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Community Boards
The city has 59 neighborhood Community Boards. They primarily play advisory roles in the city’s budget process, zoning and land use, and work with city agencies in delivering services in the community. To identify and contact your local Community Board, call (212) 788-7418.

New York City Council
Our city’s legislative branch. There are 51 members, each representing one Council district. The Council enacts legislation, approves the city budget, reviews and approves land use actions, and provides oversight of city agencies. To identify and contact your local Council member, call (212) 788-7100.

Borough Board
Chaired by the Borough President, each board is composed of the borough’s Council members and Community Board chairpersons. For more information, contact your Borough President’s office.

Borough Presidents
Each of the five boroughs has a Borough President who monitors service delivery, prepares a strategic policy statement, and appoints members to the City Planning Commission and the Panel for Education Policy. To contact your Borough President, call:
- Bronx - (718) 590-3500
- Brooklyn - (718) 802-3700
- Manhattan - (212) 669-8300
- Queens - (718) 286-3000
- Staten Island - (718) 816-2000

This brochure is your roadmap to how the city sets its spending priorities for the services that affect your daily life. New York City’s budget—over $43 billion in fiscal year 2004—funds public services such as education, sanitation, police, fire, parks, jails, libraries, and cultural institutions. Phone numbers for some of the key players in the budget process are listed below. We encourage you to get involved by staying informed and having your voice heard.

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September
Community Boards hold public hearings and release their budget priorities to the Mayor and Borough Presidents.

By September 17
The Mayor releases the final Mayor’s Management Report on performance of city agencies for the fiscal year that ended on June 30.

By December 15
The Comptroller issues a report on the city’s finances.

By January
IBO releases its Fiscal Outlook report on expected levels of revenues and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year.

By January 16
The Mayor releases the Preliminary Budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

January 16 - February 15
Community Boards evaluate the responsiveness of the Preliminary Budget to their budget priorities and send a report to the Mayor, the City Council, and their Borough President and Borough Board.

January 30
The Mayor releases the Preliminary Mayor’s Management Report reporting on city agency performance during the first four months of the current fiscal year (July through October).

By February 25
Borough Boards hold public hearings and subsequently submit their priorities to the Mayor and City Council.

By March 10
Borough Presidents send the Mayor and City Council proposals to reallocate money earmarked for their borough in the Preliminary Budget and report on their Borough Board budget priorities.

By March 15
IBO issues its analysis of the Preliminary Budget.

By March 25
City Council committees hold public hearings on the Preliminary Budget and make recommendations to the Mayor.

By April 8
City Council holds public hearings on the Preliminary Mayor’s Management Report and releases a report on its findings and recommendations.

April 26
The Mayor releases the Executive Budget.

By May 6
Borough Presidents respond to the Executive Budget.

May 6 - May 25
City Council holds public hearings on the Executive Budget.

By May 15
IBO issues its analysis of the Executive Budget.

By June 5
City Council negotiates changes to the Executive Budget and then votes to approve a budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

July 1
New fiscal year begins.