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## **Budget Committee Public Hearing Report**

**DATE:** October 18, 2024

**TIME:** 10:00 AM

### **Committee Members Present**

Danny Venuto, *Chair, Budget Committee*

Frank Morano, Chairman

Robert DiGennaro

Jerome Goldman

Albert Klingele

### **Staff**

Stacey Wertheim, Interim District Manager

### **Public Contact**

No speakers

### **Agenda**

The committee reviewed the FY25 Executive Budget Register Priorities.

Changes and updates will be made to the FY2026 register.

I move that Community Board 3 accept the changes and recommendations for district needs and capital requests for FY2026 (see attached).

VOTE: In Favor 5; Opposed 0; Abstentions 0

Venuto Y; Morano Y; DiGennaro Y; Goldman Y; Klingele Y

Motion Passes

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Venuto, Chairman

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## FY26 Community District Needs

### Capital

1. Amend DEP's drainage map. The first step in initiating any sewer project is to amend DEP's map. These are the included areas:
  - Kreischer Street, Androvette Street, Storer Avenue, Carlin Avenue, Winant Place.
  - Several streets south of Hylan Boulevard between Chelsea Street and Sprague Avenue.
  - The South Shore has worsening flooding in areas caused by a lack of stormwater management.
  - Variations of existing stormwater practices, like our Bluebelt, are an effective cost-saving solution.
  - Utilization of existing ponds, natural streams, and wetlands must be considered.
  - This mixed-use zoning has many thriving business entities and residential units.
2. Community Boards should have the technological capability (intranet) to access NYC Agency department websites to research consistent requests and operate more efficiently. Currently, the only available access is the same as that of the general public. To meet public accessibility requirements, we urge the city to invest in video technology upgrades, including equipment and fast-speed internet, as CB's current budget cannot support upgrades. Additionally, OTI support and maintenance for the upgrades will be needed.

## FY26 Community District Needs

### Expense

1. We want to highlight the urgent need for additional funding for the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation Street Tree Maintenance Programs. Our strategy for managing storm-related incidents—such as downed tree removal, stump removal, and sidewalk repairs—lacks a real-time emergency response system. This gap in our protocols leads to hazardous conditions for residents and increases the risk of costly lawsuits stemming from injuries or property damage. We cannot implement effective corrective measures or respond promptly to emergencies without adequate funding. Investing in these programs will enhance public safety, reduce legal liabilities, and ultimately protect our community's well-being.