

November 8, 2002

Mark Page
Director
Office of Management and Budget
75 Park Place
New York, NY 10007

Re: Expense & Capital Budget Requests, Fiscal Year 2004

Dear Mr. Page:

At its regularly scheduled monthly full board meeting held on November 6, 2001, Manhattan Community Board No.4 voted to approve the following Expense and Capital Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2004.

CAPITAL PRIORITIES

1. **Housing Preservation & Development (HPD):** Increase funding to rehabilitate housing for low and moderate income people in Community District No.4 through the following programs: Tenant Interim Lease (TIL); Neighborhood Redevelopment Program (NRP); Supportive Housing Program; 8A and Participation Loan Program; and other new loan program initiatives, including potential federal aid programs.

Such actions should include supportive housing for people with AIDS, development plans within the Clinton Urban Renewal Area (CURA) in accordance with the community plan for the area, and affordable housing in appropriate sites in Chelsea to follow up on the Chelsea 197 -a Plan.

2. **Department of Park & Recreation (DPR):** Provide funding for a renovation of the 59th Street Recreation Center to carry out the recommendations contained in the 59th Street Recreation Center Task Force Report of June 6, 2001.
3. **Hudson River Park Trust:** In cooperation with the Hudson River Park Trust, to the extent that funding has not already been committed, fund the following portions of the Hudson River Park: continuous esplanade from West 14th Street to West 59th Street; completion of Chelsea Waterside Park (especially the larger portion on the western side of Route 9A); open and recreation use on Piers 62, 63, 64, 84 and 97; rebuilding of Piers 84 and 97 for recreational use; the upland area from Pier 84 south to Pier 81; and Clinton Cove Park from W. 54th to W. 57th Street.
4. **Department of Park & Recreation (DPR):** Continue renovation of DeWitt Clinton Park including a provision for potential physical linkages to a future waterside park and a tot lot at the southeast corner.
5. **Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR):** Provide funds for site acquisition and development of new parks and other opportunities in Manhattan Community District No. 4, specifically for the DEP property on Tenth Av. and W. 49th St. and the DOS property on 20th St. between Sixth and Seventh avs.
6. **Department of Transportation (DOT):** Provide parking facilities for commuter and charter buses.
7. **Department of Transportation (DOT):** Install audible pedestrian signals at key intersections.
8. **Department of Transportation (DOT):** Construct street crossings to be usable by blind or low vision pedestrians as well as those traveling in wheel chairs or using walking aids.
9. **Department of Transportation (DOT):** Provide traffic calming design elements on non-arterial streets.

10. **New York Police Department (NYPD):** Complete renovations of the 10th Precinct House.
11. **Department of Transportation (DOT):** Fund and construct continuation of Hudson Street bike lane north of 14th Street, up Eighth Avenue, as described in the NYC Bicycle Master Plan.
12. **Department of Transportation (DOT):** Provide bike racks in appropriate location throughout Community District No. 4 to accommodate bicyclists and to encourage alternative modes of transportation.

CONTINUING SUPPORT: CAPITAL

1. **Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR):** Continue support for renovations to the Chelsea Recreation Center.
2. **Department of Park & Recreation (DPR):** Continue support for the planned total redesign and rehabilitation of Hell's Kitchen Park.

EXPENSE PRIORITIES

1. **Department of Environmental Protection (DEP):** Increase the number of DEP inspectors and provide them with proper specialized equipment and training, including sound-level meters and training to detect low frequency noise generated by nightclubs.
2. **Department Parks & Recreation (DPR):** Provide sufficient DPR maintenance workers for District No.4, including sufficient personnel for street tree maintenance and open and closed fenced parks.
3. **Department of Education (DOE):** Provide full funding for after school programs at Public Schools 11, 33, 51 and 111, the Upper Lab and Museum Schools and for Beacon Programs.
4. **Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DOHMH):** Increase staff at Ninth Avenue Health Center, especially for
4. AIDS assessment and needle exchange and maintain the on-site dental clinic.
5. **Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS):** Provide funding for a study for relocation alternatives or other solutions for moving the City Tow Pound from Pier 76 so that the Pier can be developed as a part of Hudson River Park, as stipulated by the Hudson River Park Act.
6. **Department of Sanitation (DOS):** Restore sanitation services to FY 1991 levels, including street sweeping, Clean Team, and emptying of litter baskets.
7. **Department of Sanitation (DOS):** Provide additional litter baskets of the new design with a larger capacity.
8. **Mayor's Office of Midtown Enforcement:** Restore funding for the Office to FY 1991 levels, specifically to include a building inspector to monitor development in the Clinton Special District.
9. **New York Public Library (NYPL):** Increase funding for books and materials at the Columbus and Muhlenberg Branch Libraries to reflect higher acquisition costs (prices).
10. **Department of Buildings (DOB):** Increase the number of properly trained DOB examiners and inspectors; in particular, we need specialists to provide enforcement within the Clinton Special District and for SRO

buildings.

11. **Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD):** Fully fund the HPD Community Consultant Program contracts.
12. **Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR):** Provide funds for a district volunteer coordinator to assist Parks Department in neighborhood parks and to work with Partnership for Parks.
13. **Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD):** Increase the number of properly trained Code Enforcement staff of HPD.
14. **Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD):** Restore community share funds at the DYCD for youth services at the Department of Youth Services FY 1994 levels.
15. **New York Police Department (NYPD):** Fund the purchase of sufficient hand-held noise meters for police officers and provide training for their use.
16. **Department for the Aging (DFTA):** Expand funding for senior social programs, including escort and home care services.
17. **New York Police Department (NYPD):** Provide funding for additional traffic control, officers in Manhattan Community District No. 4, especially for areas impacted by the Lincoln Tunnel.
18. **New York Public Library (NYPL):** Maintain sufficient professional and clerical positions at Muhlenberg, Columbus and Central Libraries in order that libraries can remain open six days a week (and Donnell a seventh day) and for full-time security guards at Columbus and Muhlenberg Libraries.
19. **Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD):** Increase expense funding for HPD's Division of Alternative Management Program (DAMP).
20. **Landmarks Commission:** Provide sufficient personnel to perform the essential duties of designation and regulation.
21. **Department of Park & Recreation (DPR):** Provide adequately trained DPR recreational employees for programming.
22. **Department of Health (DOH):** Increase funding for community-based AIDS programs funded through the DOH.
23. **Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC):** Provide additional staff at Bellevue Hospital to serve AIDS, HIV + and TB patients.
24. **New York Police Department (NYPD):** Provide additional funding for bicycles at local police precincts.
25. **Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR):** Provide additional funding for bicycles for Park Enforcement Personnel (PEP).

Sincerely,



Simone Sindin

Chair

cc: Mayor Bloomberg
Hon. C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President
Local Elected Officials
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