District Needs & Budget Review Committee  
February 16, 2017, 6:30 p.m.  
Board Office  

*** Minutes ***

Present: Melanee Farrah, Joseph Goldbloom, Xavier A. Santiago, Jason Villanueva, Angel Mescain (staff)  

Excused: Alex Kohen, Nilsa Orama (ex-officio)  

Absent: none  

Guests: Frances Mastrota  

1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda  
   
   Xavier Santiago called the meeting to order 6:39 PM.  
   
   Jason Villanueva made a motion to adopt the agenda, which was seconded by Joseph Goldbloom and passed unanimously.  

2. Discussions & Presentations  
   
   a. Review of committee responses to the City’s preliminary budget:  
   
   The SDN & Budget Committee reviewed the individual committee responses. Jason Villanueva noted that there was no additional public comment at the committee level. He also expressed dismay that no one has logged into the trackers. It was noted that majority of committees did not deliver their responses within the 48 hour deadline. Additionally, it was noted that some responses were not as thorough given the priority voted upon last October. The overlap of some of the committees allowed for additional coverage with these responses. Xavier Santiago explained the process for the committee responses. If an agency responded that they agree with the request and would fund, a standard response would be offered to “thank and track” the line item. If there was a partial funding commitment, the committees were to respond with “a clarification response” that requests additional commitment in either a percentage of the agency’s budget or a fiscal appropriation estimate. In the event that the agency agreed but could not commit due to the funding being non-available, the committees were to respond similarly with a commitment to advocate for the request. In the event of a denial, the committees were to reissue and/or redirect the request, if so instructed, to the agency or other relevant referred individual (i.e. Julia de Burgos request was referred to our City Council Member). The committee acknowledged the difficulty of delivering a draft letter when
the majority of committees did not deliver the response in adequate time.

Angel Mescaín reminded the committee that the general response letter was to be posted 72 hours before the Full Board and the Public Hearing. He also explained that this is a draft and that the Public and Community Board Members will be able to provide input. As with previous years, a vote is not needed since the original Statement of District Needs and Budget Requests is the original memorialized document. Given the late delivery, the committee discussed the possibility of editing the draft in time to post. Mel Farrah and the other committee members agreed to review the draft and offer responses/edits by 3PM the next day. The committee agreed to post both the DRAFT letter and the committee responses (Excel Sheet) for full transparency.

After the Full Board, the SDN & Budget Committee will review and edit the draft letter again to include as many comments and recommendations as possible. The deadline is usually 24 hours after the Full Board meeting. It is noted that short response time creates extreme duress on all community boards but remains the reality of the budget process. The committee will continue to impress upon all members of CB11 the importance of engaging early and often.

b. Testimony and Outreach

Many of the committees must provide written testimony to present during the upcoming budget hearings. Committee Chairs should identify and vet their membership for availability to support CB11’s requests with their attendance.

Chair and Vice-Chairs of each committee will contact their relevant agencies to solicit additional information for the budget requests. This simultaneous action with CB11’s responses and letter will continue advocacy for the requests.

Outreach to CBOs and other community organizers must occur at the committee level so that our constituency is fully aware of the budget process. This outreach will foster better community engagement and ideally deliver better responses from the city agencies.

3. Old Business

4. New Business

5. Announcements

6. Adjournment

Joseph Goldbloom made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Jason Villanueva and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.
Community Board 11 Statement on the FY 2019 Preliminary Budget - DRAFT

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your FY 2019 Preliminary Budget. This response reflects input from Community Board 11 and our constituency.

East Harlem is a diverse community faced with significant changes and rapid growth, accelerated by recently approved rezoning. The current rezoning initiative will lead to rapid development, housing instability, greater congestion, and increased environmental concerns. It will also lead to increases in density, which will place additional strains on the infrastructure of East Harlem: transit, schools, housing, open spaces, and others.

CB11 also calls attention to the issue of housing affordability and protection for our low-income and extremely low-income residents. The decrease in appropriations from HPD over the next five years, coupled with the disinvestment of NYCHA at the Federal level presents additional concerns for actively developing community post Rezoning ULURP. We ask that funding be further increased with specific direction to increased inspections by HPD for apartment conditions; increased enforcement to protect rent-stabilized tenants from harassment; additional subsidies to increase affordability of development in East Harlem; preservation and improvements of existing NYCHA Developments to prevent displacement that may contribute to increasing homeless rates.

Furthermore, the aforementioned issues, are exacerbated by the catastrophe of Hurricane Maria has brought additional constrictions of the community’s already stretched resources as CD11 welcomes the migrants from Puerto Rico. In light of these issues, Community Board 11 wishes to highlight several of our key budget requests.

**Department of Housing Preservation & Development**

- **Provide more housing for extremely low and low-income households 311201902C**

  There remain many vacant properties or under-utilized residential buildings in East Harlem. It is imperative that the community, elected leaders and HPD work collaboratively to create necessary incentives for private property owners to upgrade and maintain their properties for active residential use. Newly developed or rehabilitated apartment buildings must include a balance of mixed-income units that also include a percentage of units for low and extremely-low income households. Further, the community should receive preference for 50% of the newly developed/rehabilitated housing to ensure local housing needs are addressed.

  As noted by HPD's additional comment, the City has greater influence on public sites to steer development towards certain affordability levels. To this end, on the four public sites identified in the Points of Agreement for the East Harlem rezoning, CB11 calls for 100% affordable housing, which includes deep affordability at levels accessible for current East Harlem residents. CB11 is working on proposals for the four public sites. Please send us a timeline for accommodation of request. Please define the resources, and identify particular programs in the pipeline.

**Housing Authority**

NYCHA developments are in dire need of repair after decades of disinvestment. With the concentration of NYCHA Developments in CD11, items such as bringing online warehoused properties, boiler
repair/replacement, refuse maintenance and security mechanisms should be of the highest priority.
Addressing many of these concerns through a coordinated approach will facilitate a more progressive
approach to solving multiple overlapping issues for the district.

- **Renovate or upgrade public housing developments 311201903C**
  
The demand for affordable housing is particularly high in lower income neighborhoods such as ours. However, the number of available units in the private market continues to be insufficient to meet this demand. And so, public housing is ever more important in meeting the affordable housing needs of lower-income households. Still, it is our understanding that many units remain “off-line” due to NYCHA’s ongoing budget shortfalls.

  NYCHA must be allocated the sufficient capital funds (or, if possible, a committed amount of funds) to ensure that no apartment lies vacant for a period of more than 12 months.

- **Other public housing upgrades or renovations requests 311201913C**
  
  NYCHA’s Digital Vans provide Wi-Fi service and computers to East River and Wilson/Metro North Houses once every two weeks, but this service should be available more frequently and a greater number of developments. LinkNYC sites should be expanded throughout East Harlem to include coverage throughout the developments.

- **Other affordable housing programs requests 311201901E**
  
  CB11 thanks the City for the significantly increased funding for the provision of attorneys for low-income tenants in Housing Court. However, the City must continue funding group representation of tenants at least at current levels provided to legal services providers under the Tenant Rights Coalition contract; group representation offers unique advantages that representation of individual tenants in eviction proceedings does not offer, like offensive litigation against landlords shirking their obligations, collective action that helps to balance the scales of power and/or encourage individuals to speak up who might otherwise feel intimidated to do so on their own, etc.

  In addition to the group funding request, there are two other separate requests collapsed under this single expense request—one for HPD and the other for DOB.

  - HPD must allocate adequate funding to increase code enforcement and repair teams for the completion of repairs in units where landlords continue to fail to repair even after violations are placed and the statutory time allotted for those repairs runs its course.

  - DOB must allocate adequate funding to increase code enforcement. Please send us a timeline for accommodation of request. Please define how it would be accommodated. Also provide update on amount of funding once determined.

**Department for the Aging**

We encourage the Department to work toward equitable funding for senior centers, including on cost reimbursement contracts. We support DFTA in its advocacy for increased home care services with the goal of reducing wait times. CB11 also encourages the expanded availability of outreach and marketing of translation and multilingual services, as a significant portion of the East Harlem senior community is comprised of immigrants and persons with first languages other than English.
Department of Education

CB11 applauds the implementation of universal free breakfast. CB11 has a high concentration of high poverty and food insecurity and encourages the funding of universal free lunch to ensure that all students have access to sufficient nourishment during the school day. We also encourage the expansion of Career and Technical Education to and applaud the DOE’s aggressive plans to expand access to literacy and college readiness. Many schools remain in dire need of technological and facilities improvement.

- **Provide Technology Upgrade 311201907C**

  Upgrade the electrical work and technology in school buildings, such as computer labs, broadband internet, phone service and air conditioners. First priority should be Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics HS as follows: PS 007, PS 38, M057, PS/S 72, PS 102, PS 112, PS 206, PS 146, PS 155, PS 171, Mosaic Prep School, Renaissance School of Arts, and Central Park East II.

  Thank you for your response. We will continue to follow up with you periodically to get updates on the progression of this request. However, please inform the board which of the 13 schools in our request will be funded and how much.

- **Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8) 311201906E**

  Although we appreciate support, in order for us to coordinate with the Department of Education, it is essential for the Community Board to know which sites in East Harlem have been funded.

- **Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults 311201945E**

  Responsible agency: Board of Higher Education (BHE) A flexible higher education program similar to CUNY in the Heights, which offers a variety of certificate programs for adult learners, should be established in East Harlem. Hunter Colleges East Harlem campus should also offer local residents scholarships and expand their outreach to offer quality educational opportunities to the community in which they are sited. Priority #48. Tracking number 311201712E.

  Thank you for your response. Please let us know your process as to how you can go about creating a location of this kind in East Harlem.

During subsequent years, more allocation of funding should be devoted for the increasing population of CD11. Rezoning will bring a significant population increase. Funds for existing school resources including, but not limited to, physical location expansion opportunities, technology resource acquisition and teacher hiring should be planned for in the future to prevent reactive scenarios.

Department of Transportation

We thank the DOT for the increased investment in pedestrian safety improvements and alternative modes of transportation in our neighborhood. We will be in contact with the agency to determine if all items approved are actively funded and what timeline may exist. The lack of street lighting continues to be a safety issue for CD11.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority
We continue call upon the MTA to secure funding for the timely completion of Phase II of the Second Avenue Subway project. We further call upon the MTA to increase funding to the Student MetroCard such that it will allow five swipes per day to allow for increased educational and extracurricular opportunities and to promote further college readiness. Additionally, we call upon the MTA to complete further upgrades to the subway stations and bus stops as other Community Districts of Manhattan have received.

**Department of Health & Mental Hygiene**

We thank DoHMH for increased attention to the rodent issue facing portions of East Harlem. However, we call upon DoHMH to expand enforcement and vector control for rats and other pests as East Harlem continues to be plagued. It is imperative that funding be provided to expand the Rat Reservoir Program in East Harlem to reduce the rat population. The catchment area for the Rat Reservoir program should be expanded to include more areas in East Harlem, especially busy commercial corridors.

Additionally, the program should target new construction sites (especially as the upcoming rezoning begins), as the construction often drives rat populations into the streets/surrounding buildings. Abatement should be increased on commercial corridors, in green spaces and near construction sites. Outreach about the Rat Academy should be increased to encourage superintendents, building staff, property managers, homeowners and businesses to participate, especially in the spring and summer. Further, funding should be increased for the Trap-Neuter-Release program for cats, as there is a large population of feral cats in East Harlem. Specifically, there are cat colonies in the vacant lots and community gardens, and outreach should be targeted there. Please give this request further consideration while allocating your budget.

We further support funding HIV and STI education for residents, including seniors, as there is a higher than city-wide average incidence of mortality due to STIs. East Harlem residents are more than three times as likely to die from HIV/AIDS as the average NYC resident. Sex education services should be provided, especially among vulnerable populations, and access to HIV preventative drugs should be easy and affordable to all. As declared in previous fiscal year requests, CD11's population remains at a higher risk than any other CDs in NYC.

- **Address air quality issues 311201912E.**

  The board lauds the passage of the Asthma-Free Housing Act and looks forward to HPD's imposition of harsher violations in accordance with this law. Furthermore, CB11 looks forward to future collaboration with HPD and the Health Department to host a series of workshops on asthma triggers and mitigation, as set forth in HPD's additional comment to this request. The board believes this request, while the same in substance, should be broken into two requests, with the additional request directed specifically to NYCHA. This is particularly important given NYCHA's failure to respond to requests for workshops on this topic and also because the Asthma-Free Housing Act exempts NYCHA. With the Rezoning of CD11, continued efforts toward accomplishing this goal remain necessary. Funding should be allocated.

**New York Public Library**

CB11 applauds and thanks the NYPL for restoring six-day opening hours and supports any future expansion of services and hours. We further support NYPL’s call upon the City to allocate additional capital funding for technology improvements at the 125th Street and Aguilar Branch Libraries. We appreciate the willingness to support these efforts. We continue to request that these basic city resources
allocated for equally dense communities are appropriated for CD11. Expense Items 311201903E, 311201934E, 311201952E, 311201959E, 311201967E.

It is important that NYPL continues to work through the NYC budget process to continue funding programming and access in our public libraries. NYPL are a resource to communities across the city that helps enhance the quality of life here in East Harlem. The Board will be following up with the agency periodically to advocate for this request.

Beyond necessary services to sustain a thriving and expanding neighborhood, additional investment to public resources remain essential to success of the community. Community Board 11 requests that particular attention is placed on the following budget items:

- **Provide more or better equipment to a library 311201908C**

  The New York Public Library (NYPL) should provide greater access to technology at local libraries. With the 125th Street Library closing for the next two years, the Aguilar Library must meet the additional demands by increasing the amount of computer labs. NYPL must purchase additional computers for this library and collaborate with community groups to create and offer computer literacy and programming courses at the library once these resources are secured.

- **Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library 311201916C**

  NYPL's capital funding should be increased for building repairs and upgrades. Specifically, $1.5 million is needed for the building envelope/facility preservation of the Aguilar Library Branch in order to restore the exterior and upgrade/replace the windows.

**Department of Small Business Services**

CB11 appreciates the recommendations offered by the Department of Small Business Services. We thank the agency for those items, which were funded, such as 311201917E, 311201927E; however other requests must be funded to fully activate our entire constituency.

- **Provide or expand occupational skills training programs 311201931E**

  East Harlem’s workforce development infrastructure must address the needs of the large number of residents who are unemployed and seeking well-paying jobs. Local employment and training organizations and SBS should work to connect local residents to employment opportunities in growth industries and local development-based employment. SBS and EDC should create and package incentives to attract growth industries to locate in East Harlem, with emphasis on attracting STEM related businesses to open up additional career opportunities for local residents. SBS must increase funding for training vouchers, which would then be used by local residents for necessary advanced training and certifications. The local libraries can also be expanded to serve as workforce centers.

  Although SBS will accommodate in part, in order for the CD to be fully successful, the Community Board needs disclosure for which parts will be funded.

Furthermore, several of the recommended programs do not focus or provide resources to the budget requests for our CD.
• Other commercial district revitalization requests 311201904E

The lack of retail diversity along commercial corridors causes local residents to purchase certain goods and services outside of the community. East Harlem’s commercial corridors only capture 35% of the consumer expenditure potential of local residents and $484 million in potential annual retail sales escape the community each year. There is a high demand for local stores that provide entertainment services such as a movie theater, fitness/recreational services, sporting goods, books, electronics/computer goods and supermarkets with better quality foods. Incentives should be provided to encourage the development of these businesses.

SBS has made funding available to organizations in East Harlem via its Neighborhood 360 program to conduct district marketing and placemaking along commercial corridors. Please visit www.nyc.gov/neighborhood360 for more information. CB11 requires information that will activate this request, as Neighborhood360 does not focus on these and other issues.

• Provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion 311201937E

Additional resources should be committed to promote East Harlem's cultural offerings, including wayfinding signs along Lexington Avenue and other major corridors. The funding for the Avenue NYC program should continue for existing place-making and tourism efforts. Although we appreciate that funding may have been allocated, current scope remains unclear. In order for the Community Board to better focus this goal, we ask that your agency clarify to what extent these common goals may be met.

• Support BID formation planning 311201942E

SBS should undertake a study to determine the challenges and advantages to BID formation along 116th and 125th Streets in East Harlem.

Although the city has awarded a local organization with funds to carry out projects, it does not meet nor share the collective views of the community. We will be following up to provide clarity on particulars of this request. It is imperative in the collaboration with your agency that organizations focusing on our community should not only reside within the CD but also share the focus collective views and/or goals.

• Assist with on-site business compliance with City regulations 311201943E

City agencies that regularly enforce codes and regulations which impact small businesses must create forums where local merchants can be educated on current and changing agency rules and solicit feedback from merchants with complaints of unfair treatment. Such agencies should also ensure that inspectors enforcing agency rules in East Harlem are bilingual (particularly Spanish speaking).

We appreciate that SBS has reduced the number of regulations on small businesses and increased partnership with other agencies through Small Business First. However if funding remains only in part, CB11 requires information pertaining to the allocation of funds toward this request.

• Provide or expand occupational skills training programs 311201964E
As required by Bill 1447C, construction workers require an additional 40 hour construction safety training course. In conjunction with the Mayor's $5 million commitment, the city should offer all construction workers training to pass the certified 40 hour construction safety training course as required by Bill 1447C before working on any and all construction projects. Now known as “local law 196 of 2017”, CB11 asks what amount the City is committed to developing and funding a construction safety training program for day laborers, local hires, and employees of M/WBEs and other small businesses.

**Empire Development Corporation**

Community Board 11 appreciates the consideration for requests 311201935E, 311201956E and 311201966E. With the rezoning approved last year, Community Board 11 maintains that it is necessary to invest in community resources overseen by this agency. With the incoming growth, the City should conduct a study that examines the feasibility of ferry service from the East 107th Street Pier, or other nearby locations, to Randall’s Island and other stops along the East /Harlem River. With the rollout of the NYC Ferry in 2017, we can expect an increase in the demand to grow exponentially.

Furthermore, EDC, in collaboration with SBS, should create and package incentives to attract growth industries to locate in East Harlem, with emphasis on attracting STEM related businesses to open up additional career opportunities for local residents. We appreciate that EDC is pleased to receive this comment and hear of community support for life science initiatives. We are aware that The City recently announced the LifeSci initiative, which is expected to create nearly 16,000 new jobs in New York City in life sciences innovation and R&D. Read more at the following link. However, given the projected impact of Rezoning, this project should be launched as soon as possible. The CB is committed to working toward this goal.

Finally, the Esplanade/Piers should be revitalized from 125th Street where it is being utilized for construction and extended to the dilapidated piers at 116th/117th Street so that other travel resources such as the Water Taxi may be added. The repair of the dilapidated piers within the boundaries of Community Board 11 along the East River can be utilized as designated ticket and landing locations to extend the current route of NYC Ferry connecting points along the East River and also easing transportation strains. Community Board 11 will be following to ensure that this becomes a primary to initiative to support the growth and success of our community.

**Department of Cultural Affairs**

- **Support nonprofit cultural organizations 311201939E**

There is a need for an arts/cultural service organization to enhance, educate and expand public interest in the arts and culture of East Harlem. DCLA and/or the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone should provide seed funding to create such an arts/cultural service organization. Once established, and representative of a cross-section of the East Harlem community, this organization should work to develop a comprehensive arts and cultural strategic master plan for the community.

**Department of Sanitation**

Several of our budget priorities in both the Expense and Capital sections focused on the state of Sanitation facilities located within Community District 11. Currently, separate antiquated garages serving CD11 and CD10 are located within CD11. The Board has previously voiced objection to the current proposal for a new District 11 garage on East 127th Street. While we maintain our objection to the inequity of having a
garage for the use of another District located within CD11, each of these garages also poses a number of problems for our community: the garages are old and inadequate, leading to large numbers of trucks parked on neighboring streets with their attendant pollution of noise, air quality, added congestion, and dripping leachate.

Community Board 11 has, for over five years, requested that the Sanitation District 10 garage be relocated to Community District 10. In Capital Priority 311201812C, DSNY notes that “no alternate site has been identified” for the District 10 garage. In light of this, Community Board 11 strongly encourages the Department of Sanitation to identify funding to construct a modern, environmentally conscious consolidated sanitation garage that will remove trucks from open parking and service and contain all operations within modern emission-controlled buildings. While DSNY has proposed a new garage for District 11, the proposed facility does not meet the needs of our community. It continues to be a limited facility with exposed outdoor parking against abutted by development sites that are proposed to contain significant residential development.

We ask that DSNY instead secure funding and model this garage more after the Consolidated District 1/2/5 garages, with green features and aesthetic improvements to reflect the changing needs of the community, particularly the increasingly residential character of the adjacent area and the existing elementary schools within two blocks. This applies to Capital Requests 311201805C, 311201812C, and 311201813C.

Department of Parks & Recreation

CB11 applauds the undertaking of a resiliency study on the East River/Harlem River waterfront. We also emphasize the immediate need of reconstruction and improvements along the waterfront, specifically the East River Esplanade. Portions of the Esplanade are, in fact, routinely crumbing into the river creating immediate and imminent safety hazards to persons using the park. We call upon the Department of Parks & Recreation, the Department of Transportation, the NYCEDC, the Office of Sustainability, and any other relevant agencies to address this matter immediately. In a time of increasing threats to Manhattan from extreme weather events and potential sea level rise, it is even more important that this area be secured for resiliency and for the immediate use of our community.

Our long-standing budget priorities – increase in PEP/Rangers, DPR maintenance and programming staff, East River Esplanade/Harlem River Greenway infrastructure, Marcus Garvey Fire Watchtower and Pier 107 rehabilitation, and comfort stations in our heavily used parks – remain all highly important needs as indicated in our previous Statements of District Needs, the East Harlem Neighborhood Plan and New York City resiliency initiatives. We recommend a comprehensive plan for funding these priorities starting with the FY ‘19 budget cycle.

The following projects within our budget priorities have been identified as the most viable for funding in the FY ‘19 budget, while serving our community’s greatest needs.

- **Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park 311201914C**

  Comfort stations should be installed in highly used parks, such as 128th Street and Second Avenue and Thomas Jefferson Park near the 114th Street Playground.

  Thank you for committing to fund the installation of comfort station at Harlem River Park. We will follow up with the Parks Department periodically throughout the progression of the project to get updates. However, it is imperative that a comfort station be installed at Thomas Jefferson Park...
and we ask that DPR clarify the particulars of the necessary study so that we may better understand how the project could be funded.

- **Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park 311201920C**

NYC Parks (upon previous direction by DOT and MTA to address this to Parks) should provide funding for a new playground and a comfort station near 132nd Street and Esplanade as a community give-back for the noise, dirt and construction involved in the ramp construction.

While our committee thanks you for your additional comments, we do not accept "hopefully" as a sufficient response. The Department of Parks and Recreation should make every effort to ensure the construction of the comfort station during the development process of the East Harlem Greenway Link.

- **DPR Staffing (District-wide) 311201838/842/852/867E**

East Harlem will lose three playground associates (Cherry Tree, Poor Richard’s and Thomas Jefferson Park), which are currently funded through an agreement with the MTA around Second Avenue Subway staging but this funding will end shortly. We recommend baselining these three (3) Playground Associates into the DPR expense budget to avoid the loss of these positions in future fiscal years.

- **Poor Richard's Playground (E 109th St./3rd Ave) 311201822C**

This large, multi-use site is the nexus of recreation space for many neighborhood schools and community residents. This site abuts the Franklin Plaza housing complex and five adjacent schools. We recommend FY 19 capital funding in the Mayor’s, City Council Speaker’s and Manhattan Borough President’s discretionary budgets to ensure the rehabilitation of this important asset to the community.

- **Eugene McCabe Field (E 120th St./Park Ave) 311201815C**

This field is located next to P.S. 79, a school that services many children with special needs, where instructors have indicated an interest in using the field if it were in better condition and easy to schedule time for school use. We recommend expense funding in FY 19 for the in-house rehabilitation of the field by DPR, through the NYC Council and the Borough President’s office. Funding this project under expense budgets would reduce the costs significantly than if allocated as a capital project (more than five times the expense funding).

- **Street Tree Maintenance (District-wide) 311201849E**

The success of the Million Trees program has created a huge street tree infrastructure without adequate resources for communities to care for these trees. DPR needs expense funding in FY ’19 to hire out for contracts for street tree maintenance and/or to hire additional Forestry staff so that communities without the volunteer maintenance capacity do not lose the environmental benefits due to lack of care.

- **Green Thumb staffing (District-wide) 311201868E**

Given the increase in construction and a proposed rezoning, we are concerned with the current level of staffing at Green Thumb in order to provide oversight and services to our community
gardens, specifically the transition of the East 111th Street gardens within the SustaiNYC development project. We recommend greater funding for Green Thumb programming and staffing in the FY ‘18 budget.

We also support the Parks Department and our government agency partners in their consideration of the urgent need to renovate P.S. 155 Playground, Thomas Jefferson Park Playground, Mae Grant Playground, and Sunshine Playground and to move forward on allocating funding to these much-needed capital projects. Our schools, neighborhood residents and non-profit partners heavily use all of these sites for programming and general recreation. We are happy to advocate for these capital projects alongside your efforts, in addition to our stated budget priorities.

Conclusion

CB11 appreciates the opportunity to comment on the FY 2019 Preliminary Budget. Although this letter does not address every comment, it expresses the bulk of our Community Board 11 concerns. We recommend that your office and the city agencies review and respond to our additional comments for the most comprehensive absorption. Upon doing so, we look forward to seeing the Executive Budget and to continuing to partner with this administration to ensure that our requests will be incorporated as the budget makes its way through the process.
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The increased cost of housing has drastically impacted seniors. They have fewer housing choices, particularly those that are mobility impaired and need access to elevators or more wheelchair-accessible living arrangements. The committee has received many anecdotal stories from high-need residents of State and Federal sources of housing assistance is encouraging the development of age-friendly affordable housing and a range of assisted living options in East Harlem. Residents should receive Community Preference for apartments in new Senior Housing being developed in their community, and targets should be set in other new developments to ensure that seniors can age comfortably and safely in place. Additionally, HPD should create a specific program that will regularly monitor and inspect the housing conditions of vulnerable seniors.

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Manhattan 11 15
Other public housing projects or improvements
NYCHA Digital Vents provide WiFi service and computers to East River Drive, NYCHA
NYCHA will develop a plan to provide WiFi in
the area.

Housing Authority
Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
10
This is not a budget request
This sounds like an idea with merit.
However, NYCHA may not be the best agency to accomplish this goal. A partnership with other city agencies may make this easier to accomplish.

Manhattan 11 14
Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park
NYC Parks (upon previous direction by DOT and MTA to address this to Parks) should provide funding for a new comfort station and a comfort station near 120th Street and 2nd Avenue has been funded through the East Harlem Reusing Plan. Further study needed to make this a success.

Department of Parks and Recreation
This request includes more than one project. Funding for part is already in place and/or work is underway or committed for earlier portions. Contact the Department of Parks and Recreation for specifics.
02
The agency agrees with this request, but the funding decision follows a different budget process (i.e. TDF, local level decision)
Thank you for funding this request. Please continue to follow through with the project to accommodate the growing need for Parks personnel and resources.

Manhattan 11 12
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (ie playground, outdoor athletic field)

Location Site Name: 1680 Lexington Av
Location Address: 1680 Lexiongton Av
The area of the East Harlem River Park from 125th Street to 135th Street is currently closed and being used as a staging area for the Trini and Willis Avenue Bridge re-excavations. When both projects are complete, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has indicated it will continue to use the area to stage construction of the upcoming 127th Street viaduct reconstruction. Funds must be allocated to start construction of the esplanade parkland and bikeway immediately following DOT use of this area.

Department of Parks and Recreation
This is a Department of Parks and Recreation project with prior, current, and/or expected future year commitments. Contact the agency for specifics.
09
This request has already been funded
Construction of the East Harlem Reusing Greenway has been funded through the East Harlem Reusing Plan.

Manhattan 11 11
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (ie playground, outdoor athletic field)

Location Site Name: Marcus Garvey Park
Location Address: 174 E 110th
Thanks for your comments.
We do not accept "hopefully" as a sufficient response. Previous requests have been partially funded through this process.

Department of Parks and Recreation
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Manhattan 11 10
Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

New York Public Library
NYPL is in favor of this project; however, restored City capital funding is required. NYPL will continue to work through the City's budget process for needed funding. Please contact NYPL for additional information.
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Manhattan 11 09
Renevate or upgrade an existing cultural facility

Location Site Name: 174 E 110th
Location Address: 1650 Lexington Ave
The Julia de Burgos Cultural Center must be considered for Cultural Institutions Group designation so that it could be eligible for significant capital and operating support from the City. Additionally, the Cultural Center needs funding for exterior streetcarparks and outdoor improvements, such as updated landscaping, improve lighting, exterior LED signage suitable for communicating programming, announcing public arts initiatives and communicating programming.

Department of Cultural Affairs
The organization does not meet City capital funding requirements for cultural projects.
04
The agency agrees with this request, but the funding cannot be determined at this time
Thank you for your response. Please give the Board of Park Commissioners this information, which can be beneficial. Previous requests have been partially funded through this process.

Manhattan 11 08
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Manhattan 11 07
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (ie playground, outdoor athletic field)

Location Site Name: Marcus Garvey Park
Location Address: 174 E 110th
The restoration of the Fire Watchtower in Marcus Garvey Park is in progress, the project is currently out for bid, and the construction will be completed in the summer of 2016. New funding must be allocated for the construction of the Fire Watchtower in order to complete the landscaping.

Department of Parks and Recreation
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03
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Thank you for your response. We will follow up regularly on the progress of the project area. It is imperative that funding be provided to the Poor Richard's Playground for complete renovation of the multipurpose area. Please give this request further consideration while allocating your budget.

Manhattan 11 03
Other requests for park, building, or amenity improvements

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Other affordable housing programs requests

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Department of Housing Preservation & Development

The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.

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Department of Parks & Recreation

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09 This request has already been funded

Construction of the comfort station in Harlem River Park at 128th Street and 2nd Avenue has been funded through the East Harlem Rebuilding Plan.

Thank you for funding this request. Please stay in close communication with our committee as this project comes to fruition so we may track progress in tandem.

Department of Parks & Recreation

The East Harlem Esplanade is slowly deteriorating and falling into the East River and needs major infrastructure improvements to rebuild or reinforce the super-structure underneath the parkland and the FDR Drive. Immediate attention should be given to the 107th Street Pier and the 117th Street seawall piers. DOF and the Parks Department should work collaboratively to address this problem.

The East Harlem Esplanade is a key asset to the community. It is an important habitat for birds and other wildlife, and it provides a place for residents to enjoy nature and relax. The park is also a popular destination for visitors and tourists. The park is currently in poor condition, with crumbling infrastructure and damaged landscaping. The park needs to be restored to its former glory, and the city should invest in the park's infrastructure to make it safe and enjoyable for all.

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Department of Parks & Recreation

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Location Site Name: East River Esplanade

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The agency does not/cannot give priority to funding this request. For the Charter, planning staff are available through the Department of City Planning’s Borough Offices for zoning and community planning processes. Please contact your local planning staff for assistance with dotted boxes that represent the area.

While we understand the OCP staff is able to assist CBs with land use review applications, it is necessary for the committee to have capacity independent of OCP, particularly as the CBs may be asked to review application submitted by DCPs or other City agencies.

Thank you for your response. We will be following-up and providing clarity on particulars of this request.

Thank you for your response. We will continue to follow up with you periodically to get updates on the progress of this request.

ThriveNYC can assist in CB11 and CB07 with land use review applications. It is necessary for the committee to have capacity independent of OCP, particularly as the CB may be asked to review application submitted by DCP and other City agencies.

Thank you for your response. We will continue to follow up with you periodically to get updates on the progress of this request.

The committee needs to follow up with HFD with respect to this request. We have asked this to be included in the implementation of its Housing Plan. Please send us a timeline for accomplishment of request. Please define how it would be accommodated. Also provide update on amount of funding once determined.

Please contact DOHMH, we are happy to meet or discuss how ThriveNYC can assist in CB11.

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The agency does not support additional funding from the community board regarding this request. 06

The agency agrees with this request, and will accommodate it in part.

HPD will be working with the Health Department and will utilize CB 11 M to facilitate this request.

The committee lauds the passage of the Asthma-Free Housing Act and looks forward to HPD’s imposition of further sanctions in accordance with this law. Furthermore, CB 11 looks forward to future collaboration with HPD and the Health Department to host a series of workshops on asthma triggers and mitigation, as set forth in HPD’s additional comment to this request. The committee hopes this work will yield fruitful results.

Establish a Health District in EH centered around the Neighborhood Health Action Center. Health districts are places where healthy choices are the easiest ones to make. They are places to head, work, and live where new ideas on improving healthcare and public health can be developed, tested and disseminated. A health district holistically connects the community to hospitals, health departments, office, healthy food options, clinic, social service, health-related incubators and technology, and nature trails.

The number of adults with asthma is 50% higher than the NYC average. The asthma hospitalization rate among adults is 200% higher, and among children 100% higher, than the NYC average. HPD and NYCHA should host a series of workshops to educate tenants and landlords on the various indoor triggers for asthma and how they can be mitigated, including pest control. Secondhand smoke is another asthma trigger, and the City should encourage buildings to adopt smoke-free housing policies.

The DOE has devoted significant resources to the safety and comfort of students in all of our schools. Every school in the City is equipped with a Respect For All Lesson, whose role is geared specifically towards reporting and countering incidents of bullying in schools. The DOE offers a wide variety of anti-bullying, intervention, and Respect for All trainings for its staff, and we encourage principals to take advantage of these resources.

Moreover, this year Chancellor Fenta announced the launch of new anti-bullying initiatives to better serve students and families, and also ensure schools are providing safe and inclusive learning environments in every school building. These initiatives include: a Bullying Complainant Portal for families; community workshops on bullying prevention and reduction; Mental Health First Aid training for schools and communities; increased protection from bullying for students; and funding for student-led organizations, such as Gender and Sexuality Alliances and Respect For All clubs. The DOE is also releasing its annual report on suspensions and expulsions, which provides clarity on particulars of this request.

Thank you for your response. We will be following up and providing clarity on particulars of this request.
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Provide or expand occupational skills training programs
Provide funding for more workforce development programs.

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Provide more frequent litter basket collection
Especially along the busy commercial corridor (125th Street, Lexington Avenue, 3rd Avenue, 116th Street and 118th Street).

1.3.12.01919
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Conduct traffic or parking studies
Excessive vehicular traffic has created safety problems at key intersections throughout the community. The DOT should conduct engineering studies of the major commercial corridors, with the goal of improving pedestrian safety and easing vehicular congestion.

1.3.12.01920
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Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation
The most inconvenient bus lines along Madison and Fifth Avenues, particularly the M1, must be improved and made more dependable. NYC Transit must consider changing these routes to originate north of the 59th Street Bridge.

1.3.12.01921
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Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
The MTA and NYC DOT must also work to improve conditions around the 125th Street/Metro North Station, including the installation of better lighting, pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection and renovation/utilization of the old pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection and renovation/utilization of the old 125th Street on the south side of 125th Street across from the Metro North Station.

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Improve parking operations
Community Board 11 and the DOT need to work collaboratively to identify commercial corridors that currently do not have parking meters and work with local businesses and residents to consider installation of parking meters to encourage vehicular turnover during the day.

1.3.12.01923
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Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests
Fund a program for newly licensed NYCHA security guards to receive mentoring and monitoring in collaboration with the community policing officers of the local police precincts.

1.3.12.01924
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Improve access to transit, including bike share
Provide funding to incentivize alternative modes of transit into and around New York City.

1.3.12.01925
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Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related vice, etc.)
Community efforts to curb youth violence, particularly among gangs, cannot rely on traditional policing alone. The NYPD should expand the Juvenile Biblical Intervention Program (JRP) in East Harlem that works more closely with juvenile offenders, their families and local social service providers to develop more holistic interventions aimed at preventing future crime. The NYPD should also pilot the Operation Compass model to bring gang members, community representatives and police officers together for constructive dialogue.

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Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk,占道停车 illegal activities
Especially along the busy commercial corridor (125th Street, Lexington Avenue, 3rd Avenue, 116th Street and 118th Street).
311201920 Manhattan 11 27 Other workforce development requests
Establish a Workforce1 satellite office in East Harlem.

Department of Small Business Services
This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway.
01 The agency agrees with this request, will accommodate

As part of the East Harlem Rezoning, the City has committed to establishing a satellite Workforce1 Career Center in East Harlem. This satellite Workforce1 Career Center will offer connections to employment and training services, including services for targeted populations such as out of school, out of work youth aged 16-24 years old.

Thank you for your response. We will continue to follow up periodically to get updates on the progression of this request.

311201920 Manhattan 11 26 Reduce rat populations
The catchment area for the Rat Abatement program should be expanded to include more areas in East Harlem, especially busy commercial corridors. Additionally, the program should target new construction sites (especially at the upcoming rezoning) as the construction often drives rat populations into the streets/ surrounding buildings. Abatement should be increased on commercial corridors in green spaces and near construction sites. Outreach about the Rat Academy should be increased to encourage superintendents, building staff, property managers, homeowners and businesses to participate, especially in areas of concern.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
DOT/DMT continues to increase the number of inspections performed annually and has expanded its successful rat indexing approach to Manhattan (which has more than one inspector). We also continue to respond to all 311 complaints and readily participate in walk-through events requested by the community in areas of concern. Fee-free to contact us to request a walk-through. Additional services would be contingent upon available resources.
03 The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time

Thank you for your response. It is imperative that funding be provided to expand the Rat Abatement program in East Harlem to reduce the rat population. Please give this request further consideration while allocating your budget.

311201920 Manhattan 11 26 Conduct traffic or parking studies
Find a feasibility study for improved access to Randall’s Island, including expanded bus service and the construction of an additional bridge linking East Harlem and the island

Department of Transportation
Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
08 This request requires further study

Committee will contact DOT regarding status of this request and add more specificity to its request in the future.

311201920 Manhattan 11 30 Other park programming requests

The Department of Parks and Recreation must increase funding for distinct staff to ensure our parks and playgrounds are clean and safe, specifically in Lincoln Park, and funding for the summer maintenance plan must be maintained at current levels.

Department of Parks and Recreation
The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2019, but at the time the availability of funds is uncertain.
03 The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time

Thank you for your response. Please give this request further consideration while allocating your budget, as well as a timeframe.

311201921 Manhattan 11 31 Provide or expand training programs
East Harlem workforce development infrastructure must address the needs of the large number of residents who are unemployed and seeking well-paying jobs. Local employment and training organizations and SBAs should work to connect local residents to employment opportunities in growth industries and local development-based employment. SBAs and ESAs should create and package incentives to attract growth industries to locate in East Harlem, with emphasis on attracting STEM related businesses to open up additional career opportunities for local residents. SBAs must increase funding for training vouchers, which would then be used by local residents for necessary advanced training and certifications. The local libraries can also be expanded to service as workforce development centers.

Department of Small Business Services
The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
02 The agency agrees with this request, will accommodate in part

SBF currently connects New York City residents to training and employment opportunities through its network of 21 Workforce1 Career Centers. The City is making additional workforce development investments in East Harlem based on community input. SBS’s Industry Partnerships initiative supports training access across the Workforce1 system. Industry Partnerships inform the design and development training programs in industries that offer economic mobility and/or are high-growth sectors, including: Healthcare, Technology, Manufacturing, Construction, Retail, and Food Service.

Thank you for your funding this request. Please inform the Board which part of the request will be funded and how much will be allocated.

311201920 Manhattan 11 52 Other health care facilities requests
Designate EIH as a primary community for the roll-out of Direct Access NYC to ensure that EH residents who are immigrants have access to the myriad of services, programs and initiatives under Direct Access NYC including more translation services at neighborhood health facilities.

Health and Hospitals Corporation
The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
08 This request has already been funded

Einhorn Hospital provides comprehensive and coordinated health care services in a culturally competent and linguistically appropriate manner.

Thank you for your response. We would like to see a program, such as the one in Einhorn, Hospital at Metropolitan Hospital, here in East Harlem. Please give this request further consideration while allocating your budget. Also provide the resources to be allocated for this request.

311201920 Manhattan 11 31 Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)
How additional Parks Rangers or Shaded PEP officers for Harlem River Park, Marcus Garvey Park and Thomas Jefferson Park.

Department of Parks and Recreation
The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2019, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
03 The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time

Thank you for your response. Please give this request further consideration while allocating your budget, as well as a timeframe.

311201920 Manhattan 11 24 Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs
Increase funding for librarians and expanded library programming in schools.

New York Public Library
NYPL supports this proposal as requested. However, city funded financial support is necessary to implement this project.
11 The agency agrees with this request, will accommodate

Thank you for funding this request in part. Please inform the Board which part of the request will be funded and how much will be allocated.
311201955E Manhattan 11 38 Expand the frequency of operation of ferries
The City should conduct a study that will examine the feasibility of ferry service from the East 107th Street Pier, or other nearby locations, to Randall’s Island and other stops along the East Harlem shore.

Location Site Name: East 107th Street Pier

Economic Development Corporation

Further study by the agency of this request is needed. Contact EDC.

This request requires further study.

EDC completed the rollout of the first phase of NYC Ferry in 2017. NYC Ferry continues to operate additional ferries throughout the city for future service following the implementation of additional phases in 2018.

Thank you for your response. We will be following-up and provide clarity on particulars of this request.

311201955E Manhattan 11 39 Enhance home care services
Additional funding is needed for home health aid programs in East Harlem to expand the number of available aides and also pay higher wages to attract quality professionals. Home health aides are essential to assist seniors in their daily activities, particularly for those that cannot afford to hire a home health aide privately and would otherwise be isolated in their homes. DFTA and the Department of Youth and Community Development should partner to create a pilot program in East Harlem that would encourage multi-generational care of seniors, connecting youth to seniors who are mobilly

Department for the Aging

DFTA continues to allocate for increased funding to support aging services throughout the five boroughs. Presently, there is no additional funding available to increase program budgets or commence new initiatives.

The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time.

Thank you for your response. Please give the request further consideration while allocating your budget, as well as a time frame.

311201957E Manhattan 11 37 Provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion

Other major corridors. The funding for the Avenue NYC program should continue for existing place-making and tourism efforts.

Department of Small Business Services

This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway.

The agency agrees with this request, but will not accommodate in part.

SBS has made funding available to organizations in East Harlem via its Neighborhood SBS program to conduct district marketing and placemaking along commercial corridors. Please visit www.nyc.gov/neighborhoods for more information. Additional sponsor groups should consider applying for SBS Avenue NYC program, or the City Council’s Neighborhood Development Grant Initiative.

Thank you for funding the request in part. Please inform the Board which part of the request will be funded and how much will be allocated.

311201959E Manhattan 11 38 Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

Additional NYC Forestry staff should be hired to maintain the street trees. Funding should also be directed to Trees NY.

Department of Parks and Recreation

The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2019, but at the time the availability of funds is uncertain.

The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time.

Thank you for your response. Please give the request further consideration while allocating your budget, as well as a time frame.

311201959E Manhattan 11 39 Support nonprofit/Cultural organizations

There is a need for an arts/cultural service organization to enhance, educate and expand public interest in the arts and culture of East Harlem. DCLA and/or the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone should provide seed funding to create such an arts/cultural service organization. Once established, and representative of a cross-section of the East Harlem community, this organization should work to develop a comprehensive arts and cultural strategic master plan for the community.

Department of Cultural Affairs

This department recommends this project be brought to the attention of your local elected official, i.e. Borough President or City Council member.

The agency agrees with this request, but the funding decision follows a different budget process (SPP, local level decision).

Thank you for your response. Please be following-up and provide clarity on particulars of this request.

311201949E Manhattan 11 40 Increase enforcement of Centre waste laws

DSNY should install warning signs and bag dispensers at the corner of 110th and Lexington; East 111th between Park and Fifth Avenues; 132-138th Streets on Park Avenue; around Marcus Garvey Park (especially the bag run); and 114-117th Streets on First Avenue. DSNY should free fine-generating, and then enact repeat

Department of Sanitation

The educational signs program was discontinued several years ago. The Community Board may contact the agency with specific locations (including cross streets) for review.

The agency agrees with this request, but the funding decision follows a different budget process (SPP, local level decision).

Thank you for your response. The Board will follow-up with additional information.

311201941E Manhattan 11 41 Provide, expand, or enhance Compost and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)

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Department of Youth & Community Development

This service area is not under the agency’s jurisdiction.

This request has already been funded.

SUVC has increased funding for Beacon and Compost programs.

Thank you for funding this request in part. We will be following-up with you periodically to get updates on the progression of this request.

311201942E Manhattan 11 42 Support BID formation planning

SBS should undertake a study to determine the challenges and advantages to BID formation along 110th and 125th Streets in East Harlem.

Department of Small Business Services

Sponsor group should apply to SBS through the funding process. Please visit nyc.gov/SBS for more information.

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City agencies that regularly enforce cleanliness and regulations which impact small businesses must create forums where local merchants can be educated on current and changing agency rules and solicit feedback from merchants with complaints of unfair treatment. Such agencies should also ensure that inspectors enforcing agency rules in East Harlem are bilingual (particularly Spanish-speaking).

Funding should be increased for pest extermination and mold remediation services throughout the city. Tenants and landlords on the various public housing projects, etc will be encouraged to receive information about how to avoid common business violations. Additional funding should be targeted to expand existing community based peer-led interventions to promote weight loss and prevent diabetes, which have already produced effective results. DOHMH should partner with DCE to develop physical education programs for all local schools and expand organized athletics.

The number of adults with asthma is 311201712. Priority #48. Tracking number to the community in which they are sited. Priority #48. Tracking number

Department of Mental Hygiene

The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.

Department of Small Business Services

The agency agrees with this request, and will accommodate in part

SBS has reduced the number of regulations on small businesses and increased partnership with other agencies through Small Business First. Through Small Business First, Compliance Advisors are available to visit businesses and provide on-site consultation to help them understand how to comply with the most common violations issued across City agencies. SBS also holds quarterly small business resource fairs across the five boroughs where businesses owners have the opportunity to interact with SBS staff and other regulatory City agencies to receive information about how to avoid common business violations. For more information please visit nyc.gov/smallbizfirst.

Thank you for funding this request in part. Please inform the Board which part of the request will be funded and how much will be allocated.

Thank you for your response. We would like to see an increase in youth programming to tackle obesity and other health ailments. Please give this request further consideration while allocating your budget.

Thank you for your response. Please let us know your process as to how you can go about creating a location of the kind in East Harlem.

Thank you for your response. We will be following-up and going clarity on this request.

Thank you for your response. Please let us know the programs in place for seniors in the district and the budget amount that will be spent in our district. At that point, we can advise the direction of further study.

Thank you for your response. It is imperative that funding be provided to expand the Rat Reservoir Program in East Harlem to reduce the rat population. Please give this request further consideration while allocating your budget.
Expand street outreach

Increase funding to allow for more street outreach in order to connect homeless individuals with services and resources. Outreach should be targeted around 125th-127th Streets from Lexington to Madison Avenue. More staff should be hired to assist the gardens at 111th-112th Streets and Park Avenue due to the impending Sendero Verde project. Please give this request further consideration while allocating your budget.

Thank you for your response. Please give this request further consideration while allocating your budget, as well as a time frame. As declared in previous fiscal year requests, CD1’s population remains at a higher risk than other CDS in NYC.

Department of Homeless Services

Renters' legal services program: 2019: $4.5 million, current enacted: $4.5 million. This request has already been funded.

The committee extends its appreciation to the Department of Homeless Services for its funding for this request. We will continue to follow up with you periodically to get updates on the progression of this request.

Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services

East Harlem residents are more than twice as likely to be HIV/AIDS as the average NYC resident. Sex education services should be provided, especially among vulnerable populations, and access to HIV preventative drugs should be easy and affordable to all.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

DOHMH has a variety of HIV programs, with a special focus on men who have sex with men, transgender women who have sex with men, Black/Latina; and people struggling with substance abuse. We will review and assess the request for additional programming, which could be contingent upon availability of funds.

The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time.

Thank you for your response. Please give this request further consideration while allocating your budget, as well as a time frame. As declared in previous fiscal year requests, CD1’s population remains at a higher risk than other CDS in NYC.

Provide better park maintenance

The seasonal staff via the City Parks Workers and Parks Opportunity Program to improve maintenance at all Community Parks Initiative sites.

Department of Parks and Recreation

The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2019, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.

The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time.

Thank you for your response. Please give this request further consideration while allocating your budget, as well as a time frame.

Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults

A flexible higher education program similar to CUNY's in the Heights, which offers a variety of certificate programs for adult learners, should be established in East Harlem. Hunter College's East Harlem campus should also offer local residents scholarships and expand their outreach to offer quality educational opportunities to the community in which they are sited. Funding should also be allocated for college readiness and certificate training.

Department for the Aging

These programs remain open and funded.

The committee extends its appreciation to the Department for the Aging for its funding for this request. We will continue to follow up with you periodically to get updates on the progression of this request.

Provide more HIV/AIDS requests

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Other park programming requests

Green Thumb needs additional funding provided to properly execute its ongoing role in and ensure that community gardens are responsive to the public. Additional staff should be hired to assist the gardens at 111th-112th Streets and Park Avenue during the transition period to other locations.

Department of Parks and Recreation

The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2019, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.

The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time.

Thank you for your response. It is imperative that you provide us with proper oversight and assistance to the gardens at 111th-112th Streets and Park Ave due to the impending Sendero Verde project. Please give this request further consideration while allocating your budget.
313215956E Manhattan 11 59 Expand programs for certain industries, e.g. fashion, film, advanced food manufacturing, life sciences and healthcare
EDC in collaboration with SBIR, should create and package incentives to attract growth industries to locate in East Harlem, with emphasis on attracting STEM-related businesses to open up additional career opportunities for local residents.

313215957E Manhattan 11 59 Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure
The MTA and City must work aggressively with Federal partners to secure funding for Phase 2 of the Second Avenue Subway. We need congestion on the Lexington Avenue line, and provide an alternative to often unreliable bus lines.

313215958E Manhattan 11 59 Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment
Board offices should include not just staff offices but meeting areas, including a separate conference room, an area able to hold up to 100 people for monthly committee meetings, and an auditorium capable of seating up to 200 people for monthly full board meetings.

313215959E Manhattan 11 59 Extend library hours or expand library programs
The 125th Library received $20 million of renovations and equipment upgrades. That branch will be closed for two years beginning in 2018. Usage will increase at the Aguilar Library as resident services libraries during this two year renovation. At a minimum, Aguilar will need to provide comfort and public safety as new windows, door and repaired building facade for current and future clients. The cost for this work is $2.5 million.

313215960E Manhattan 11 59 Repair or provide new street lights
NYC DOT should provide improved street lighting along 104th, 105th and 117th Streets between Park Avenue and Lexington Avenue, and 125th Street between Park Avenue and Madison Avenue. On streets where a thick tree canopy obscures the effectiveness of traditional street lights, DOT should install lights that hand Curent below the level of the tree canopy.

313215961E Manhattan 11 59 Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting
NYC DOT should provide improved lighting along the Madison Avenue side of Marcus Garvey Park between 123rd Street and 124th Street. This area is very dark at night and unsafe for pedestrians.

313215962E Manhattan 11 62 Other community board facilities and staff requests
In recent years, the reliability of traditional copper-line phone service has become unpredictable. As our office is fully dependent on the service, we request that the City provide alternative telephone service for our offices, such as cable internet.

313215963E Manhattan 11 63 Repair or provide new street lights
NYC DOT should provide improved lighting along the Park Avenue viaduct, particularly at the intersections of 107th, 108th, 112th, 114th, 115th, 116th and 118th Streets, as well as areas underneath the viaduct between 117th and 118th Streets, 119th and 120th Street, as well as 119th and 120th Streets.

Economic Development Corporation
The agency will try to accommodate this request within existing resources.

Transport Authority
For information regarding the status of this Request, contact the Transit Authority directly at telephone number 646-252-2650.

Department of Citywide Administrative Services
DCAS Real Estate Services has not received a Space Request Form from the Community Board. A completed form is required or in order for DCAS to begin to initiate a new project review. The CB should contact DCAS Real Estate Services at 212-386-0315 for information on completing a Space Request Form.

Department of Transportation
Standard street lights can only be replaced if the request is accompanied by funding to cover all equipment, construction, and additional electrical costs and a Maintenance Agreement is signed with a City Chartered organization willing and able to pay for the associated maintenance cost-i.e Business Improvement District.

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Department of Transportation
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Department of Small Business Services
Further study by the agency of this request is needed.

The agency agrees with this request, will accommodate in part.

As mandated by 1447C, The City is committed to developing and funding a construction safety training program for day laborers, local hires, and employees of M/WBEs and other small businesses.

Thank you for funding this request in part. Please inform the Board which part of the request will be funded and how much will be allocated. Please note that 1447C is now “local law 196 of 2017”.

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Previously listed as 311201964E:

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Previously listed as 311201804C:

Funding for school-based medical clinics should be increased in order to allow more students to access medical care, thus facilitating regular medicine dosages and reducing absenteeism.

Health and Hospitals Corporation
New York State redistributed funding for school-based health (SBHC) services this year. After further analysis, H+H had a net increase in SBHC funding.

This request has already been funded.

Thank you for funding this request. We will continue to follow up with you periodically to get updates on the progression of this request.

The Esplanade/Piers should be revitalized from 125th Street where it is being utilized for construction and extended to the dilapidated piers at 116th/117th Street so that other travel resources such as the Water Taxi may be added. The repair of the dilapidated piers within the boundaries of Community Board 11 along the East River can be utilized as designated ticket and landing locations to extend the current route of NYC Ferry by Hornblower connecting points along the East River and also easing transportation strains.

Economic Development Corporation
Further study by the agency of this request is needed. Contact EDC.

This request requires further study.

EDC completed the rollout of the first phase of NYC Ferry in 2017. EDC remains committed to studying additional locations throughout the city for future service following the implementation of additional phases in 2018.

Thank you for your response. We will be following up and providing clarity on particulars of this request.

Increase operating funding for libraries to expand 7-day service and ensure at least one branch in every council district is open 7 days

New York Public Library
NYPL is in favor of this project but added or restored City funding is required for all expense budget costs and any needed capital costs. NYPL will continue to work through the City’s budget process for needed funding. Contact NYPL for more information.

The agency agrees with this request, but funding cannot be determined at this time.

Thank you for your response. It is important that your agency continues to work through the NYC budget process to continue funding programming and access in our public libraries. NYPL is a resource to communities across the city that help enhance the quality of life in East Harlem. The Board will be following up with your agency periodically to advocate for this request.