. The long-term upkeep of these stations requires continued supervision, and their completion should be monitored for unreasonable delays.

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## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYCTA	1 / 2	ADA-compliant subway stations
NYCTA	2 / 2	Begin Second Avenue Subway Phase 3
DOT	CS	Build pedestrian bridge to fix the "pinch point

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYCTA	1 / 1	Bus service Improvements to serve SPARC campus

# PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## Manhattan Community Board 6

### Most Important Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

#### **Insufficient park or open space**

Manhattan Community District 6 (CD6) has some of the most limited open space in New York City. According to the 2021 New Yorkers For Parks Open Space Profiles, only about 1% of CD6's land area—approximately 20 acres—is dedicated to parkland. That's just about the size of two Bryant Parks—for a population of more than 155,000 residents. This imbalance makes every existing park, plaza, and POPS essential to neighborhood livability and public health.

Many of CD6's parks must accommodate a wide range of users, from families with children and older adults to hospital employees, students, and commuters. However, aging infrastructure, deferred maintenance, and overcrowding limit their ability to fully meet community needs.

CB6 continues to advocate for investment in park quality through upgraded playground equipment, improved lighting and seating, sustainable landscaping, and universal accessibility. The board also supports projects that expand or connect open spaces, such as waterfront access enhancements and the creation of new pocket parks and plazas where feasible.

In September 2025, CB6 celebrated a significant win in this regard: after seven years of diligent advocacy, CB6, working with NYCEDC, NYC Parks, and Council Member Powers, secured the conversion of an 11,000 sq. ft City-owned lot on East 34th Street—that had been used for parking for over 30 years—into public open space along our waterfront.

While seemingly small, with so few parks to serve such a large and dense population, every win or improvement carries outsized impact. Quality, maintenance, and thoughtful design are essential to ensuring that existing parks remain welcoming, resilient, and safe gathering spaces for all residents.

Sources: [https://www.ny4p.org/client-uploads/pdf/District-Profiles-2021/NY4P-Profiles\\_MN6.pdf](https://www.ny4p.org/client-uploads/pdf/District-Profiles-2021/NY4P-Profiles_MN6.pdf)

<https://edc.nyc/press-release/nycedc-announces-conversion-city-owned-east-34th-street-parking-lot-public-open-space>

### Community District Needs Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

#### **Needs for Parks**

Manhattan Community District 6 continues to face serious challenges in maintaining, upgrading, and expanding its extremely limited park system. With only about 1% of district land devoted to open space, every park, plaza, and recreation facility must serve multiple roles—providing recreation, respite, and essential environmental benefits for more than 155,000 residents.

CB6's needs for parks reflect both the aging condition of existing parks and the need to expand and green the waterfront. Along the East River Esplanade, CB6 seeks long-delayed infrastructure restoration following Hurricane Sandy, including water service, fountain repairs, and seawall reconstruction, which are critical to the proper upkeep and beautification of this five-block stretch between East 36th and 41st Streets. The board also supports creation of new parkland on underutilized sites to help remedy the district's long standing open space deficit.

Several neighborhood parks require significant capital investment to ensure public safety, accessibility, and environmental resilience. These include Stuyvesant Square Park (building, lighting, and irrigation repairs), Peter's Field (basketball court upgrades), St. Vartan Park (field

lighting and pickleball court resurfacing), Ralph Bunche Park (bluestone and irrigation reconstruction), and Peter Detmold Park (safety and dog run improvements). Upgrades are also needed at the Asser Levy and Constance Baker Motley Recreation Centers, both critical indoor facilities serving residents citywide.

To maintain these limited assets, CB6 strongly supports increased Parks Department staffing—including a dedicated district gardener, additional Parks Enforcement Patrol officers, and more maintenance and operations workers—to address heightened usage and upkeep needs.

### **Needs for Library Services**

The New York Public Library branches serving Community District 6 are vital centers for learning, digital access, and community connection. As usage continues to grow—particularly among students, educators, and seniors—these facilities require both capital and operational support to meet rising demand.

At the Kips Bay Library, the most pressing need is replacement of the outdated HVAC system, which no longer maintains adequate heating and cooling during extreme weather. A modern, energy-efficient system will ensure year-round comfort and allow the branch to remain a welcoming, climate-controlled environment for residents of all ages.

Beyond this critical infrastructure upgrade, CB6 supports increased baseline funding for the New York Public Library system to sustain staffing, programming, and digital resources at levels that reflect community demand. Reliable investment in both facilities and operations is essential to keeping neighborhood libraries resilient, accessible, and central to civic life.

### **Needs for Community Boards**

Manhattan Community Board 6 faces ongoing space and funding constraints that limit its ability to fulfill its Charter-mandated role of hosting open, accessible public meetings. The Board's leased office, which expires in 2028, cannot accommodate its monthly Full Board meetings—some of which draw up to 100 attendees—and nearby venues are either cost-prohibitive or lack the technology required for hybrid and accessible participation.

CB6 therefore seeks a purpose-built 5,000-square-foot office and 150-seat public meeting space to ensure compliance with the City Charter and Open Meetings Law, strengthen transparency, and improve civic engagement. In the short term, CB6 requests assistance from DCAS to optimize its current office by removing outdated furniture and maximizing usable space.

Additionally, CB6 calls for baseline operating budget equity among the City's 59 community boards and a standard minimum budget of \$500,000 (excluding rent). This modest adjustment—amounting to roughly 0.01% of the City's total budget—would allow community boards to retain staff, modernize technology, and more effectively serve their districts.

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## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCAS	1 / 1	Municipal facilities for CD6
DPR	1 / 11	Access to water at East River Esplanade (from East 36th - 41st St.)
DPR	2 / 11	Capital Improvements at Stuyvesant Square Park
DPR	3 / 11	Make Capital Improvements to Peter's Field
DPR	4 / 11	Renovations to the 55th St. Park in Sutton Place
DPR	5 / 11	Lights for the St. Vartan Park Field
DPR	6 / 11	Renovate Ralph J. Bunche Park
DPR	7 / 11	Pickle Ball Courts at St. Vartan Park
DPR	8 / 11	Installing Irrigation Capability at Ralph J. Bunche Park
DPR	9 / 11	Capital Improvements at Peter Detmold Park
DPR	10 / 11	Repair fountains in Glick Park
NYPL	1 / 1	Kips Bay Library HVAC
DPR	CS	Repair Fountains in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza
DPR	CS	Seawall Reconstruction East River Esplanade (from East 36th-38th St.)
DPR	CS	Renovate locker room/elevator at Constance Baker Motley Recreation Center
DPR	CS	New Park in Community District 6
DPR	CS	Capital Improvements at Asser Levy Recreation Center

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DPR	1 / 2	Additional PEP officers to keep CD6 parks safe
DPR	2 / 2	Hire more staff for parks in CD6
NYPL	1 / 1	Increase library funding
OMB	1 / 1	Budget increase for Community Boards

## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DPR	11 / 11	Tree Guards for Jack & Jill School

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

#### Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)

<b>1 of 1</b>	<b>More affordable housing</b>	HPD
Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households		

The City of New York faces an ongoing housing affordability crisis that requires bold and coordinated investment. We are requesting capital funding to urge City agencies to study, identify, and build on City-owned sites to provide affordable housing, particularly low- and moderate-income households and ask that the City help subsidize new affordable housing with the goal that at least 25% of all new units constructed in CD6 are affordable year over year. According to Population Factfinder on DCP's website, which uses US Census data, between 2010 and 2020, only 4,665 new housing units were constructed in CD6. The NYU Furman Center has identified that 91% of all units constructed in CD6 since 2010 are market rate. The 9% of affordable units constructed in CD6 is lower than the Manhattan average (22%) and Citywide average (27%). In keeping with the Manhattan and Citywide trend, asking that 25% of all new units are affordable would be consistent with the average. We believe this funding will support a comprehensive effort to analyze available sites, engage communities in planning, and deliver high-quality housing developments that are financially accessible and sustainable.

#### New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)

<b>1 of 2</b>	<b>ADA-compliant subway stations</b>	NYCTA
Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.		

Of the six subway stations that have subway entrances in Community District 6, two (59th & Lexington Ave and 14th & 3rd Ave) remain ADA non-compliant. The heavily used 59th & Lexington Ave station was slated for accessibility improvements in the 2020-2024 Capital Plan which got delayed because of the COVID pandemic. We urge that these upgrades be made as soon as possible.

<b>2 of 2</b>	<b>Begin Second Avenue Subway Phase 3</b>	NYCTA
Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure		

The East Side of Manhattan is under-served by the transit system. The Lexington Avenue lines are grossly over-crowded; many Eastside residents and commuters walk over a half mile to already overly-congested trains. Phases 3 and 4 of the Second Avenue Subway are expected to benefit Manhattan Community District 6. We eagerly await the completion of this work and ask the City to not delay this work. We understand that federal money and other sources will be challenged for the near term. However, this is an essential infrastructure project that is needed to ensure the vitality of Midtown Manhattan as a business and residential community.

#### Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

<b>1 of 11</b>	<b>Access to water at East River Esplanade (from East 36th - 41st St.)</b>	DPR
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)		

Location: FDR Drive - East 36th Street & East 41st Street  
The five-block existing area (aka Glick Park) lost power and water after Hurricane Sandy and 11 years later, only the electricity has been restored. Adding water infrastructure along this five-block area would open up opportunities for a wide range of uses including watering of plantings and cleaning that are not feasible at this time and most importantly green this waterfront park.

<b>2 of 11</b>	<b>Capital Improvements at Stuyvesant Square Park</b>	DPR
Other requests for park, building, or access improvements		

Public safety and environmental health upgrades are needed at Stuyvesant Square, with restoration of park buildings, lighting and electricity repair the park priorities. The east building requires electricity, plumbing, and structure repairs to be used for storage and staffing. ConEd reports that it will not run electrical lines to the east building until building electrical repairs are made. The west building also needs repairs. LED lighting is needed for park lampposts on both sides of the park. The irrigation system and east fountain require repaired electricity. During a drought in 2022, the demise of a tree and many other plants in the park was attributed to the broken irrigation system.

**3 of 11 Make Capital Improvements to Peter's Field****DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Located adjacent to MS 104 and regularly used by many students and community residents, Peter's Field has long been in need of an upgrade. Community Board Six has received various complaints that the facility is not up to standard and, as such, decreases the enjoyment of the space--especially the basketball courts--and delivers a perception that the community is a victim of urban blight. The upgrade should be anchored by leveling and repainting the damaged, uneven and potentially unsafe court surface. Peter's Field is home to the only NYC Parks basketball facility in the district that has rims that do not allow nets, so regulation basketball rims, backboards, stanchions and nets should be installed.

**4 of 11 Renovations to the 55th St. Park in Sutton Place****DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

CB6 requests \$2.6 million for renovations to the 55th St. Park in Sutton Place. The Park is in urgent need of repairs and is being subjected to vandalism. Recently a park bench was thrown in the East River. Improvements to the Park would make it more functional and welcoming to the community.

**5 of 11 Lights for the St. Vartan Park Field****DPR**

Other capital budget request for DPR

CB6 requests lights for the St. Vartan Park Field.

**6 of 11 Renovate Ralph J. Bunche Park****DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

CB6 requests that the bluestone sidewalk at Ralph J. Bunche Park be reconstructed. The bluestone pavers have been deteriorating for years and are dangerous to pedestrians and those using walkers and wheelchairs. It poses ADA issues and potential liability issues for the City. We also note that this Park is opposite the south end of the UN property and is viewed by and used by visitors to the UN.

**7 of 11 Pickle Ball Courts at St. Vartan Park****DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

More than 2500 pickleball and handball players in the St. Vartan Park community are in need of renovated courts in the west end of the park on each side of the handball wall. The four pickleball courts require resurfacing to create regulation-size and level playing surfaces, and appropriate lines for both pickleball and handball. The current courts have cracks and, as such, have been causing player injuries. The surface material currently used for the adjacent basketball courts would be a more appropriate playing surface. As pickleball is the nation's fastest growing sport, there is a significant increase in space and time needed for pickleball players. The addition of more court lights and/or lampposts would allow more community members to use the courts.

**8 of 11 Installing Irrigation Capability at Ralph J. Bunche Park****DPR**

Other requests for park, building, or access improvements

Ralph Bunche Park on First Avenue across the street from the United Nations Headquarters is in need of a water irrigation system for the park's plants. During a drought in 2022, the demise of many plants in the park was attributed to the absence of an irrigation system. The current system of volunteers periodically watering plants through hoses and watering cans is insufficient. With scaffolding in the park having been removed, there is a heightened need for care of sun-impacted plants. In 2022, community residents and visitors to what is known as the city's first peace park were denied a thriving park because of the lack of an irrigation system. Visitors include attendees of September's United Nations General Assembly, the world's largest annual assemblage of world leaders.

**9 of 11 Capital Improvements at Peter Detmold Park****DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

There are a lot of issues with the infrastructure, and its dog park needs improvement. It is also adjacent to the FDR Drive so safety design concerns have been raised by several members of the community.

**10 of 11 Repair fountains in Glick Park****DPR**

New equipment for maintenance

Location: East River - East 36th Street &amp; East 38th Street

Restoration of function to the East River Esplanade Park (Glick Park) fountains by replacing the pumps for water circulation and the electrical systems would add considerably to the attractiveness and use of the park. We look forward to seeing design proposals and a fully funded commitment.

**11 of 11 Tree Guards for Jack & Jill School****DPR**

Other capital request for DPR

Jack and Jill School requests the installation of tree guards on East 16th Street, between Third Avenue and Rutherford Place. This a tree lined street and the tree roots are out of control and thus, accomplishing this project will provide a safer environment for the children. Cost of the project is \$15,750.00 and a requirement of a 50% deposit of \$7,875.00. It is appropriate to start this project immediately.

**CS Repair Fountains in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza****DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

Repair Fountains in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. Most of the fountain equipment has been under water for more than a decade and is hopelessly corroded. This includes both plumbing and electrical wiring. The Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza takes a custodial interest and will do what it can, but the Plaza should be a world-class park and outstanding neighborhood amenity worthy of funding by the city. We look forward to this work's completion.

**CS Seawall Reconstruction East River Esplanade (from East 36th-38th St.)****DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

CB6 requests repair of the underlying structure of the park which has deteriorated with visible sink holes developing. The project is listed as a capital project on the Parks Department Capital Project tracker, with a design completion date of December 2023. We ask that this project be started immediately.

**CS Renovate locker room/elevator at Constance Baker Motley Recreation Center****DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

We have been alerted that elevators at Constance Baker Motley Recreation Center need to be renovated and that locker rooms are in need of repair and updating. We are supportive of our recreation centers and among the repairs and renovations we would like to see any improvements that might allow faster re-opening of all or part of the facility if there is a future pandemic or required shut down.

**CS New Park in Community District 6****DPR**

Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

The Department of City Planning confirms Manhattan Community District 6 has "the lowest amount of open space per capita of Manhattan community districts". To remedy this, three underutilized City-owned sites along the East River should be repurposed as park space. There are prime City-owned waterfront spaces: an 11,000 sq ft property that is currently underutilized and a 60,000 sq ft of City-owned waterfront space (the former Water Club site) at 30th Street that is now vacant and would better serve the community as park space.

**CS Capital Improvements at Asser Levy Recreation Center****DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

The community is in need of significant infrastructure upgrades at the Asser Levy Recreation Center building, including the following. Replace, upgrade, and flood proof the center's windows. Locker room renovations are for the men's & women's locker rooms and handicap restrooms. This remodeling will provide new toilets, hand dryers, showers and sinks. The LED lights are needed for the indoor, intermediate pool. Additional requests include repairing the indoor pool dehumidifier/HVAC system and installing AC throughout the building, and the creation of a multi-purpose room for recreation activities including dance classes.

## Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)

### 1 of 1 **Municipal facilities for CD6**

Other capital budget request for DCAS

**DCAS**

Manhattan Community Board 6 (CB6) currently leases office space under a 10-year agreement that's due to end in September 2028. However, this space cannot accommodate the Board's mandated monthly Full Board meetings under Section 2800(h) of the City Charter. Each month, CB6 convenes 11 public meetings, which require facilities for as many as 100 attendees, yet district venues are either unavailable, cost-prohibitive, or lack the necessary technology for hybrid and accessible participation. As a result, this agency struggles to fulfill its Charter-mandated role of hosting open, accessible meetings for the public. Ideally, CB6 requests a 5,000 sq. ft. office space with a 150-seat public meeting room. Providing a purpose-built civic space would strengthen government transparency, ensure compliance with the City Charter, and improve public participation in the democratic process. Such a space could also serve other agencies that also struggle to find meeting spaces. Recognizing that the request is a long-term solution, CB6 also requests immediate assistance from DCAS in optimizing our existing office space. For example, removing outdated heavy filing cabinets and unused storage units would free up urgently needed square footage and allow us to operate more effectively in the interim.

## Department for the Aging (DFTA)

### 1 of 1 **New intergenerational community center**

Renovate or upgrade a senior center

**DFTA**

Manhattan Community District 6 has a significant senior population, with 18.2% of residents aged 65 or older. The need for community spaces has become increasingly critical, especially in light of the loneliness epidemic exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. We propose the establishment of an intergenerational community center in our district to address these challenges. This new center would provide essential services and programming for seniors while fostering connections across age groups. We request that CD6 be included in the decision-making process for the location and facilities of this new center, and we encourage the exploration of partnerships with existing City-owned facilities such as colleges and schools to maximize resources and programming opportunities.

## Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

### CS **Construct a Continuous Esplanade**

Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront

**EDC**

Our waterfront is a significant resource for our city and has for many years been a priority for CB6. Currently our community cannot access large segments of our waterfront because our waterfront esplanade has a significant gaps: from 41st - 54th Street and from 13th-15th Street. In a city where we live in such close quarters, our outdoor spaces, especially our waterfronts, were lifesavers during the pandemic. The Department of City Planning confirms our district has "the lowest amount of open space per capita of Manhattan community districts". We urgently need an unbroken and accessible waterfront.

## Department of Transportation (DOT)

### CS **Build pedestrian bridge to fix the "pinch point"**

Upgrade or create new greenways

**DOT**

Location: East River Esplanade - East 13th Street & East 15th Street

From 13th to 15th Street, the waterfront esplanade heads north of East River Park past the Con Edison pier. While this section has been reconstructed to allow a wider path for bikers and pedestrians, there is a section of the path that remains narrow and we hear from constituents that have been hit by bikes at this "pinch point." The Blueway Plan outlines an elevated, safer pedestrian and biker bridge that also separates the public from the Con Ed facility. The bridge is currently fully funded with \$129M in City capital funds and we advocate for the project's swift progress, as creating a safe space for pedestrians and cyclists is an urgent concern here.

## Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

**1 of 1 Replace all lead service lines****DEP**

Inspect water main on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed

Lead is poisonous and can irreversibly affect every organ and system in the human body causing health problems for people of all ages. Before 1961, NYC policy was to first encourage, then require, building construction to use lead pipes so 27.4% of all buildings in CB6 continue to have lead service lines. Since the service lines are privately owned under NYC law, property owners should not bear the direct cost of replacing the remaining lead pipes. The Federal Lead and Copper Rule Improvements issued by the Environmental Protection Agency on October 8, 2024, require the removal of all lead service lines by December 31, 2037. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) provide appropriations for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program to finance lead service line identification and replacement projects. The cost of replacing lead pipes is significantly lower in the long run than the cost of healthcare from lead exposure over an individual's lifetime.

**New York Public Library (NYPL)****1 of 1 Kips Bay Library HVAC****NYPL**

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

The New York Public Library respectfully requests \$5,500,000 in capital funding to replace the old, outdated HVAC system at the Kips Bay Library. This essential infrastructure project will ensure that the branch continues to be a welcoming space for all patrons by modernizing the building's physical plant with a state-of-the-art, energy-efficient heating and cooling system. The current HVAC system struggles to maintain a consistent and comfortable indoor climate, especially during periods of extreme outdoor weather and temperatures. Replacing this system will ensure a comfortable, climate-controlled environment that meets the needs of a diverse and expanding population from pre-school and elementary school children in after-school programs to senior citizens seeking social and educational engagement. The replacement system will serve all areas of the library, which are experiencing increased growth and usage from the community. According to NYPL data, there has been a marked rise in visits from educators and students using curriculum-aligned research materials, and a 100% increase in school field trip attendance. Once completed, this investment will provide for the long-term a comfortable and climatized environment for its thousands of residents and patrons. It will support all patrons of all ages and will reinforce the City's vision of libraries as community sanctuaries that anchor neighborhood camaraderie and deliver measurable educational, cultural, and economic returns for decades to come.

**School Construction Authority****1 of 1 5 hydration stations and rooftop synthetic turf at PS 281****SCA**

Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school

Hydration Station: installation of five Elkay EZH2O filtered, touchless water bottle filling stations to improve hydration throughout the building. Rooftop Synthetic Turf: Conversion of the school's rooftop into a cushioned, durable play space for recess, PE and outdoor learning with high-durability artificial grass, impact-reducing padding and drainage support. Details for both available upon request.

**Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC)****1 of 1 AV System Upgrade Bellevue****HHC**

Replace or upgrade information technology equipment

Bellevue had more than 875,000 patient encounters (hospital, ambulatory care clinics, ambulatory surgery, and the emergency room) in the past year. Improving the AV system in the Old Medical Library space in buildings C/D of the hospital would enable Bellevue to hold Community Advisory Committee meetings, education and outreach sessions, with the goal of improving health among patients, their visitors, and in the community. With the closure of Mount Sinai Beth Israel hospital, the patient encounters at Bellevue will likely increase. Upgrading the AV system will help with efficiency and improve patient experience and care.

**EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS****Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**

**1 of 2 Additional PEP officers to keep CD6 parks safe****DPR**

Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)

Park Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officer presence reduces illegal or inappropriate behavior and increases the opportunity for peaceful and safe enjoyment of the parks by both children and adults. CB6 would like more frequent patrols in our district. Current levels of roving enforcement are not sufficient to address quality of life issues in our parks which appear to have ramped up during the pandemic; more fixed patrols are needed. In this vein, we support funding of 1 additional sergeant and 8 additional PEP officers for Manhattan South. If additional officers are not possible at this time, we urge that the current level of staffing continue and that the Department of Parks consider patrol routes to address changing needs.

**2 of 2 Hire more staff for parks in CD6****DPR**

Provide better park maintenance

Manhattan Community District 6 needs increased staffing at parks, such as a dedicated district gardener, city parks workers, and additional welders. Current levels of maintenance and operations staff are not adequate to maintain our parks, and our landscaping suffers from lack of gardening and accessibility. Also, non-governmental funding (i.e. conservancies) is not available for any parks in our district. The pandemic has resulted in an increase in park usage. And as a district lacking park space, maintaining what little we do have is crucial. We hope to see the budget for the Parks department increased beyond FY2024 levels, making up for the cut in the FY2025 budget.

**Department for Homeless Services (DHS)****1 of 1 Funds to Support DHS Services****DHS**

Other request for services for the homeless

CD6 requests expense funding to expand DHS homeless services that provide critical outreach, case management, and housing navigation support. This funding will allow service providers to connect unsheltered and at-risk individuals with shelter, supportive housing, mental health care, and employment resources. Strengthening these programs will help stabilize vulnerable populations, reduce street homelessness, and promote healthier, safer communities, all of which have increasingly become more acute issues in CD6.

**Department of Sanitation (DSNY)****1 of 1 Increase frequency of collection from public waste baskets****DSNY**

Provide more frequent litter basket collection

As a consequence of overflowing trash in public trash receptacles, trash ends up in the street creating unsightly and unhygienic conditions. We are requesting an increased frequency of trash collection from public waste receptacles.

**New York Public Library (NYPL)****1 of 1 Increase library funding****NYPL**

Other expense budget request for NYPL

In previous years we have asked for additional electronic assets for libraries and staffing increases. However, the funding has not been baselined in the budget, making a reliance on future amounts precarious. We ask that the budget for NYPL and particularly for the branches in our district be increased to address upgrades to resources.

**Office of Management and Budget (OMB)****1 of 1 Budget increase for Community Boards****OMB**

Provide more community board staff

An analysis of the 12 Manhattan community board (CB) operating budgets (PS and OTPS only, as rent budgets vary from board to board) on July 1, 2025 by Manhattan CB6 revealed considerable variation in budgets among the boards. CB7, with the highest budget at \$303,284, has almost \$32,000 more to work with than the CB with the lowest budget (CB10). CB6 is 7th out of 12 Manhattan CBs in terms of operating budget. CB operating budgets (PS and OTPS only) should be baselined at \$500,000 and be equal in amount among all CBs. Such a budget increase for all community boards, an infinitesimal 0.01% of the City's overall budget, would enable CBs to retain current staff, hire additional personnel, or invest in resources that benefit the community, such as urban planning consulting and current technologies.

**1 of 1    Comprehensive coastal resiliency and flood risk study**

**DCP**

Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth

A comprehensive study of coastal resiliency and flood risk is required between E 25th St. and E 42nd St. east of First Avenue. This area houses human services infrastructure critical to the health and safety of Manhattan residents, such as Bellevue and NYU Langone Hospitals, and the 30th Street Men's Intake Shelter. Even a temporary loss of these facilities would put lives at risk and create extensive hardship. There are also residential apartment buildings, schools, medical practice offices, pet shelters, and other services. The DCP Flood Hazard Mapper shows the study area is vulnerable to flooding to varying degrees. The study is urgently required to ensure this area can maintain operations during coastal storms and that CB6 residents do not suffer the loss of essential services.

## Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)

**1 of 1    Supportive housing study**

**HPD**

Other expense budget request for HPD

CD6 requests funding to identify and develop supportive housing for seniors, homeless, disabled, and other vulnerable populations. We request funding to support a needs assessment, site evaluation of underutilized public land and existing buildings, and partnerships with service providers to integrate health and social services. This investment will create new, accessible, and permanently affordable housing that addresses critical gaps and stabilizes at-risk New Yorkers.

## New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)

**1 of 1    Bus service Improvements to serve SPARC campus**

**NYCTA**

Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service

The Science Park and Research Center ("SPARC"), soon to be constructed at First Avenue and East 25th Street will employ an estimated 3,100 permanent workers and an estimated additional 12,000 construction workers over the course of its development. Robust and convenient public transit options are necessary to minimize the use of personal vehicles used by this workforce for commuting. The MTA should evaluate and consider additional service and/or service route adjustments on existing bus routes surrounding the SPARC campus.