

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

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INTRODUCTION

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter mandates that form an integral part of the City's budget process. Together, they are intended to support communities in their ongoing consultations with city agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders and influence more informed decision making on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. This report also provides a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and may be used by a variety of audiences seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from August to November, 2020.

Community boards may provide substantive supplemental information together with their Statements and Budget Requests. This supporting material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting them into a web browser, such as Chrome, Safari or Firefox.

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

Sections 1 – 4 provide an overview of the community district and the top three pressing issues affecting this district overall as identified by the community board. Any narrative provided by the board supporting their selection of their top three pressing issues is included.

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

Section 5 is organized by seven distinct policy areas aligned with the service and program areas of city agencies. For each policy area, community boards selected the most important issue for their districts and could provide a supporting narrative. The policy area section also includes any agency-specific needs and a list of relevant budget requests submitted by the community board. If the community board submitted additional information outside of a specific policy area, it may be found in Section 6.

3. Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY22 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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Budget Requests: Listed for informational purposes only. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests and budget request responses.

Budget Priorities: Priority numbers apply to expense and capital Budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense and capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 7 of this document.

Supporting Materials: Some community boards provided substantive supplemental information. This supportive material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting the links provided in the Appendix into a browser.

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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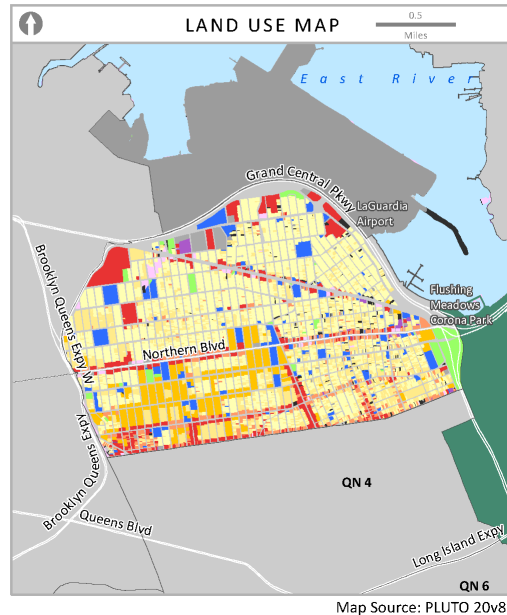
2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

Queens Community District 3

See QN 3's profile online at
communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov

Neighborhoods¹: East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, North Corona

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
169,083	171,576	+1%
2014-2018 Estimate ⁴		186,791
Square Miles		3
Population Density		57,192/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Queens Community Board 3 in 2020:

1. Affordable housing
2. Economic development and recovery
3. Public health facilities

To learn more, please read Queens CD 3's Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2022.

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	9,205	43%
Multifamily Walk-up	3,400	19%
Multifamily Elevator	197	10%
Mixed Use	819	5%
Commercial	451	10%
Industrial	22	1%
Transportation/Utility	44	1%
Public/Institutional	147	7%
Open Space	24	2%
Parking	112	2%
Vacant	217	1%
Other	21	0%

Map Source: PLUTO 20v8

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵		RENT BURDEN ⁴		ACCESS TO PARKS ⁶	
Public Schools	14	Queens CD 3 53% of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	Queens 46%	Queens CD 3 60% of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	Citywide Target 85%
Public Libraries	4		NYC 44%		
Hospitals and Clinics	10				
Parks	3				
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MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ⁴		LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴		CRIME RATE ⁷	
Queens CD 3 43 minutes	Queens 44* minutes	Queens CD 3 49% of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	Queens 29%	Queens CD 3 7.8 major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2019	Queens 8.1
	NYC 41* minutes		NYC 23%		NYC 11
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ⁴		UNEMPLOYMENT ⁴		NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ⁸	
Queens CD 3 21% of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	Queens 32%	Queens CD 3 3.4% of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2014 to 2018	Queens 4%	Queens CD 3 22% of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold	Queens 17%
	NYC 37%		NYC 4.4%		NYC 20%

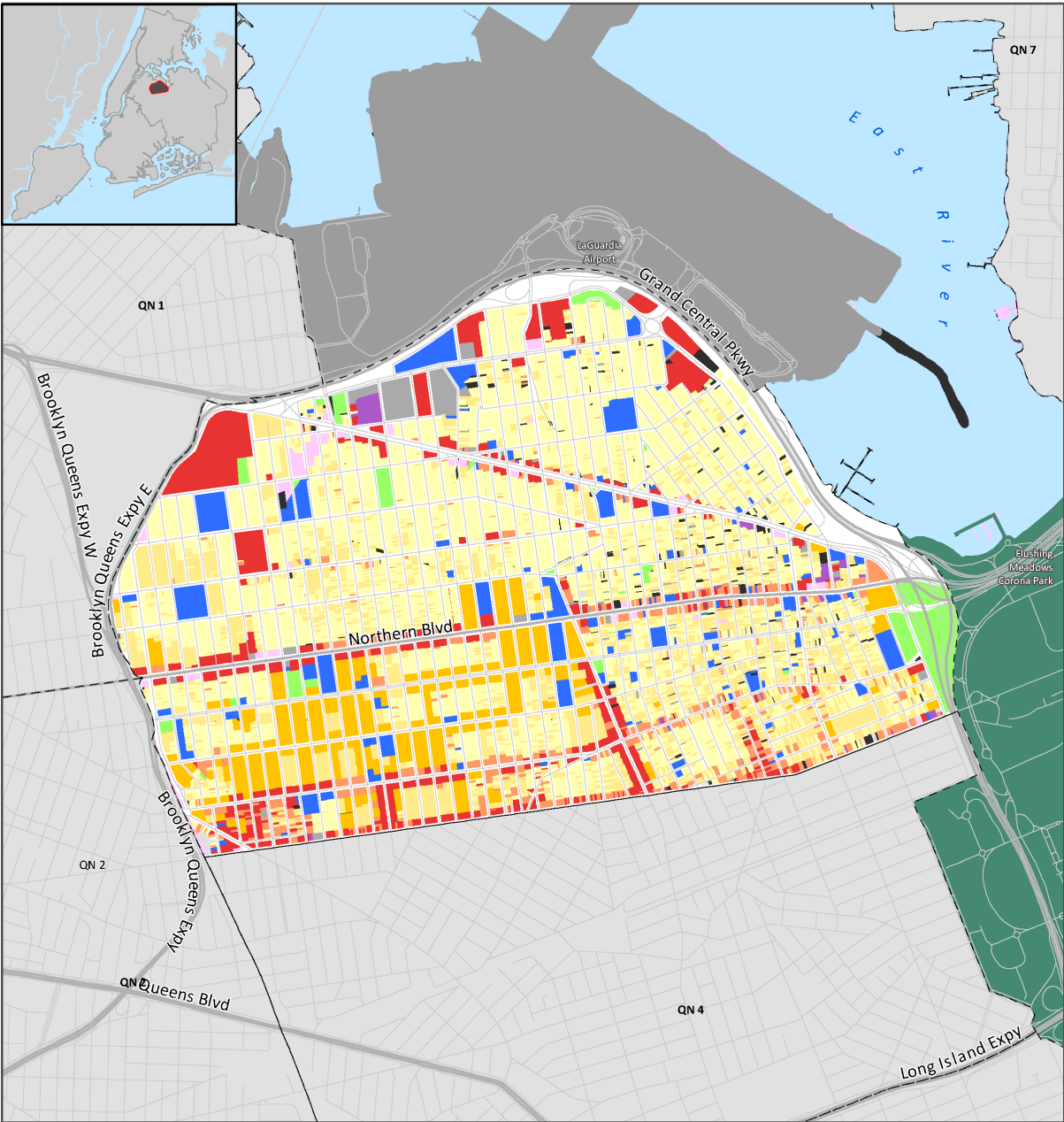
¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-Year Estimates, approximated by aggregating data from blocks and block-groups. When comparing CD estimates to Borough and City averages, due to survey sampling error values with an asterisk (*) are not statistically significant differences. Visit the Community District Profiles tool online to find Margins of Error (MOEs) for all estimates. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2020); ⁶NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2019). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 8 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁷NYPD Complaint Data (2019); ⁸2014-2018 NYCgov Poverty Measure by Public Use Microdata Area (PUMA). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

Queens Community District 3 - Land Use

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|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| One & Two Family Buildings | Commercial/Office Buildings | Open Space | Community Districts |
| MultiFamily Walkup Buildings | Industrial/Manufacturing | Parking Facilities | |
| MultiFamily Elevator Buildings | Transportation/Utility | Vacant Land | |
| Mixed Commercial/Residential Buildings | Public Facilities & Institutions | All Others or No Data | |


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3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Queens Community Board 3 FY 2021 District Needs Statement

The community is changing but our basic priorities remain the same. Community Board 3's goal is to enhance the quality of life for all of its residents from our very young to seniors. Community Board 3 is comprised of the neighborhoods of East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights and North Corona bounded by the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway to the west, Grand Central Parkway to the north, Flushing Meadow Corona Park to the east and Roosevelt Avenue to the south. The district encompasses zip codes 11368, 11369, 11370 and 11372. CB3's land area is 3.0 square miles and is serviced by the 115th Police Precinct; Sanitation Queens West 3; Fire Engine Company 307/Ladder 154 and Engine Company 316; 22 Public schools; 11 private and parochial schools; 2 post secondary degree granting institutions; 4 public libraries; 1 private library; 28 Day Care/ Head Start facilities; 11 known mental health facilities; 12 residences that provide services for individuals with developmental disabilities; 6 shelters; 9 park/playgrounds; 1 vest pocket park; 7 sitting areas; 8 park strips, Diversity Plaza, 78th Street Play Street, Fisher Pool and Flushing Bay Promenade. The District lies in the shadow of La Guardia Airport, where some of its residents are employed. Airport related uses along a portion of its northernmost street Ditmars Boulevard, are obvious with the presence of hotels such as the Marriott Hotel, La Guardia Plaza, National Car Rental maintains a major facility and the Vaughn College- School of Aeronautics is located in the vicinity. Our major shopping districts and commercial corridors are located along Roosevelt Avenue on the southern boundary of the District; Astoria Boulevard on the northern boundary; 37th Avenue, Northern Boulevard, 73 Street; 74th Street, 82nd Street, 90th Street, Junction Boulevard, 103rd Street. The District's showplaces within the M-1 zone is the Bulova Corporate Center, Home Depot and Bed, Bath and Beyond. Nearby in Flushing Meadow Corona Park, CITIFIELD New York Mets and USTA. Willets Point is a stone's throw away from our borders. Housing Stock The housing stock is very diversified encompassing brick apartment houses and Tudor style row and two-family homes. Some of the finest, architecturally distinctive dwellings in Queens County and the City can be found in Community Board 3, particularly in East Elmhurst and the Jackson Heights neighborhoods. Just to mention a few notable sites; the Jackson Heights Historic District, America's first planned "garden city" and the Louis Armstrong House/Museum, a national landmark in North Corona. Demographics Community Board 3 is a densely populated and probably the most diverse community on the planet. According to NYU Furman Center, 62.8% of our population is foreign born and the majority of our citizens originate from Latin America. Nearly Forty Eight percent (47.7%) of these residents have limited English proficiency in contrast to the Borough which is at 28.89% and the city of New York at 23.1%. We have the 4th largest population in the city of New York with residents that have limited English proficiency. More services for these constituents is critically needed. The 2010 Census reports that our population is 171,576, which means that our numbers have increased by 1.5%- (2,493) since the 2000 census. It is widely known, however, that New York was severely under-counted in the last census. We therefore believe that NYU Furman Center's single year indicator for 2013 which projects our population to be at 185,815 is probably a more accurate count. Priorities While there are three distinct neighborhoods, North Corona, East Elmhurst and Jackson Heights, we are all working towards a common goal to improve the quality of life for our families and community. We therefore continue to advocate for our top priorities: - Construct New School Facilities in CB3- Early Childhood Center, Primary and a High School in Willets Point - Clean Up Flushing Bay and Implement the Army Core of Engineers Recommendations - Expand the Capacity of the Jackson Heights Library - Expand the East Elmhurst Library - Expand Corona Library - Construct a Library north of Northern Blvd. within Jackson Heights & East Elmhurst. - Create Affordable Housing - Reconstruct/Repair Sewers to Alleviate Backups and Flooding - Construct an Intergenerational Facility in Jackson Heights that will accommodate both youth and seniors (Boys and Girls Club) - Increase Youth Programs - Increase Senior Programs - Increase Hospital Beds - Expand Medical Services at the Corona Health Center - Increase Police Personnel at the 115th Precinct - Increase park and open space in Community Board 3, particularly in Jackson Heights - Conduct a Commercial District Needs Assessment - Construct a Performance Arts Center above the Jackson Heights Post Office.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Queens Community Board 3

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable housing

The Need for Affordable Housing Particularly During the Pandemic With the onset of Covid-19 the virus revealed what we already knew about the lack of affordable housing and its impacts. We are in a housing crisis, it is widely known that there are very few affordable housing units in Community Board 3. There is housing construction all over the district but very few of the developments are intended for low to middle income families. To add to the mix, some unscrupulous landlords are forcing families out of their apartments who are poor, have fixed incomes or cannot afford the higher rents. Many are seniors and disabled individuals are part of that impacted group. Further, some of the participating property owners are opting out of the rent stabilization program. The New York Furman Center reports that Community Board 3 ranks number 2 for rent burdened households and 3rd highest for severe crowding of rental units citywide. According to the report more than 53.3% of our population pay 35% or more of their income for rent. In addition, 25.5% of our residents live below the poverty level. The pandemic has exacerbated the problem as unemployment has significantly increased due to the health crisis. The incidence of homelessness is greater than before and climbing. For many of these families, it is a struggle each month. They have to make the difficult decision as to whether to pay the rent or forgo other essential needs. They are always at risk for eviction and homelessness. Our housing courts tell the story; there is a disproportionate number of minority, low income and at risk individuals in housing court. Many cannot afford an attorney and end up losing their homes. Affordable housing is one of our top concerns. We believe that housing is a right and is a fundamental need that must be addressed. We therefore call upon the City of New York to do more to keep our most vulnerable populations in their homes. Put systems in place to encourage private developers to construct affordable housing. Set a plan of action to encourage landlords to remain in the rent stabilization program. Develop incentives to attract new property owners to participate in rent stabilization. Keep the rent moratorium in place until the economy and employment levels improve. We ask that urgent attention be given to this important issue.

Economic development and recovery

The pandemic has had a devastating effect on our economy. Reports indicate that there has never been such a major change in business activity since the Great Depression. The decline of business is largely due to the implementation of social distancing restrictions, particularly for minority businesses. These establishments were hit hardest by Covid-19. Minority businesses were disproportionately negatively affected, they encountered the greatest losses. It is speculated that this group will have a difficult time rebounding and are at a higher risk for closure. Minority small businesses do not have the resources nor access to capital and lending institutions. If these losses continue for a protracted period, they stand the risk of permanent closure. The immediate impact of closure of these businesses would be job loss and the demise of vital services to the community. Early during the pandemic the federal government issued PPP loans, grants and funding as part of the stimulus package for business owners. Unfortunately, many small businesses particularly minority establishments, did not qualify or were not able to take advantage of the resource. Our minority businesses need support and assistance in navigating through the process. It is important that if another stimulus package is approved; we request that programs and funding tailored for minority and women entrepreneurs, Start-ups and Mom and Pop operations. Funds must be set aside for these small operations as they did not receive financial support the first go-round. We call upon the City of New York to reinvest in our minority small local businesses.

Public health facilities

Increase the Capacity and the Number of Public Health Facilities In Community Board 3 Jackson Heights and Elmhurst was the epicenter for the pandemic. The nurses and doctors did a herculean job in saving the lives of Covid-19 victims. Elmhurst Hospital reports that in the last 7 years the emergency department volumes have gone up by 33%. Patient wait time has considerably increased. Expanding the facility would be beneficial and positively enhance service delivery. Additional hospital beds and the expansion of the emergency room is sorely needed. Increase Hospital Beds at Elmhurst Hospital and construct additional facility. It is important to note that Elmhurst Hospital is the only remaining medical facility in western Queens. Four hospitals closed their doors over twenty years. Elmhurst Hospital is now accommodating

many of the patients of the closed facilities. Kindly note that Urgent Care facilities are opening around the board area and borough, it does not diminish the fact that more hospitals and the services that they provide are still needed.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Queens Community Board 3

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Health facilities (existing conditions, capacity, new facilities, etc.)

Health Facilities Our existing facility Elmhurst Hospital is operating at full capacity. While the doctors and nurses did a phenomenal ----- job during covid-19 , Elmhurst Hospital, in Queens, New York, is a 545-bed city hospital that serves as a safety-net institution for a largely working-class immigrant population. The novel coronavirus has quickly spread through this vulnerable community, and the hospital is currently operating at more than 100% capacity. In an effort to free up precious beds, dozens of non-Covid-related cases are being transferred to other facilities. Inpatient wards are overwhelmed with those who, under different circumstances, would belong in intensive care units. This is the “epicenter within the epicenter” of the Covid-19 crisis in New York City. It is also where, as a resident emergency physician, I spend most of my days.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

As per the Department of Health, community health profiles 2015, 38% of adults that reside in Community Board 3 do not have health insurance. We have the highest rate within the city. That is why, it is important that the Corona Health Center's services be enhanced. Upgrade and expand services at the Corona Health Center. The majority of the residents in the catchment area of the center are either under or uninsured and in dire need of medical assistance. Reinstate the dental clinic and expand services to include primary care , free screenings for eye, ear, sickle cell anemia, asthma, diabetes, cholesterol, prostate and breast cancer. Promote education and awareness on nutrition, smoking cessation, mental health and treatment. A full service clinic is urgently needed in North Corona. Constituents residing in this section of the district do not have the means to travel to the health center that is located in Brooklyn; it is the only city operated facility that is offering these critical services. Increase Hospital Beds at Elmhurst Hospital and Borough-Wide Since 2008, five hospitals have closed in the Borough of Queens. Our area hospital is feeling the impact. Elmhurst Hospital is now accommodating many of the patients that used to go to the hospitals that are now closed. Elmhurst Hospital reports that in the last 7 years the emergency department volumes have gone up 33% which is very significant. Patient wait time has considerably increased. Additional hospital beds and expansion of the emergency room is sorely needed. Although Urgent Care facilities are opening around the board area and borough, it does not diminish the fact that more hospitals and the services that they provide are still needed.

Needs for Older NYs

Senior Services The senior members of our district make up nearly 10% of our population. In addition to home care, escort services, transportation and mental health services, seniors need assistance with legal and benefit services. Funding levels for DFTA and related agencies that provide these critical services must be increased.

Needs for Homeless

No comments

Needs for Low Income NYs

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
30/30	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	<i>Request: Increase hospital beds in the Borough of Queens and upgrade the emergency room at Elmhurst Hospital. With the closing of several Hospitals in the Borough of Queens, area hospitals such as Elmhurst Hospital are feeling the impact. Additional hospital beds are sorely needed.</i>	7901 Broadway

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
20/31	DOHMH	Increase health and safety inspections, e.g. for restaurants and childcare programs	<i>Request: Hire additional Department of Health Inspectors to conduct night inspections. Explanation: Unlicensed food vending along Roosevelt Ave, Broadway, 74th and 37th Avenues are increasing. The community would benefit from having more inspections conducted particularly at night where the problem is most prevalent.</i>	
21/31	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	<i>Request: Provide funding to increase NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) Programming in CB3. Explanation: Seniors are the second largest population within CB3. It is important that senior programming such as NORC be made available to our elder residents. Providing health and social services within the confines of their coop/apartment complex would significantly improve their quality of life.</i>	
31/31	HHC	Other expense budget request for HHC	<i>More hospitals are needed.</i>	

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Queens Community Board 3

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

After school programs

Increase Funding for After School Programs. Working parents who have school aged children need these important services. In today's world, both parents are required to work and financially contribute to the household income. Children who participate in after school programs are assured of being in a safe and nurturing environment where they have homework assistance, recreation and an opportunity to spend time with their peers. After school programs are sorely needed.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

Eliminate School Overcrowding Community Board3's highest priority is to provide a first class education for our children. In order to accomplish that goal, we must first address overcrowding on all levels from elementary, intermediate to high school. Overcrowding in our neighborhood schools have been a problem for many years. The utilization rate for P. S. 228 is 173%, P. S. 212 is 139% and P. S. 222 is 139%. Census projections indicate more overcrowding is on the horizon. While we have been fortunate to have more seats added, along with a new elementary and intermediate school on the way; additional schools are still needed. We therefore will continue to advocate for more schools and keep education as our top priority.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Affordable Child Care Affordable child care services are vital to working families. Parents who have children under the age of four rely on these hard to find services. In order to support our moderate income families; fully fund and open up additional day care facilities.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/30	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Request: Construct new school facilities in CB3, especially Early Childhood Centers, and a High School at Willits Point and the former DiBlasi Ford site. Explanation: We are pleased that two new sites have been earmarked for the construction of an elementary & intermediate school; every seat will be utilized. Overcrowding of classrooms is still our most pressing problem and must be addressed. The need for additional school seats and the construction of a high school remains our first priority. An ideal location for a high school is Willets Point. Another potential site would be the former DeBlasi Ford car dealership located on Northern Boulevard and 114th Street.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/31	DYCD	Other youth workforce development requests	<i>Request: Restore and Increase funding for youth, adult and senior programming in Jackson Heights, North Corona and East Elmhurst. Explanation: There is a severe shortage of programs in CD3 that cater to the recreational needs of our youth and seniors. Our community deserves quality facilities and programming that will enrich our lives.</i>	
11/31	DOE	Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Child Care and Head Start programs	<i>Request: Restore Day Care Slots and after school programs. Explanation: Our Community's population has increased. Many of our young working families require day care services & after school programs. Working parents deserve programs that will serve the needs of their pre-school children ages three months to five years old.</i>	
23/31	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>STEAM is a method of instruction that incorporates Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics and helps to promote student critical thinking. Every classroom should have access to these important resources.</i>	

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Queens Community Board 3

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Fire Safety

Community Board 3 supports the funding of the fire prevention and fire safety initiatives Juvenile Fire-Setters Program, Queens Fire Safety House and the Fatal Fire Team. In addition, our fire stations need upgrading. Replace the apparatus door and upgrade the kitchen. Ensure that the project is fully funded and done as expeditiously as possible. Lastly, purchase a backup generator for the 307.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

Police Department Community Board 3 continues to support the Roosevelt Avenue Task Force. Keep the Roosevelt Avenue Task Force and Impact Zone initiatives in place. Our local precinct is doing an outstanding job but could benefit from an increase in personnel and additional resources. Hire civilians to cover administrative duties so that police officers can be freed up to address crime and quality of life complaints. School Crossing Guards. Hire additional school crossing guards to cover all of our area schools. The NCO program was recently implemented in Community Board 3. We see the value of the program and its potential to make a significant impact on the quality of life of our residents. That is why, we support the proposal to have additional NCO personnel so there will be 24 hour/seven days per week coverage. We hope that serious consideration is given to our request.

Needs for Emergency Services

Fund FDNY's Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors Distribution Program Community Board 3 supports this life saving program.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
17/30	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>Upgrade the FDNY Engine 307/154 kitchen.</i>	8119 Northern Blvd
19/30	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	<i>Purchase a Back-up Generator for 307.</i>	8119 Northern Blvd

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/31	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	<i>Request: Hire additional uniform personnel. NCO officers, administrative aides, custodial personnel and school safety guards. Explanation: Hire additional custodial personnel for the 115 precinct. The additional staff will improve the precinct's day to day operations and upkeep.</i>	92-15 Northern Blvd
25/31	FDNY	Other expense budget request for FDNY	<i>Purchase a Medical Services Vehicle - FDNY/EMS for the Borough of Queens (for 10 patients at a time can be attended to on this mobile vehicle). Existing vehicle is over 29 years old.</i>	
26/31	FDNY	Other expense budget request for FDNY	<i>Purchase for FDNY - Medical Aide Rapid Response Vehicle - For city wide use state of the art vehicle that will transport equipment and supplies in emergency situations.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Queens Community Board 3

Most Important Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency.

Cleanliness/trash collection

Increase funding for illegal posting personnel

Community District Needs Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency.

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

Water, Sewer and Environmental Protection Clean Up Flushing Bay, Build an Additional CSO Tank in order to Dredge, Reduce Odors and Improve Water Quality. The environmental studies and recommendations on the ecological decline of Flushing Bay must be acted upon expeditiously. We call upon the City to build a CSO tank so the bay can be dredged-and the Army Corp of Engineers odor abatement recommendations can be implemented. Our objective is to bring Flushing Bay back to its Pre-World's Fair (1964) condition and suitable for recreational uses.. Catch Basins In order to reduce the incidence of costly emergency repairs, a regular maintenance and cleaning schedule must be established and adhered to. .Fund A Study For The Replacement of The Combined Sewer System In CB3. Conduct a study to determine the feasibility to change out the existing combined sewer system to a storm sewer. Over the years, the incidence of flooding and sewer backups have been more frequent. In previous years, sewer backup conditions and flooding were more prevalent in East Elmhurst and North Corona where there were primarily 1-2 family homes. Today, flooding and backups can occur in any part of the district whenever there are heavy. because of the extensive development. We ask DEP to give serious consideration of our request.

Needs for Sanitation Services

Increase Litter Basket Collections Along Our Commercial Strips In order to improve the level of cleanliness throughout the district, increase litter basket collection to three times per day. Urgent attention is needed along 37th Ave.; Junction Blvd.; Roosevelt Ave.; Northern Blvd.; 103rd St. and 74th Streets; Astoria Blvd, 73rd Street and 72nd Street in Jackson Heights. Providing these additional services will have a positive impact on the affected businesses and overall community.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/30	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Request: Construct Additional Holding / CSO Tanks in Flushing Bay In Oder to Reduce Odors, Improve Water Flow and Quality. Explanation: Construct additional holding tanks in Flushing Bay in order to reduce the amount of waste entering into the bay. The holding tanks must be put in place before the Bay is dredged and the Army Corp of Engineers recommendations are implemented.</i>	
15/30	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Employ interim measures to control floatables going into Flushing Bay and restore the wetlands</i>	
CS	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Request: Fund a Study For The Construction of a Separate Sewer System for 103rd & Northern Blvd., 25th Avenue & 81st Street, 77th Street & 30th Avenue, 25th Avenue and 77th Street and 25th Avenue and 76th Street. Explanation: Neighborhoods that were once comprised of one & two family homes have been replaced with units of six to ten families. These changes have increased the demand on our infrastructure & sewer system. Before 1996, conditions were confined to East Elmhurst or North of Northern Blvd. Sewer backup conditions are now district-wide.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/31	DEP	Investigate air quality complaints at specific location	<i>Request: Install Air Monitors in the Neighborhoods of Jackson Heights and East Elmhurst that are located near LaGuardia Airport. Explanation: CB3 is surrounded by Laguardia Airport, BQE andGrand Central Parkway. Our residents are concerned about the impact of fumes emanating from motor vehicles and planes in the community. There is a high incidence of asthma & respiratory disease in our district. The need to install air monitors in our area is clear.</i>	

3/31	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Restore litter basket collections to three times per day in our commercial strips – 37th Ave; Junction Blvd; Roosevelt Ave; Northern Blvd; 103rd Street; and 74th Street; Astoria Blvd., 73rd and 72nd Streets in Jackson Heights. Hire additional personnel for 11am- 7pm shift in order to increase litter basket patrol truck service particularly during weekends.</i>
5/31	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	<i>Increase sanitation residential collections to 3 times per week</i>
6/31	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests	<i>Increase funding for additional cleaning services to Roosevelt Ave from 69th to 114th Streets.</i>
7/31	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Provide funding for MLP service in section 31. The monies would allow sanitation to provide additional services to the streets located in this section of the district.</i>
24/31	DEP	Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed	<i>Increase DEP sewer and water unit personnel</i>
27/31	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	<i>Increase funding for illegal posting personnel.</i>

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Queens Community Board 3

Most Important Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Affordable housing creation

Affordable Housing and Homelessness Across the city, the incidence of homelessness has increased and is climbing because of the lack of affordable housing. In our district, affordable housing is one of our top concerns because there are few affordable housing units. According to the Furman report more than 53.3% of our population pay 35% or more of their income for rent. In addition, 25.5% of our residents live below the poverty level. For many of these families, it is a struggle each month. They have to make the difficult decision as to whether to pay the rent or forgo other essential needs. They are always at risk for eviction and homelessness. Our housing courts tell the story; there is a disproportionate number of minority, low income and at risk individuals in housing court. Many cannot afford an attorney and end up losing their homes. We are in a housing crisis, fewer affordable units are being developed and the focus now is to build luxury market rate apartments that cater to wealthier clientele. While there is housing construction all over the district none of the developments are intended for low to middle income families. To add to the mix, some unscrupulous landlords are forcing out families that are poor, have fixed incomes, those who cannot afford the higher rents, many seniors and disabled individuals have been impacted. Further, some of the participating property owners are opting out of the rent stabilization program. Community Board 3 therefore calls upon the City of New York to put systems in place to encourage the development of affordable housing. More has to be done, set a plan of action to encourage landlords to remain in the rent stabilization program. Develop incentives to attract new property owners to participate in rent stabilization. We critically need more affordable housing and ask that urgent attention be given to this important issue.

Community District Needs Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Needs for Land Use

: Increase staffing levels for Administrative & Community Outreach Units. Additional administrative and community personnel is needed to improve the agency's ability to disseminate information and work with property owners.

Needs for Housing

Construct Affordable Housing for Middle, Low Income Families and Seniors Around the district new buildings are going up, but nearly none of are affordable. A recent survey reported that "49 % of Queens residents shell out as much as 48% of their income on housing." In CB3, the average rental rate for apartments is approximately \$1600 a month for one bedroom, which is far out of range for most working families. Young people who were born and raised in our community and seniors on fixed incomes cannot afford to live in the District. There is a urgent need for mid-low income housing facilities. We have noted that in order to pay expensive rents families are doubling and tripling up in apartments and houses. We need affordable housing that will fit in and support the needs of the existing community. Strategies and programs must be developed to stimulate the production of affordable housing facilities. Employ programs such as No property taxes for 5 years to encourage the development of affordable housing.

Needs for Economic Development

Conduct a Commercial District Needs Assessment- Last winter Community Board 3 conducted a forum for our area businesses. There was a good turnout, many of the operator's questions centered around gaining access to capital, taxes, high rental rates, marketing, doing business with the City of New York and merchant organizing. CB3 requests that funding be provided to conduct a Commercial District Needs Assessment to support our local businesses.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/30	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Request: Construct Affordable Housing for Middle & Low-Income seniors. Explanation: Strategies and programs must be developed to stimulate the production of new/affordable housing facilities. There is a severe shortage of housing for the aforementioned income groups.</i>	
5/30	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<i>Construct affordable housing for middle and low-income families. Explanation: Strategies and programs must be developed to stimulate the production of new/affordable housing facilities. There is a severe shortage of housing for the aforementioned income group.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/31	EDC	Reinvest in the graffiti free removal program for private sites	<i>Request: Increase Graffiti Removal Programs. Explanation: To combat the increased incidence of graffiti CD#3, Additional monies are needed to these support programs.</i>	
13/31	SBS	Other expense budget request for SBS	<i>Re-establish Neighborhood Business Development programs.</i>	
15/31	DOB	Other expense budget request for DOB	<i>Increase staffing Level for DOB Compliance Unit.</i>	
16/31	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>HPD - Hire additional inspectors to address code enforcement, demolition and seal-up complaints.</i>	
30/31	SBS	Other business regulatory assistance requests	<i>Implement Economic Development programs which would include entrepreneurial training, loan packaging, micro Loan Program, management training, export assistance.. Assistance is needed to coordinate neighborhood redevelopment, marketing & anti-graffiti programs. Funding these programs would make a significant difference for the business community in CB3..</i>	

TRANSPORTATION

Queens Community Board 3

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Other

District Wide Traffic Study

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Upgrade street lights located along Roosevelt Avenue from 72nd to 114th Streets. The recently installed streetlights are directed towards the street leaving the sidewalks very dark. Residents including NYPD are concerned about the unsafe conditions that could be caused due to poor or no lighting on the sidewalks. The illumination of the street lights are blocked by the elevated number 7 subway line. Enhance street lighting by installing pedestrian lights on Roosevelt Avenue at the aforementioned locations as expeditiously as possible.

Needs for Transit Services

Community Board 3 was recently made aware of MTA's plan to modify the route for the Q32 bus line. The route will be shorten, instead of terminating at 32 Street and 7th Avenue in Manhattan the last stop will be 52nd Street and Fifth Avenue. The change will pose a major hardship for the users of this bus route. The Q32 is the only bus in our district that goes to 34th Street in Manhattan. Our seniors and mobility challenged residents are the primary users of the service. Having to transfer twice to other buses, pay an additional fare or use the subway system to continue their trip to 34th Street is not feasible. If this one stop service to Macy's, Amtrak and the 7th Avenue shopping district is curtailed our vulnerable residents will have no other means to get to their destination short of paying for an expensive cab ride. We call upon the MTA to reevaluate their plan and come up with a workable solution that will serve all of its customers.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/30	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Traffic Study of the Grand Central Parkway exist located at 114th Street and Northern Blvd.</i>	114th Street 114th Street and Northern Blvd. 114th Street and Northern Blvd.
8/30	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Provide funding to study 114th Street and Astoria Blvd. located at the entrance to the GCP.</i>	114th Street & Astoria Blvd.
9/30	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>Request: Beautify the center mall on Astoria Boulevard. Explanation: Plant Shrubs & trees along the Center Mall from 82 Street to 114 Streets at Astoria Boulevard to increase greenery and beautify the community. Most importantly, improve conditions so that pedestrians may safely access Astoria Boulevard. Provide funding to a not-for-profit organization such as the Botanical Gardens to maintain the greenery.</i>	Astoria Boulevard 82 Street 82 Street
10/30	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>Request: Beautify the Center Mall on 34th Avenue from 112th to 114th streets. Explanation: Plant shrubs and trees to increase greenery. Provide funding to a not-for-profit organization to maintain the site.</i>	34 Street 112 Street 112 Street
12/30	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	<i>Redesign Step Street at Butler/Ditmars Blvd. and 25th Ave. Explanation: The 25th Ave step street could use a face-lift, which would entail improved lighting, seating areas, pruning and planting of additional greenery. The proposed enhancements would attract more users of this important public space.</i>	25 Avenue and Butler Street
13/30	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>Request: Provide funding for curb repair. Explanation: While the property owner is responsible for the repair of sidewalks and encouraged to replace curbs, all too often, violations go unaddressed because of financial difficulties or neglect. Unsafe conditions are left to the city to be corrected. It is therefore important that funding to hire more outside contractors to perform sidewalk and curb repairs be increase.</i>	

14/30	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Install additional lights along Roosevelt Ave from 69th to 114th Streets</i>	
18/30	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Add Street Lights from Junction Boulevard to Roosevelt Avenue.</i>	
20/30	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>District Wide traffic study</i>	
21/30	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Re-evaluate traffic conditions along 75th to 78th Streets and 31st Ave.</i>	75th to 78th Streets 31st Ave 31st Ave
26/30	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>MTA - Ensure system wide compliance</i>	
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Request: Resurface Streets in Community Board 3. Explanation: Resurface Northern Blvd. from Junction Blvd. to 114th street. Junction Blvd. between Northern and Roosevelt Avenues, 37th Ave from Junction Blvd. to 114th Street, 82nd Street from Roosevelt Ave to the BQE, Roosevelt Ave from 114th to 69th Streets and Astoria Blvd. from 69th to 114th Streets.</i>	86th Street 25th Avenue 25th Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/31	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Request: Increase funding to hire additional personnel to install, replace traffic/street signs, repair pot holes for Queens DOT Explanation: Increase funding to hire personnel for sign replacement and pothole repair.</i>	
22/31	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Install Cameras at the overpasses located at 27th & 31st Drive on Ditmars Blvd.</i>	Ditmars Blvd. 27th Drive 31st Drive

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Queens Community Board 3

Most Important Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Other

Hire Additional Park Associates

Community District Needs Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Needs for Parks

Open Space/Recreational Facilities and Programs Our community needs and deserves more park space. It is well documented that CB3. Queens comes in second citywide as to having the least amount of park space. PlanNYC indicates that Community Board3's open space is at .04 acres per 1000 residents, particularly in Jackson Heights. Combining the acreage of our athletic fields, courts, passive open spaces and community gardens totals .16 per 1000 resident. CB3 is woefully below the open space requirements set by NYC Neighborhood Standards. We are committed to finding creative ways in which to increase public spaces and recreational programming within our district. We have supported expanding our public space by converting local streets into temporary playstreets/plazas and purchased private property to enlarge a local park, i.e. 78th Street Playstreet, Diversity Plaza and Rory Staunton Field. While we are grateful for what has been accomplished thus far additional park space is sorely needed. We ask that funding be provided so that new sites can be identified and developed.

Needs for Cultural Services

Louis Armstrong House Museum- Education Visitor Center The Louis Armstrong House Museum is a National Historic Landmark and a New York City landmark. It is the only landmark located within the confines of Community Board3 LAMH is located in the heart of North Corona. It is reported that the museum hosts over 12,500 visitors each year. The Visitor's Center is in its final stages of development. The new addition will allow the institution to accommodate more visitors; large groups, provide housing for the storage of the Louis Armstrong archives and expand programming to include concerts and forums. The current space is too small to conduct the aforementioned activities. Community Board 3 fully supports this project. We request that the construction of the n Visitor's Center be fully funded; that work commence expeditiously and opened before the close of FY2017.

Needs for Library Services

Libraries Community Board 3 has four libraries and all are well utilized. The Center for Urban Future indicates that in 2014 visitors to the Jackson Heights branch exceeded 445,970, North Corona 240,466., Langston Hughes 168,849 and East Elmhurst 66,595. Our residents both adults and children rely on our local libraries for iemployment information, cultural and educational programs and general access to the internet. Libraries have always been one of our top priorities. We are pleased to see that our local facilities will be opened six days a week. We now look forward to the advancement of the following projects: The expansion of the Jackson Heights Library, the children's center is extremely overcrowded; consideration should be given to constructing an annex that will be located close to the existing facility. The Jackson Heights facility is the most heavily utilized branch in North West Queens. The East Elmhurst Branch urgently needs a cultural facility. The project has been on the books since 1999. While the land has been acquired, and design completed ; there has not been any movement towards construction. The community is eagerly looking forward to the completion of the cultural center and opening in FY 2017. In the North West Section of CB3 there are no library facilities. The residents in this portion of the district are sorely lacking library services. Residents who live north of Northern Boulevard must travel a distance. Constituents complain that they would use library serves more frequently if there were a facility closer to their neighborhood. We ask that the QPL System seriously consider of our requests and move the aforementioned projects forward.

Needs for Community Boards

Increase Funding Levels for Community Boards and Provide Community Boards with Access to 311 Data Specific to Each Board Area (Include Addresses) . Explanation: Community Boards are understaffed, underfunded and have always worked with less even during times of prosperity. An increase in funding

levels for Community Boards would be in order. In addition, the advent of Hurricane Sandy and Irene underscored the need for improved communications with 311. We need the ability to retrieve information from the 311 data base in order to analyze conditions that impact our community.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/30	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Construct a new building and expand the capacity of the Jackson Heights Regional Library - keep allocation in place. Explanation: The Jackson Heights Branch is the most heavily utilized library facility in Northwest Queens. The library is the home to the most ethnically diverse population in the City. Space for expansion is available behind the present structure. A new facility will significantly reduce overcrowding.</i>	35-51 81 Street
6/30	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Request: Construct Library in North West Sector of CB3. The Lexington School for the Deaf should be considered for a possible site. Explanation: The residents in this portion of the District are sorely lacking library facilities.</i>	
11/30	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Develop unused property located near the 94th Street entrance to the GCP for a dog park/sitting area. Explanation: Residents in this area would like to have a dog park developed on the unused property fronting the entrance to the Grand Central Parkway and 94th street. There is no facility in the immediate area.</i>	94 Street and Ditmars Boulevard
16/30	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Upgrade Veterans Plaza (32nd Ave & 94th Street) sitting area to a recreational space for children and adults.</i>	32 Ave and 94 Street
22/30	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>Construct a Community Performance Arts Center in Jackson Heights. The new facility would host local and international artists and could be the home of the Jackson Heights Orchester.</i>	
23/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Gorman Park has received funding for the rehab of the playground. In FY2021 provide funding for phase 2. Upgrading the volleyball, basketball, and handball courts. Further, repair the catch basin and eliminate ponding and sewer backup conditions.</i>	84th Street and 25th Avenue
24/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehab ramp and railings underneath Marina.</i>	

25/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Upgrade Northern Playground (Including play equipment, restrooms and sitting area)</i>	
27/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Upgrade 90th Street Playground</i>	
28/30	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Repair/Replace decorative pavers at Flushing Bay Promenade.</i>	
29/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Reinstate bathrooms located on the Flushing Bay Promenade.</i>	
CS	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Request: Expand East Elmhurst Library. Explanation: The East Elmhurst Community urgently needs a cultural facility and the expansion of the library to accommodate the increase in users. Proceed with the final phase of the expansion; construction by the start of FY 2017</i>	95-06 Astoria Blvd
CS	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Request: Expand Corona Library Explanation: This heavily used facility is one of only four libraries in community Board 3. Whether expansion entails building up or acquiring adjacent property, the new addition would be welcomed.</i>	38-23 104 St
CS	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Continued Support: Repair the drainage at Flushing Meadows Corona Park.</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Continued Support - Restore the Queens Green House at Forest Park.</i>	
CS	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>Construct a Visitor Center for Louis Armstrong House Museum. Explanation: We request that the construction of the Visitor Center be fully funded and work commence expeditiously. Community Board 3 fully supports this project.</i>	34-56 107 Street

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/31	QL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	<i>Request: Keep Queens Libraries Open 7 Days a week with one late night closing at 10:00pm. Explanation: Our libraries are heavily utilized and do not meet the needs of CB3 constituents. Provide funding to restore our libraries to full operational capacity.</i>	
8/31	DPR	Other park programming requests	<i>Request: Increase parks staffing levels for maintenance personnel. Hire a parks associates for PS 127 and Junction Boulevard parks and assistant gardener. Explanation: CB3 requires additional associates in our area parks. currently there are only two associates in the entire district, Gorman park and Travers. Our community has increased by 40,000 residents, we deserve more programs and services.</i>	
17/31	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>Cont. Support: Purchase a Wenger Wagon - Provide funding for the purchase of a Wenger Wagon. Community groups depend on the parks department to provide an inexpensive way of showcasing their events. The Borough could use more than one mobile stage.</i>	
18/31	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Request: Install free WIFI in CB3 parks and Plazas. Explanation: Upgrade our area parks by installing free WIFI services. Keep park users plugged in and informed.</i>	
28/31	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Funding for this program will provide staffing to maintain the park landscapes,gardens, lawns and other horticultural amenities.</i>	
29/31	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Request: Extend fencing at Northern Boulevard Playground. Explanation: Part of the fencing at this playground is chain linked and the balance is wrought iron. Remove the chain linked portion of the fence and replace it with wrought iron for safety and aesthetic reasons.</i>	

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/31	DOITT	Other expense budget request for DoITT	<i>Improve access to government services and information by sharing 311 data with Community Boards.</i>	
19/31	DCWP	Other expense budget request for DCA	<i>Hire Additional Consumer Affairs agents to conduct night and weekend street vending inspections.</i>	

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/30	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Request: Construct new school facilities in CB3, especially Early Childhood Centers, and a High School at Willits Point and the former DiBlasi Ford site. Explanation: We are pleased that two new sites have been earmarked for the construction of an elementary & intermediate school; every seat will be utilized. Overcrowding of classrooms is still our most pressing problem and must be addressed. The need for additional school seats and the construction of a high school remains our first priority. An ideal location for a high school is Willets Point. Another potential site would be the former DeBlasi Ford car dealership located on Northern Boulevard and 114th Street.</i>	
2/30	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Request: Construct Additional Holding / CSO Tanks in Flushing Bay In Order to Reduce Odors, Improve Water Flow and Quality. Explanation: Construct additional holding tanks in Flushing Bay in order to reduce the amount of waste entering into the bay. The holding tanks must be put in place before the Bay is dredged and the Army Corp of Engineers recommendations are implemented.</i>	
3/30	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Construct a new building and expand the capacity of the Jackson Heights Regional Library - keep allocation in place. Explanation: The Jackson Heights Branch is the most heavily utilized library facility in Northwest Queens. The library is the home to the most ethnically diverse population in the City. Space for expansion is available behind the present structure. A new facility will significantly reduce overcrowding.</i>	35-51 81 Street
4/30	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Request: Construct Affordable Housing for Middle & Low-Income seniors. Explanation: Strategies and programs must be developed to stimulate the production of new/affordable housing facilities. There is a severe shortage of housing for the aforementioned income groups.</i>	

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13/30	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>Request: Provide funding for curb repair. Explanation: While the property owner is responsible for the repair of sidewalks and encouraged to replace curbs, all too often, violations go unaddressed because of financial difficulties or neglect. Unsafe conditions are left to the city to be corrected. It is therefore important that funding to hire more outside contractors to perform sidewalk and curb repairs be increase.</i>	
14/30	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Install additional lights along Roosevelt Ave from 69th to 114th Streets</i>	
15/30	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Employ interim measures to control floatables going into Flushing Bay and restore the wetlands</i>	
16/30	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Upgrade Veterans Plaza (32nd Ave & 94th Street) sitting area to a recreational space for children and adults.</i>	32 Ave and 94 Street
17/30	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>Upgrade the FDNY Engine 307/154 kitchen.</i>	8119 Northern Blvd
18/30	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Add Street Lights from Junction Boulevard to Roosevelt Avenue.</i>	
19/30	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	<i>Purchase a Back-up Generator for 307.</i>	8119 Northern Blvd
20/30	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>District Wide traffic study</i>	

21/30	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Re-evaluate traffic conditions along 75th to 78th Streets and 31st Ave.</i>	75th to 78th Streets 31st Ave 31st Ave
22/30	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>Construct a Community Performance Arts Center in Jackson Heights. The new facility would host local and international artists and could be the home of the Jackson Heights Orchester.</i>	
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29/30	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Reinstate bathrooms located on the Flushing Bay Promenade.</i>	

30/30	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	<i>Request: Increase hospital beds in the Borough of Queens and upgrade the emergency room at Elmhurst Hospital. With the closing of several Hospitals in the Borough of Queens, area hospitals such as Elmhurst Hospital are feeling the impact. Additional hospital beds are sorely needed.</i>	7901 Broadway
CS	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Request: Fund a Study For The Construction of a Separate Sewer System for 103rd & Northern Blvd., 25th Avenue & 81st Street, 77th Street & 30th Avenue, 25th Avenue and 77th Street and 25th Avenue and 76th Street. Explanation: Neighborhoods that were once comprised of one & two family homes have been replaced with units of six to ten families. These changes have increased the demand on our infrastructure & sewer system. Before 1996, conditions were confined to East Elmhurst or North of Northern Blvd. Sewer backup conditions are now district-wide.</i>	
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Request: Resurface Streets in Community Board 3. Explanation: Resurface Northern Blvd. from Junction Blvd. to 114th street. Junction Blvd. between Northern and Roosevelt Avenues, 37th Ave from Junction Blvd. to 114th Street, 82nd Street from Roosevelt Ave to the BQE, Roosevelt Ave from 114th to 69th Streets and Astoria Blvd. from 69th to 114th Streets.</i>	86th Street 25th Avenue 25th Avenue
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Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/31	DEP	Investigate air quality complaints at specific location	<i>Request: Install Air Monitors in the Neighborhoods of Jackson Heights and East Elmhurst that are located near LaGuardia Airport. Explanation: CB3 is surrounded by Laguardia Airport, BQE andGrand Central Parkway. Our residents are concerned about the impact of fumes emanating from motor vehicles and planes in the community. There is a high incidence of asthma & respiratory disease in our district. The need to install air monitors in our area is clear.</i>	
2/31	QL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	<i>Request: Keep Queens Libraries Open 7 Days a week with one late night closing at 10:00pm. Explanation: Our libraries are heavily utilized and do not meet the needs of CB3 constituents. Provide funding to restore our libraries to full operational capacity.</i>	
3/31	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Restore litter basket collections to three times per day in our commercial strips – 37th Ave; Junction Blvd; Roosevelt Ave; Northern Blvd; 103rd Street; and 74th Street; Astoria Blvd., 73rd and 72nd Streets in Jackson Heights. Hire additional personnel for 11am- 7pm shift in order to increase litter basket patrol truck service particularly during weekends.</i>	
4/31	DYCD	Other youth workforce development requests	<i>Request: Restore and Increase funding for youth, adult and senior programming in Jackson Heights, North Corona and East Elmhurst. Explanation: There is a severe shortage of programs in CD3 that cater to the recreational needs of our youth and seniors. Our community deserves quality facilities and programming that will enrich our lives.</i>	
5/31	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	<i>Increase sanitation residential collections to 3 times per week</i>	
6/31	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests	<i>Increase funding for additional cleaning services to Roosevelt Ave from 69th to 114th Streets.</i>	

7/31	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Provide funding for MLP service in section 31. The monies would allow sanitation to provide additional services to the streets located in this section of the district.</i>	
8/31	DPR	Other park programming requests	<i>Request: Increase parks staffing levels for maintenance personnel. Hire a parks associates for PS 127 and Junction Boulevard parks and assistant gardener. Explanation: CB3 requires additional associates in our area parks. currently there are only two associates in the entire district, Gorman park and Travers. Our community has increased by 40,000 residents, we deserve more programs and services.</i>	
9/31	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	<i>Request: Hire additional uniform personnel. NCO officers, administrative aides, custodial personnel and school safety guards. Explanation: Hire additional custodial personnel for the 115 precinct. The additional staff will improve the precinct's day to day operations and upkeep.</i>	92-15 Northern Blvd
10/31	EDC	Reinvest in the graffiti free removal program for private sites	<i>Request: Increase Graffiti Removal Programs. Explanation: To combat the increased incidence of graffiti CD#3, Additional monies are needed to these support programs.</i>	
11/31	DOE	Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Child Care and Head Start programs	<i>Request: Restore Day Care Slots and after school programs. Explanation: Our Community's population has increased. Many of our young working families require day care services & after school programs. Working parents deserve programs that will serve the needs of their pre-school children ages three months to five years old.</i>	
12/31	DOITT	Other expense budget request for DoITT	<i>Improve access to government services and information by sharing 311 data with Community Boards.</i>	
13/31	SBS	Other expense budget request for SBS	<i>Re-establish Neighborhood Business Development programs.</i>	
14/31	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Request: Increase funding to hire additional personnel to install, replace traffic/street signs, repair pot holes for Queens DOT Explanation: Increase funding to hire personnel for sign replacement and pothole repair.</i>	

15/31	DOB	Other expense budget request for DOB	<i>Increase staffing Level for DOB Compliance Unit.</i>	
16/31	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>HPD - Hire additional inspectors to address code enforcement, demolition and seal-up complaints.</i>	
17/31	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>Cont. Support: Purchase a Wenger Wagon - Provide funding for the purchase of a Wenger Wagon. Community groups depend on the parks department to provide an inexpensive way of showcasing their events. The Borough could use more than one mobile stage.</i>	
18/31	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Request: Install free WIFI in CB3 parks and Plazas. Explanation: Upgrade our area parks by installing free WIFI services. Keep park users plugged in and informed.</i>	
19/31	DCWP	Other expense budget request for DCA	<i>Hire Additional Consumer Affairs agents to conduct night and weekend street vending inspections.</i>	
20/31	DOHMH	Increase health and safety inspections, e.g. for restaurants and childcare programs	<i>Request: Hire additional Department of Health Inspectors to conduct night inspections. Explanation: Unlicensed food vending along Roosevelt Ave, Broadway, 74th and 37th Avenues are increasing. The community would benefit from having more inspections conducted particularly at night where the problem is most prevalent.</i>	
21/31	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	<i>Request: Provide funding to increase NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) Programming in CB3. Explanation: Seniors are the second largest population within CB3. It is important that senior programming such as NORC be made available to our elder residents. Providing health and social services within the confines of their coop/apartment complex would significantly improve their quality of life.</i>	
22/31	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Install Cameras at the overpasses located at 27th & 31st Drive on Ditmars Blvd.</i>	Ditmars Blvd. 27th Drive 31st Drive

23/31	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>STEAM is a method of instruction that incorporates Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics and helps to promote student critical thinking. Every classroom should have access to these important resources.</i>
24/31	DEP	Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed	<i>Increase DEP sewer and water unit personnel</i>
25/31	FDNY	Other expense budget request for FDNY	<i>Purchase a Medical Services Vehicle - FDNY/EMS for the Borough of Queens (for 10 patients at a time can be attended to on this mobile vehicle). Existing vehicle is over 29 years old.</i>
26/31	FDNY	Other expense budget request for FDNY	<i>Purchase for FDNY - Medical Aide Rapid Response Vehicle - For city wide use state of the art vehicle that will transport equipment and supplies in emergency situations.</i>
27/31	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	<i>Increase funding for illegal posting personnel.</i>
28/31	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Funding for this program will provide staffing to maintain the park landscapes,gardens, lawns and other horticultural amenities.</i>
29/31	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Request: Extend fencing at Northern Boulevard Playground. Explanation: Part of the fencing at this playground is chain linked and the balance is wrought iron. Remove the chain linked portion of the fence and replace it with wrought iron for safety and aesthetic reasons.</i>
30/31	SBS	Other business regulatory assistance requests	<i>Implement Economic Development programs which would include entrepreneurial training, loan packaging, micro Loan Program, management training, export assistance.. Assistance is needed to coordinate neighborhood redevelopment, marketing & anti-graffiti programs. Funding these programs would make a significant difference for the business community in CB3..</i>

