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Citywide Statement of Needs

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The “Citywide Statement of Needs” has been released and the CB is being asked for comment

The Citywide Statement of Needs is supposed to identify:

- New facilities the City plans to site
- Existing facilities the City plans to close, expand or reduce in size



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For City Facilities

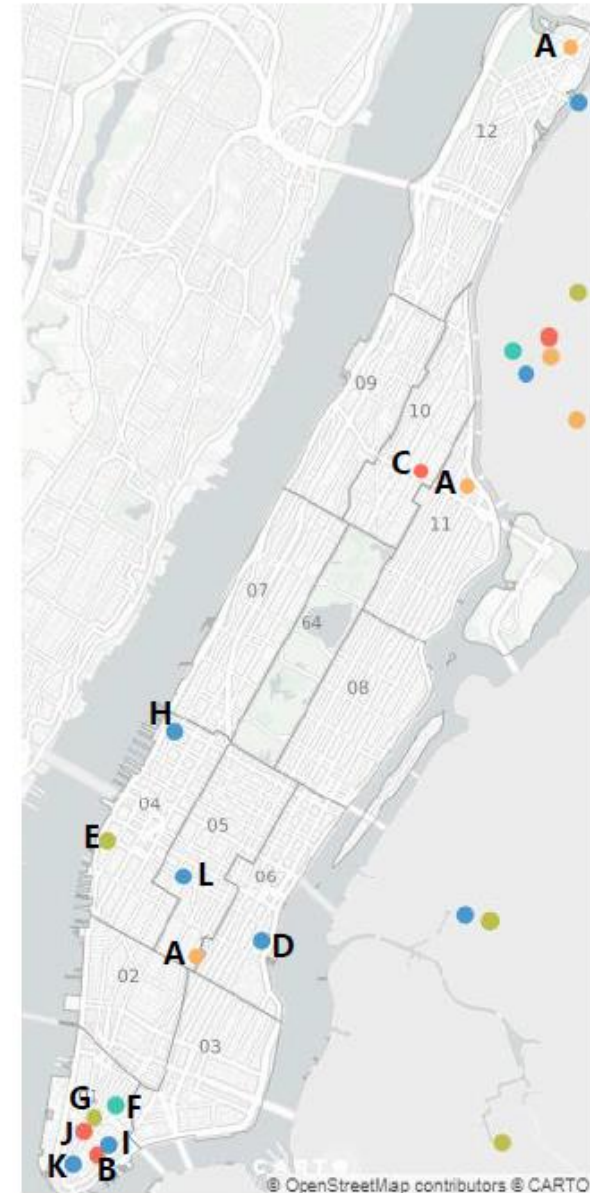
The current SON lists 18 new projects for the entire City, and follows up on 52 projects introduced in prior years

SON projects since 2016

In East Harlem, there is only one new project:

A Department of Social Services (DSS) office to be relocated from 14th Street to **165 E. 126th Street**

It will contain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) assistance, a job center, and a service center for individuals and families with special needs



The facility will be located in this office building at the NW corner of Third Avenue and 126th Street

It currently houses NYC Human Resources Administration offices and a DSS office will occupy additional space in this already occupied building



Borough Presidents and Community Boards can comment on the Statement of Needs within 90 days

- The City publishes these comments in full every year:

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Fiscal Years 2022-2023

Borough President and Community Board Comments

But most Community Boards and Borough Presidents do not comment

All comments on the 2022-2023 Statement of Needs:

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We do a SON because City Council passed a law requiring these facilities be sited considering “fair share”

- The idea of “fair share” is that Council wanted all communities to do their fair share
- They didn’t want certain uses to be concentrated in some communities while others got none
- But we know that some City Facilities are sited without appearing on the SON

On November 30, 2021, the NY Times reported the opening of supervised drug-injection sites in CD11 and CD12

The site in CD11 is
at 104-106 East
126th Street



This facility never appeared in an SON, probably because it was sited because of an emergency declaration

- Emergency shelters for the homeless are another example of facilities that are sited through an emergency declaration
- Because these facilities do not appear in an SON, you are not given opportunity to comment

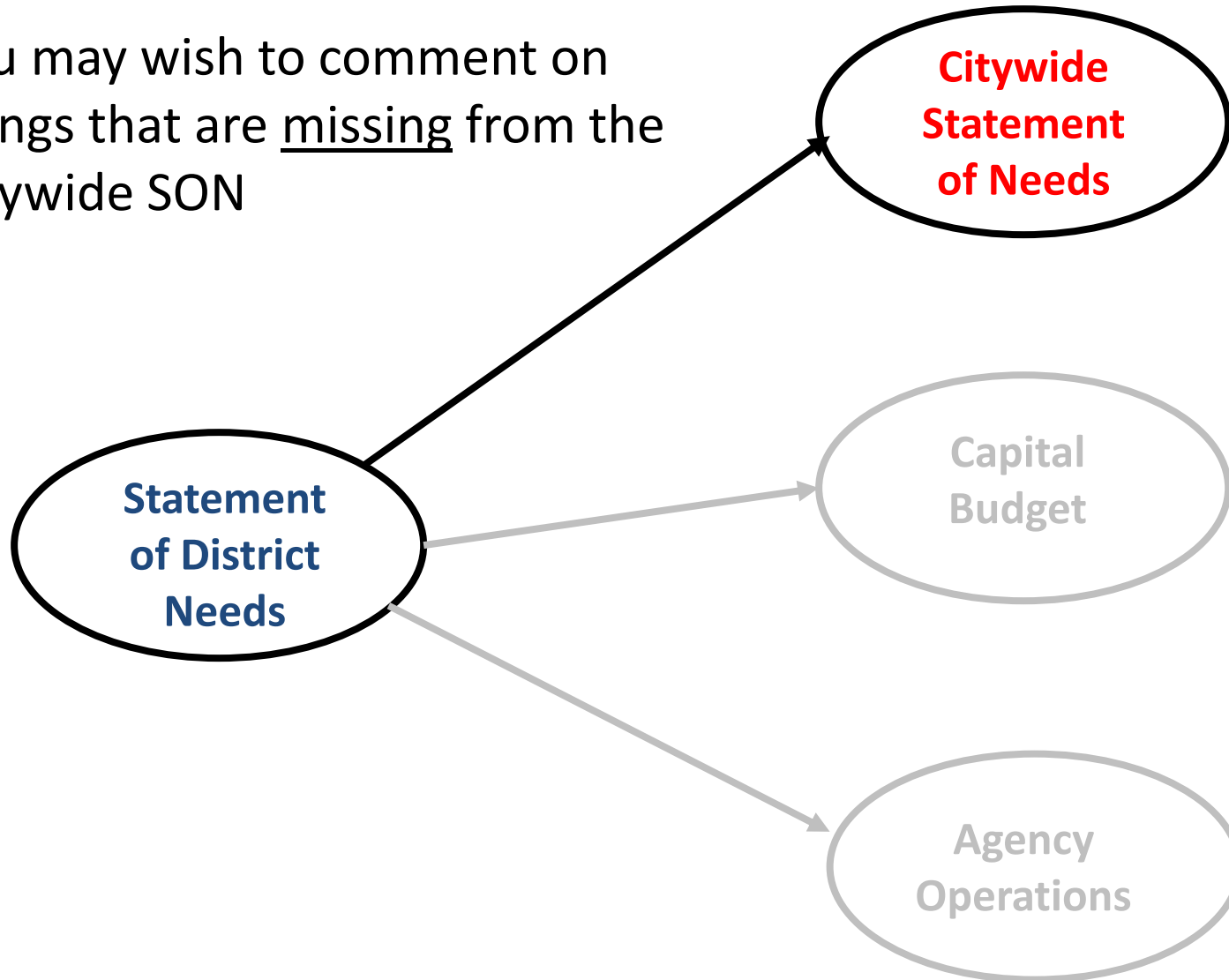
While the City is asking for your comments on the DSS office moving to this building . . .



. . . you may wish to provide comments on facilities that were sited outside the SON

Further, your Statement of District Needs should impact how the City provides services in your district

You may wish to comment on things that are missing from the Citywide SON



Finally, your comments also provide an opportunity to reach out to agencies and officials

- Can you reach out to the BP's office to discuss their position? If he does not take a position, find out why, and learn from each other
- Can you meet with agencies at district service cabinet or at budget consultations to better understand the facilities and their needs, and upcoming City facilities?
- For instance, a temporary sanitation garage is being constructed at 127th Street. What is the planning for the permanent facility? Will it include the garage from CB10?

Comments are due April 1, 2022 to

SON_DL@planning.nyc.gov

Other resources:

NYC facilities explorer: <https://capitalplanning.nyc.gov/facilities>

2017 Fair Share Report by NYC Council, <https://council.nyc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/2017-Fair-Share-Report.pdf>

Sec. 203 http://ny.elaws.us/law/nyc_ch8_sec.203

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The criteria used for “fair share” analysis are outlined in the DCP guide for agencies on assessing the equitable distribution of city facilities:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/about/publications/fair.pdf?r=1216>



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