

November 11, 2003

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

Re: Expense & Capital Budget Requests, Fiscal Year 2005

Dear Mr. Page:

At its regularly scheduled monthly full board meeting held on November 5, 2001, Manhattan Community Board No. 4 voted to approve the following Expense and Capital Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2005.

CAPITAL PRIORITIES

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

Where applicable, new sources of funding should be identified and used for site acquisition toward the creation of affordable housing in CD4, including West Chelsea and the Hell's Kitchen/Hudson Yards area.

Such actions should include supportive housing for people with AIDS; affordable housing in the Clinton Urban Renewal Area (CURA) for residents of low and moderate incomes and in accordance with the community plan for the area; and affordable housing in appropriate sites in CD4 to implement the Chelsea 197-a Plan and to realize the community's visions for the City's Hudson Yards and West Chelsea rezoning proposals.

2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR):** Provide funds for site acquisition and development of new parks and other opportunities in CD4, specifically for the DEP property on Tenth Av. between 48th and 49th Sts. and the DOS property on 20th St. between Sixth and Seventh Avs.
5. **Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR):** Renovate Clement Clark Moore fountain.
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 St. bike lane north of 14th St., up Eighth Av., 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.
3. **Department of Park & Recreation (DPR):** Continue support of the 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.

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 CD4, including sufficient personnel for street tree maintenance and opening and closing 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.
4. **Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DOHMH):** Increase staff at Ninth Av. Health Center, especially for AIDS assessment and needle exchange, and reopen the on-site dental clinic.
5. **Economic Development Corporation (EDC):** 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 inspector(s) familiar with and dedicated solely to enforcement of the Special Clinton District and SRO buildings.
11. **Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD):** Expand the HPD Community Consultant Program and include CB4 in the Neighborhood Preservation Consultant Program.
12. **Department of Park & Recreation (DPR):** Provide adequately trained DPR playground associates for programming.
13. **Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR):** Provide additional funding for Greenthumb projects in City parks.
14. **Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD):** Increase the number of properly trained Code Enforcement inspectors.
15. **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.

16. **New York Police Department (NYPD):** Fund the purchase of sufficient hand-held noise meters for police officers and provide training for their use.
17. **Department for the Aging (DFTA):** As a first priority, provide for reasonable cost of living increases for salaries paid under DFTA programs, which have not been increased in 3 years. In addition, expand funding for senior social programs, including escort and home care services and increase the eligible income for the Senior Citizens Rent Increase Exemption Program (SCRIE).
18. **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.
19. **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.
20. **Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD):** Increase expense funding for HPD's Division of Alternative Management Program (DAMP).
21. **Landmarks Commission:** Provide sufficient personnel to perform the essential duties of designation and regulation.
22. **Department of Health (DOH):** Increase funding for community-based AIDS programs funded through the DOH.
23. **New York Police Department (NYPD):** Provide additional funding for bicycles at local police precincts.

Sincerely,



Walter Mankoff
Chair

The information contained in this document also has been submitted to OMB using its new electronic Budget Request Submission process.

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