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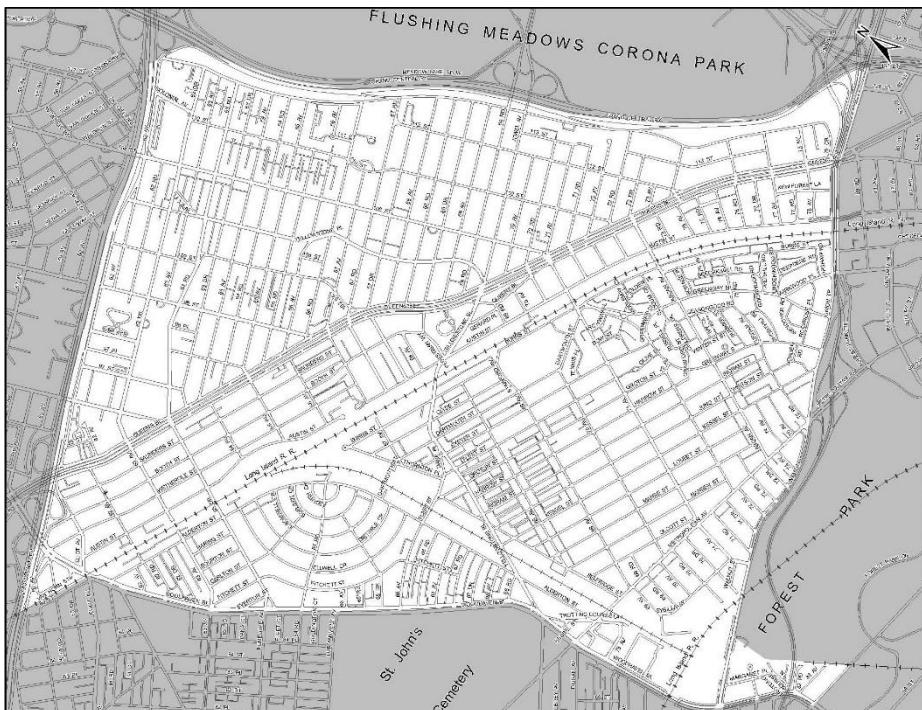
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# QUEENS COMMUNITY BOARD 6

## STATEMENT OF DISTRICT NEEDS



# 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) 2027. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2025.

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 FY24 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. 2020 CENSUS DATA

The following two pages contain data from the most recent 2020 Decennial Census, which includes basic demographic and housing characteristics for New York City, the borough, and this community district. The data also includes a view of change over time since 2010.

## New York City

|  | 2010      |         | 2020      |         | Change, 2010-2020 |         |       |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------|-------|
|  | Number    | Percent | Number    | Percent | Number            | Percent | Point |
| <b>AGE</b>                                       |           |         |           |         |                   |         |       |
| Total population                                 | 8,175,133 | 100.00  | 8,804,190 | 100.00  | 629,057           | 7.7     | 0.0   |
| Total persons under 18 years                     | 1,768,111 | 21.6    | 1,740,142 | 19.8    | -27,969           | -1.6    | -1.8  |
| <b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b> |           |         |           |         |                   |         |       |
| Total population                                 | 8,175,133 | 100.0   | 8,804,190 | 100.0   | 629,057           | 7.7     | 0.0   |
| Hispanic/Latino (of any race)                    | 2,336,076 | 28.6    | 2,490,350 | 28.3    | 154,274           | 6.6     | -0.3  |
| White non-Hispanic                               | 2,722,904 | 33.3    | 2,719,856 | 30.9    | -3,048            | -0.1    | -2.4  |
| Black non-Hispanic                               | 1,861,295 | 22.8    | 1,776,891 | 20.2    | -84,404           | -4.5    | -2.6  |
| Asian non-Hispanic                               | 1,028,119 | 12.6    | 1,373,502 | 15.6    | 345,383           | 33.6    | 3.0   |
| Some other race, non-Hispanic                    | 78,063    | 1.0     | 143,632   | 1.6     | 65,569            | 84.0    | 0.6   |
| Non-Hispanic of two or more races                | 148,676   | 1.8     | 299,959   | 3.4     | 151,283           | 101.8   | 1.6   |
| <b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>                         |           |         |           |         |                   |         |       |
| Total housing units                              | 3,371,062 | 100.0   | 3,618,635 | 100.0   | 247,573           | 7.3     | 0.0   |
| Occupied housing units                           | 3,109,784 | 92.2    | 3,370,448 | 93.1    | 260,664           | 8.4     | 0.9   |
| Vacant housing units                             | 261,278   | 7.8     | 248,187   | 6.9     | -13,091           | -5.0    | -0.9  |

## Queens

|  | 2010      |         | 2020      |         | Change, 2010-2020 |         |       |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------|-------|
|  | Number    | Percent | Number    | Percent | Number            | Percent | Point |
| <b>AGE</b>                                       |           |         |           |         |                   |         |       |
| Total population                                 | 2,230,722 | 100.00  | 2,405,464 | 100.00  | 174,742           | 7.8     | 0.0   |
| Total persons under 18 years                     | 461,901   | 20.7    | 455,995   | 19      | -5,906            | -1.3    | -1.7  |
| <b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b> |           |         |           |         |                   |         |       |
| Total population                                 | 2,230,722 | 100.0   | 2,405,464 | 100.0   | 174,742           | 7.8     | 0.0   |
| Hispanic/Latino (of any race)                    | 613,750   | 27.5    | 667,861   | 27.8    | 54,111            | 8.8     | 0.3   |
| White non-Hispanic                               | 616,727   | 27.6    | 549,358   | 22.8    | -67,369           | -10.9   | -4.8  |
| Black non-Hispanic                               | 395,881   | 17.7    | 381,375   | 15.9    | -14,506           | -3.7    | -1.8  |
| Asian non-Hispanic                               | 508,334   | 22.8    | 656,583   | 27.3    | 148,249           | 29.2    | 4.5   |
| Some other race, non-Hispanic                    | 39,923    | 1.8     | 66,175    | 2.8     | 26,252            | 65.8    | 1.0   |
| Non-Hispanic of two or more races                | 56,107    | 2.5     | 84,112    | 3.5     | 28,005            | 49.9    | 1.0   |
| <b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>                         |           |         |           |         |                   |         |       |
| Total housing units                              | 835,127   | 100.0   | 896,333   | 100.0   | 61,206            | 7.3     | 0.0   |
| Occupied housing units                           | 780,117   | 93.4    | 847,210   | 94.5    | 67,093            | 8.6     | 1.1   |
| Vacant housing units                             | 55,010    | 6.6     | 49,123    | 5.5     | -5,887            | -10.7   | -1.1  |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files  
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

## Queens Community District 6

|  | 2010    |         | 2020    |         | Change, 2010-2020 |         |       |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|-------|
|  | Number  | Percent | Number  | Percent | Number            | Percent | Point |
| <b>AGE</b>                                       |         |         |         |         |                   |         |       |
| Total population                                 | 113,257 | 100.00  | 120,955 | 100.00  | 7,698             | 6.8     | 0.0   |
| Total persons under 18 years                     | 17,890  | 15.8    | 20,995  | 17.4    | 3,105             | 17.4    | 1.6   |
| <b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b> |         |         |         |         |                   |         |       |
| Total population                                 | 113,257 | 100.0   | 120,955 | 100.0   | 7,698             | 6.8     | 0.0   |
| Hispanic/Latino (of any race)                    | 15,436  | 13.6    | 19,946  | 16.5    | 4,510             | 29.2    | 2.9   |
| White non-Hispanic                               | 62,651  | 55.3    | 53,244  | 44.0    | -9,407            | -15.0   | -11.3 |
| Black non-Hispanic                               | 2,823   | 2.5     | 3,490   | 2.9     | 667               | 23.6    | 0.4   |
| Asian non-Hispanic                               | 29,309  | 25.9    | 37,288  | 30.8    | 7,979             | 27.2    | 4.9   |
| Some other race, non-Hispanic                    | 633     | 0.6     | 1,637   | 1.4     | 1,004             | 158.6   | 0.8   |
| Non-Hispanic of two or more races                | 2,405   | 2.1     | 5,350   | 4.4     | 2,945             | 122.5   | 2.3   |
| <b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>                         |         |         |         |         |                   |         |       |
| Total housing units                              | 55,250  | 100.0   | 56,695  | 100.0   | 1,445             | 2.6     | 0.0   |
| Occupied housing units                           | 52,195  | 94.5    | 53,485  | 94.3    | 1,290             | 2.5     | -0.2  |
| Vacant housing units                             | 3,055   | 5.5     | 3,210   | 5.7     | 155               | 5.1     | 0.2   |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files  
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

### Statement on Data Accuracy

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau is legally bound to protect the privacy of individuals participating in the decennial census. To adhere to the law and to avoid the disclosure of information about individual respondents, the Census Bureau has historically applied a host of techniques, such as top- and bottom-coding, imputation, table- and cell-suppression, and data swapping. The Census Bureau is employing a new technique with the 2020 Census, referred to as the Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS), based on differential privacy. With this approach, the Census Bureau “infuses noise” systematically across census data and sets a quantified disclosure risk, referred to as the Privacy Loss Budget (PLB).

While the new DAS approach may diminish the risk of disclosure concerns, it comes at a cost to data accuracy. Consequently, 2020 Census data users should be aware that all sub-state counts, except for housing units (which are unaffected by the DAS), may be adjusted to protect the privacy of Census participants and may be subject to reduced accuracy. Because DAS noise infusion is randomized, it is impossible for data users to know the degree to which any individual statistic is altered. However, it is possible to say that in general the relative size of errors decreases as counts increase. Consequently, data users should have greater confidence in the accuracy of the data as counts get larger. Further, an evaluation of a Privacy-Protected Microdata File (PPMF), treated with a Disclosure Avoidance System like the one applied to 2020 redistricting data, showed that counts of 300 or more rarely have sizable errors (error beyond +/- 10% of the count). Therefore, while data users need to be cognizant of data accuracy limitations, they should have confidence in conclusions based on sizable counts, which are relatively unaffected by the Census Bureau’s latest disclosure avoidance method.

### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community Board 6, which encompasses primarily the neighborhoods of Forest Hills and Rego Park, is an active and welcoming community with a dynamic history, an abundance of greenery, and distinctive landscaping. There is a small-town feeling throughout the area, which includes street fairs, cultural events, and a Greenmarket on weekends. We have vibrant commercial districts with an array of restaurants and shops.

Like many other communities in New York City, our district has changed over time. The swift increase in population has affected the capacity of our infrastructure. This, coupled with increased frequency and severity of storms, has pushed our infrastructure beyond its limits. In recent years, we have experienced "never-before-seen" flooding, the schools are beyond capacity, the subway platforms and buses are overcrowded during rush hours, and land use matters are becoming a major concern in Community Board 6.

While we welcome additional housing being built in our community, we need to make sure that we have:

- Affordable Housing, especially for seniors. Nobody should have to move out of a community they know and love because they can no longer afford to live there.
- More Schools. Our schools are overcrowded, and therefore, the children are not getting the quality of education they deserve.
- Expanded subway infrastructure. We want people to use mass transit options, but they need to be adequate and safe for all users.
- Sewer and Utility infrastructure. The sewers, gas lines, and electrical grids all need to be updated and expanded to support this growing community.
- Commercial District Growth. We need incentives for businesses to stay in our community and keep our commercial districts flourishing.

Despite the many challenges our community faces, we continue to work to improve the quality of life for all residents.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Queens Community Board 6

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Schools**

Our youth population continues to increase, and we do not want residents to relocate for better educational opportunities. Every child in CB 6 should have a seat in his or her neighborhood school (including universal 3K and afterschool programs) and be able to receive a quality education.

#### **Senior services**

Senior services are important to our community because those who raised a family in a community shouldn't be forced out because they can't afford it or can't get the services they need. We need to keep our seniors close to family, close to their doctors, and close to their favorite restaurant, while maintaining their quality of life.

#### **Traffic**

Community Board 6 is a major thoroughfare for commuters, residents, deliveries, etc. We need to ensure that appropriate traffic safety measures are being taken to keep all road users safe. This includes motorists, pedestrians, and bike riders. Queens Boulevard is a large roadway with multiple lanes of traffic in each direction and requires careful planning and constant review. In addition, we require regular enforcement of existing traffic measures.

## 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

### HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Queens Community Board 6

##### Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

###### **Programs, services or facilities for seniors (incl. remote programming, cooling centers)**

The senior population is most certainly a population at risk. CB 6 ranks among the highest concentrations of seniors. They turn to their neighborhood-based senior services for various assistance. Many are homebound, isolated, and frail. The need for programs with regard to senior services is paramount!

##### Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

###### **Needs for Homeless**

Any necessary services to improve the quality of life should be provided.

###### **Needs for Health Care and Facilities**

Community Board 6 supports the following regarding availability and access to health and mental health services and resources. While we recognize the vulnerability of our senior population, many of the non-senior population of CB 6 have illnesses that can be life-altering/threatening, such as cancer, diabetes, dementia, long-covid, mental illness, etc.

1. Service Accessibility: Improve transportation and translation services to ensure timely access to healthcare.
2. Home and Community Support: Expand home care, meal delivery, and recreational activities for individuals with long-term illnesses. This should include in-home mental healthcare.
3. Caregiver Support Programs: Caregiving responsibilities can increase stress, especially when individuals do not realize they are caregivers. We need to continue to make these programs available within communities and spread the word about their availability.
4. Comprehensive Care: Enhance support for medication management, hospice, respite care, and bereavement services.
5. Public Health Education: Support education on disease prevention, domestic violence assistance, and elder abuse.
6. Supportive Housing Services: Support providing affordable, permanent, and independent housing that meets the needs of those with disabilities or long-term illnesses by providing support that is integrated within a neighborhood and community.

CB6 supports an increase in community training and outreach around the risks of substance use and how community members can be prepared to help in the event of an overdose. Residents should be able to access the resources they need without the stigma that sometimes surrounds obtaining these resources.

CB6 supports the funding of mental health crisis response teams that would operate 24/7; 365 days/year. These teams should embody existing best practices in non-police alternative mental health crisis response as a stand-alone entity.

## **Needs for Older NYs**

Community Board 6 has one of the highest concentrations of the senior population in NYC. There continues to be a large influx of immigrants of all ages. The confluence of these two with the usual problems of the general population creates needs such as:

1. Affordable health care, including dental and eye care
2. Affordable housing
3. Public safety and security
4. Accessible transportation - both physically and affordable
5. Daycare services and meal delivery for seniors, especially homebound seniors
6. Increased and Affordable mental health services, including in-home mental health services.
7. In-Home Services for the Elderly (EISEP)
8. Affordable legal services
9. Recreation, including library services
10. Friendly Visiting Programs

Our community consists of a significant number of older adults, many of whom are living their lives largely independent of family members who may live far away. They turn to their neighborhood-based senior services for assistance. Social adult day programs aim to keep at-risk senior citizens in the community and avoid premature institutionalization by providing them with an opportunity to socialize with peers and create a network of support to rely upon. The educational, recreational programs aim to stimulate their minds and bodies and enhance their self-esteem. In addition to Social Adult Day Care, we have seen the power of Intergenerational connections. We have demonstrated how effective these connections can be through our Intergenerational discussions. There is a need for more opportunities to promote these interactions. For the families of the dementia population, social adult day care provides a respite for the family members, and more are needed. There is increased demand for services for people with early dementia, as there are waiting lists for the programs for people who suffer from middle and late stage dementia. A population at risk is the large, diverse immigrant senior population, many of whom have not yet been able to acquire the language skills needed to obtain citizenship and have

lost their benefits that are needed for everyday subsistence, including the ability to pay for shelter and food. As such, there is a tremendous increase in the need for ESL classes, conversation groups, tutorials, civics instruction, and case assistance.

## **Needs for Homeless**

Community Board 6 supports funding for homeless services, including housing and social services support for the unhoused. There is a need for vocational rehab, job training, etc., to ensure the unhoused can be successful at obtaining more permanent housing. We also support the need for additional street homeless outreach teams.

## **Needs for Low Income NYs**

Community Board 6 supports an increase in "in-home services" for individuals who are low-income, yet do not qualify for Medicaid. These programs should be expanded to allow more seniors to have valuable cost-saving services.

With respect to housing availability, Community Board 6 also supports additional and maintained funding for ELLA (Extremely Low- & Low-Income Affordability Programs. In addition, we encourage HRA and partner agencies to host workshops and 1-on-1 consultations for the Section 8 Landlord Outreach program.

## HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title                                   |
|--------|----------|---|
| DFTA   | 1 / 1    | Upgrade and Maintain CB6 Senior Centers |

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title                                   |
|--------|----------|---|
| DFTA   | 1 / 4    | Aging In Place Programs                 |
| DFTA   | 2 / 4    | Mental Healthcare for Homebound Seniors |
| DFTA   | 3 / 4    | Increase home delivered meals capacity  |
| DFTA   | 4 / 4    | Funding for Senior Centers              |
| DHS    | 1 / 1    | Breaking Ground Mobile Teams            |
| DOHMH  | 1 / 1    | Mental Health Crisis Response Teams     |
| HRA    | 1 / 3    | Expand Fair Fares Program               |
| HRA    | 2 / 3    | Supportive Housing Services             |
| HRA    | 3 / 3    | Section 8 Landlord Outreach Program     |

# **YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE**

## **Queens Community Board 6**

### Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### **School and educational facilities (Capacity)**

As our communities continue to grow, many of our public schools are beyond or near capacity. An investment in additional seats across nearly all schools is necessary to meet the demands of our burgeoning population, as well as the new Class Size Mandate Law. Many of these schools will not be able to meet the mandates within their current structure.

Smaller class sizes would improve academic outcomes for our students, including students with special education needs. Elementary school children should be able to attend their zoned elementary school or a neighboring elementary school within one mile or less from their home.

### Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### **Needs for Youth Education**

As stated previously, Community Board 6 stresses the need for additional schools. While we are happy to hear that Forest Hills High School will be getting an expansion in 2029, this is just a start to address the issue of overcrowding in our district.

CB6 also supports the expansion of Cornerstone and Beacon programs, which are highly effective ways to foster positive youth development through educational, cultural, and literacy programs. Preventive programs are necessary to keep young people active and engaged in constructive programs. These programs should include educational and career choice counseling. All while impacting high school dropout prevention.

Other needs for youth and education:

- All schools in the district should be fully equipped with Air Conditioning. It is difficult to learn in an uncomfortably warm environment. In addition, many schools can't offer a healthy environment for summer learning due to the high temperatures.
- Our Community Board supports additional summer rising seats. These programs often fill up very quickly, and parents must travel to other communities to meet the needs of their family. Alternatively, they need to pay high costs for summer camps within the community, but this is a hardship for many.
- All schools in our district should be 100% ADA-accessible. This creates an unfair inequity that urgently needs to be addressed.

#### **Needs for Youth and Child Welfare**

Community Board 6 supports affordable daycare for children as well as an increase in 3K and Pre-K Programs. There has been a substantial increase in the number of two-parent families in which both parents are working, and there is a growing number of single-parent families who are in our community. As a result, there is a serious need for affordable daycare with the continued expansion of Pre-K and 3K for all. We need to ensure that the inventory of available 3k and Pre-K seats matches the demand in our communities. It is also crucial that these seats be evenly distributed throughout our neighborhoods.

## **YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE**

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### **CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS**

| <b>Agency</b> | <b>Priority</b> | <b>Title</b>                        |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| SCA           | 1 / 5           | New High School                     |
| SCA           | 2 / 5           | Air Conditioning In All CB6 Schools |
| SCA           | 3 / 5           | Learning Centers - 3K & 4K          |
| SCA           | 4 / 5           | Additional School Seats             |
| SCA           | 5 / 5           | Public School ADA Accessibility     |

### **EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**

| <b>Agency</b> | <b>Priority</b> | <b>Title</b>   |
|---------------|-----------------|--|
| DOE           | 1 / 2           | 3 K for All Programs   |
| DOE           | 2 / 2           | Expand Summer Rising   |
| DYCD          | 1 / 1           | Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults) |

# PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

## Queens Community Board 6

### Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### **Traffic violations and enforcement**

Community Board 6 is grateful for the many traffic/pedestrian safety improvements that have been made in our community throughout the years. However, these improvements only work with proper enforcement.

### Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### **Needs for Public Safety**

Community Board 6 supports additional programs to recruit and retain school crossing guards. Students should be able to walk to and from school safely.

Community Board 6 also supports the NYPD Quality of Life Unit. Community policing is an important step toward community safety and building community relationships. This relationship helps both the police and the public during an emergency.

In addition, CB6 supports an increase in police personnel for the 112th Precinct. The population of our community continues to increase, as do its needs.

- Due to our large commercial corridors like Austin Street, 63rd Drive, Queens Boulevard, and Metropolitan Avenue, increased police presence could deter burglars, shoplifters, and others who enter our neighborhood intending to commit a crime. In addition, CB6 advocates for more security cameras in these areas.
- Due to the constantly changing demographics in our CB, the community could benefit from having officers in the precinct better reflect the community they serve (i.e., speaking different languages, different religious beliefs, mutual cultural connections). In addition, dedicated youth resources would increase youth involvement and make them feel safe in the community.

Traffic safety remains an urgent focus of community concern. Enforcement of traffic and parking violations is necessary to address these concerns. These include, but are not limited to, safety violations, such as blocked fire hydrants, crosswalks, and daylighting, illegally operated e-bikes and scooters, traffic violations such as disregarding stop signs, red lights, no turns, etc. One trouble spot in our community is Queens Boulevard and Yellowstone Boulevard. An increase in enforcement of traffic violations at this location is necessary for the safety of all road users.

CB 6 supports continued funding for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the 112th Precinct Explorers Program.

#### **Needs for Emergency Services**

Community Board 6 is densely developed with high-rise and mid-rise multi-family structures, including several of the tallest residential buildings in Queens. CB6 has one engine and one ladder company in a single firehouse within its boundaries, and another on its border. FDNY deployments to structural fires within the district have customarily been satisfactorily prompt.

CB6 supports increased routine or complaint follow-up inspections by the FDNY to ensure the safety of all residents:

- With the increase in e-bike use in our community, we need to ensure the proper/safe storage and repair of the lithium-ion batteries

- All demolition and construction projects, particularly those undertaken by small contractors, in our densely developed district, evoke neighborhood concerns and merit FDNY and DOB oversight.

- Housing market demand has led to numerous illegal conversions of one- and two-family homes to multi-family, sometimes utilizing unsafe spaces.

Due to the increase in recent brush fires and being bordered by Flushing Meadows Corona Park and Forest Park, CB6 supports the need for additional equipment to fight these fires quickly and efficiently.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title                              |
|--------|----------|------------------------------------|
| FDNY   | 1 / 3    | 1 inch Fire Hoses                  |
| FDNY   | 2 / 3    | Lighter Personal Gear              |
| FDNY   | 3 / 3    | Brush Fire Trucks                  |
| NYPD   | 1 / 2    | Add NYPD parking facilities        |
| NYPD   | 2 / 2    | Business District Security Cameras |

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title                           |
|--------|----------|---------------------------------|
| NYPD   | 1 / 1    | Hire additional crossing guards |

# CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

## Queens Community Board 6

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

#### **Sewer capacity**

In the past few years, there has been a great deal of development going on in our community, and it will continue. As more people move into our community and weather patterns change, we need to upgrade the sewers to meet the demands.

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

#### **Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection**

CB6 supports the need to expand the sewer infrastructure and ensure the existing infrastructure is maintained regularly, instead of just reacting to issues as they arise. We need regular inspections and cleaning of catch basins and extra attention to these locations in the days preceding an anticipated rain event.

To reduce stormwater runoff into the catch basins, CB6 supports an increase in Green Infrastructure (Rain Gardens, Porous Pavement, etc.) in our flood-prone areas, including the Grand Central Parkway corridor, Kessel Street, Selfridge Street, and areas on Queens Boulevard in Rego Park. This would aid in mitigating the flood risk in those areas.

#### **Needs for Sanitation Services**

Sanitation services continue to be a priority in both the residential and commercial areas of Community Board 6. To properly maintain the cleanliness level of CB6, we require:

1. Additional funding for more frequent litter basket pickups on commercial strips
2. Regularly scheduled cleanup of medians on Queens Boulevard, Woodhaven Boulevard, and Union Turnpike.
3. Maintain weekly recycling and composting.
4. Increased enforcement of mandatory curbside composting and containerization rules (for businesses and residents)
5. Increased education around composting, especially curbside composting
6. Increased enforcement of dirty sidewalks and streets

As apartment buildings in our district started to comply with composting regulations, it was discovered that one day a week collection isn't enough. These bins fill up very quickly and should be collected more frequently. If the bin is overflowing, it discourages the building and its residents from composting. In addition, Smart composting bins throughout our community would offer an alternative for those living in apartment buildings to dispose of their compost.

Community Board 6 recognizes the fact that there aren't enough Public Restrooms available within our community. After the 2020 lockdown the number of public restrooms decreased dramatically. To make our community cleaner, we encourage the city to accommodate this by increasing public restrooms.

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title  |
|--------|----------|--|
| DEP    | 1 / 3    | Flood Mitigation                             |
| DEP    | 2 / 3    | Infrastructure to support additional housing |
| DEP    | 3 / 3    | Noise Cameras                                |
| DSNY   | 2 / 2    | Smart Composting Bins in High Traffic Areas  |

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

# HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

## Queens Community Board 6

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

#### **Affordable housing creation**

Community Board 6 is constantly fighting for more affordable housing in all projects that come before us through the ULURP process. However, we need more affordable units in our community that are truly affordable. We need housing that is available to people of all ages that want to live in Forest Hills and Rego Park. That includes young people just starting out, families, as well as seniors.

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

#### **Needs for Land Use**

Community Board 6 recognizes the following needs:

Department of City Planning:

All large-scale developments, whether commercial or residential, need to be studied to ensure that the local supporting infrastructure, i.e.: electrical grid, gas supply, water supply, stormwater and sewerage, garbage disposal, public transportation systems, schools, parks, recreational facilities, and other utilities and facilities, have sufficient capacity for the additional demand that will be created by the developments. Much of CB6 development is as-of-right, which means the developers don't present to the CB, and the process excludes environmental review or the implementation of mandatory inclusionary housing. It is necessary to study the current and future as-of-right developments in CB6 in relation to these two categories to ensure that the district's need for increased affordable housing and key infrastructure upgrades are provided. This need will become more apparent due to increased development as a result of the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity. DCP should utilize capital funding to ensure services and infrastructure are maintained and increased.

Department of Buildings:

1. Hire additional inspectors for a timely response to complaints
2. Substantially increase penalties for violations so that they are meaningful.
3. Verify that payment for violations clears a bank before removing the violation.

With the 2030 Census quickly approaching, CB6 supports the need to prepare for a "Local Update of Census Addresses" LUCA. This will be essential to reach as many residents of our district as possible.

#### **Needs for Housing**

Community Board 6 supports funding for true affordable housing - at 60% AMI and below, as well as the deep affordability option - in addition to senior housing and supportive housing.

In light of City of Yes for Housing Opportunity, CB 6 also supports the need to provide technical assistance resources to help homeowners navigate the process of adding a locationally appropriate, safe, legal, and rentable ADU, including basement apartments.

#### **Needs for Economic Development**

There is a major need for programs to assist the commercial strips in Community Board 6 to improve business and cope with growing problems of vacancies. Long-term, locally owned small businesses are being forced out because of substantial rent increases. Commercial rents need to be dealt with on a citywide basis. Support from the Government would assist the commercial districts in making progress.

Specific focus should be given to the following business districts:

- A. Austin Street and its feeder streets
- B. 63rd Drive, from Queens Boulevard to 98th Street
- C. 108th Street Business District
- D. Metropolitan Avenue

Support for small businesses, particularly restaurants, remains critical. Additional resources and programs are needed to provide financial and technical assistance to small business owners as they work to recover and grow in a challenging economic environment.

Finally, there is a growing need for increased funding and enforcement to address the issue of illegal cannabis shops, which negatively affect the business environment. Adequate resources must be allocated to shut down these establishments and support legal businesses operating in compliance with regulations.

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# HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

## CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title                                       |
|--------|----------|---|
| HPD    | 1 / 3    | Provide more affordable housing for seniors |
| HPD    | 2 / 3    | Additional Affordable Housing Programs      |
| HPD    | 3 / 3    | Supportive Housing Facilities               |

## EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title  |
|--------|----------|--|
| DCP    | 1 / 2    | Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs |
| DCP    | 2 / 2    | Funding for LUCA   |
| HPD    | 1 / 2    | Community Land Trusts  |
| HPD    | 2 / 2    | Assist Homeowners with ADU process   |

# TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

## Queens Community Board 6

### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

#### **Roadway and traffic design**

Community Board 6 recognizes that changes in traffic patterns, as well as pedestrian and vehicular safety measures, are necessary from time to time, but we need to look at their overall effect on surrounding streets. We encourage the DOT to conduct traffic and parking studies throughout our district to reduce traffic and congestion and reconstruct high-crash intersections for the safety of all road users.

We are hopeful that future projects like the "Queens Boulevard Capital Project" and the current expansion of Citibike into the District will go a long way to alleviating restrictions on movement throughout the District in some of our most congested areas.

### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

#### **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

Queens Boulevard - This major artery provides vital transportation access for the entire borough but causes significant and chronic safety problems for both pedestrians and vehicles. To address these concerns, CB 6 approved a comprehensive plan by DOT to improve vehicular traffic, pedestrian, and bike rider safety on Queens Boulevard in the western portion of our district. Until this plan is implemented in its entirety, we need to ensure that the temporary flexiposts are kept in a constant state of good repair until the replacement with 15-foot jersey barriers can take place throughout.

Woodhaven Boulevard - It is especially important to balance the legitimate needs of streamlining traffic flow with the vital safety concerns of pedestrians and bicycle riders who access Woodhaven Boulevard. Attention must be given to the enhancement of "green-light time" for those seeking to cross the boulevard; traffic markings that coincide with actual vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow; clearly delineated and properly "lined up" crosswalks that are sensitive to the needs of the disabled; and safe and appropriate bicycle lanes. In addition, the impact of Woodhaven's traffic flow upon adjacent local streets and the adoption of possible mitigating measures should also be included within the scope of this project. Traffic lanes have been removed from Woodhaven Boulevard for general traffic and have become dedicated bus lanes. This has markedly increased traffic congestion on Woodhaven Boulevard, especially in the vicinity of Woodhaven Blvd & Union Turnpike. However, bus speeds have improved on this corridor.

Union Turnpike - This heavily utilized thoroughfare generates significant traffic safety concerns that require DOT's ongoing priority attention. Union Turnpike is a major connector to Forest Park, to a large shopping complex, and the planned Queensway. These changes would not only enhance safety but also promote active transportation and reduce traffic congestion.

Some possible improvements could include the following:

- Installation of designated bike lanes
- Improved crosswalk visibility and pedestrian signals at key intersections such as 71st Avenue, the intersection near Stop and Shop, and Woodhaven Boulevard
- Traffic calming measures to reduce speeding and enhance pedestrian safety

The intersection of Union Turnpike at Markwood Place has been a constant concern for our community. There are large volumes of traffic (both vehicular and pedestrian), and the signals need to be timed in a way to accommodate this. Many times, cars are left blocking the intersection, which causes dangerous conditions for motorists and pedestrians.

Yellowstone Boulevard - Yellowstone Boulevard generates significant traffic volumes that traverse a frequently winding road and several complex street crossings involving multiple major thoroughfares. The intersections at Queens Blvd, Austin St, Selfridge St & Woodhaven Blvd present significant traffic circulation and pedestrian access issues that need to be addressed systematically. Improved signage and highlighted crosswalks are needed in those areas where the street turns diminish pedestrian visibility. The intersection of Yellowstone Boulevard and Queens Boulevard has been a constant chokepoint in our community, due to the many lanes of travel and various pedestrian crossings. The recent addition of a supermarket and apartment building, coupled with the re-routing of the Q23 at this intersection has only worsened the issues that already existed.

Building out the Bicycle Network - The bicycle lanes on Queens Blvd have seen growing use by all manners of micromobility users, but these people need safe connections to their ultimate destinations - home, shopping, school, and our parks. Developing a safe network through the district and making connections to other parts of Queens will encourage greater use of these lanes (helping to address our congestion issues) while making the streets safer. Now that Citibike is expanding into the area, these lanes are even more important. We are hopeful that Citibike will continue to expand further into our Community Board in the future. We also need NYC government to comply with mandates to build additional miles of protected bike lanes in CB6 as per Local Law 195 of 2019, the NYC Streets Master Plan.

Daylighting – CB 6 supports the addition of physical daylighting for street corners by installing bike racks, planters, stones, and other physical barriers to ensure drivers cannot park vehicles in spaces adjacent to the intersection, intended to improve visibility between road users. The Community Board passed a resolution calling for universal daylighting at all intersections.

Street maintenance and resurfacing- Streets that are littered with potholes and sinkholes are dangerous for motorists and pedestrians. There should be a centralized system that can be accessed by various agencies for logging street defects that are reported so they can be repaired in a timely manner.

Dedicated bus lanes - CB6 received an extraordinary amount of feedback from the community due to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) Queens Bus Network Redesign. This made it very clear how important fast, reliable, and accessible public bus service is to members of our community. Local Law 195 of 2019, the NYC Streets Master Plan, required the NYC government to vastly expand dedicated bus lanes, but has woefully fallen short in doing so across the city and in our community. The NYC government must abide by the law and do its best to add more dedicated bus lanes in CB6.

### **Needs for Transit Services**

Forest Hills is a major transportation hub for New York City. Thousands of commuters pass through this community on their way to or from other destinations. Several bus lines originate here, four subway lines stop here, and one LIRR station is here, creating significant impacts for Community Board 6. Given this intensity of ridership and intermodal usage, CB6 requires continual maintenance and investment in its transit infrastructure. The MTA is habitually short of critical capital funds needed to maintain and grow the system. The bus service, which runs parallel to the subway service, should be increased when subway construction and repairs take place on weekends and in evening hours. For example, when either the E, F, M, or R, is out of service on weekends and in the overnight hours for scheduled work, the Q60 should have increased service. Indeed, as

development continues and the need to provide residents with alternatives to car use grows, bus service along our major thoroughfares, particularly 108th Street, Queens Boulevard, and Woodhaven Boulevard, needs to be increased.

Also, there is a critical need for elevators to be installed at our LIRR and NYC Subway stations. This District has been recognized as having a large senior population who often have mobility issues. We are also seeing an influx of younger families with children. Improving accessibility to our trains must be a major priority. As must be improvements in rider safety. Sadly, every year we see several accidents and suicides at our subway stations. Automated platform gates are needed at all platforms to prevent these occurrences from happening.

We therefore call on the City to provide a meaningful subsidy to the MTA, contingent upon the MTA living up to reasonable performance standards.

These subsidies should assist in:

- Funding E/F skip-stop service, with some trains originating in Forest Hills.
  - Enhancing frequency and speed of express bus service.
  - Improved subway station maintenance, cleanliness, and improved lighting,
  - Updated and safe platforms, including platform screen doors that are utilized in other cities.
  - The creation of better bus shelters for the thousands of commuters who wait for buses in all weather.
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## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title   |
|--------|----------|---|
| DOT    | 1 / 5    | Reconstruct Streets - Complete Streets  |
| DOT    | 2 / 5    | Intersection Safety Reconstruction  |
| DOT    | 3 / 5    | Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure   |
| DOT    | 4 / 5    | Daylighting Intersections   |
| DOT    | 5 / 5    | Fully fund completion of bike lane projects within the district (+ bikeshare), including bike share and car share |
| NYCTA  | 1 / 3    | Elevator at 63 Drive Subway Station   |
| NYCTA  | 2 / 3    | LIRR Elevators - Forest Hills Station   |
| NYCTA  | 3 / 3    | Safer Subway Platforms  |

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title   |
|--------|----------|---|
| DOT    | 1 / 4    | Conduct traffic or parking studies  |
| DOT    | 2 / 4    | Circuit Pilot Program   |
| DOT    | 3 / 4    | Open Streets and School Streets   |
| DOT    | 4 / 4    | Citibike Expansion  |
| NYCTA  | 1 / 1    | Improve subway station, bus and train cleanliness, security and maintenance |

# PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## Queens Community Board 6

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

#### **Library facilities and access**

Full 7-Day library services, year-round, with expanded programs for pre-school and after-school needs of children. Our libraries are overcrowded and have placed limitations on library services. We need larger facilities due to the growing number of immigrants using them as an educational tool, such as the Rego Park Branch. In addition, all libraries should be ADA- Accessible.

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

#### **Needs for Parks**

##### Forestry:

CB6 supports increased funding for the pruning of all trees within CB6, both in Parks and in residential areas as well as removal of all dead trees and stumps/roots as a part of regularly scheduled maintenance.

##### Parks, Playgrounds & Recreation:

CB6 requests continued and increased maintenance of all Parks in our community, especially Ehrenreich Playground and Willow Lake Playground. In addition, we would like to prioritize the upgrade/installation of water infrastructure within parks, sprinklers, water fountains, and water bottle refill stations. All local parks, dog runs and playgrounds should be cleaned and maintained on a regular schedule and enhanced to provide maximum usage. Lost Battalion Hall is an essential part of the community, and we are excited to see the construction nearing completion. This center provides much-needed recreation space in our community, and we look forward to summer programs and after-school programs being available to our community once again.

#### **Needs for Cultural Services**

Cultural events within our community provide life enrichment, bring a diverse community together, and attract tourists. CB6 requests support for local arts programs; for cultural and arts programs; and for performances, workshops, and other cultural opportunities.

#### **Needs for Library Services**

The libraries in Community Board 6 are heavily utilized. Libraries must remain

accessible to all people as an educational tool. The construction of the new Rego Park Library remains a major priority of CB 6, but we need an auxiliary library space for the community during construction.

In addition, we support the following for our community libraries:

- Seven-day library service
- ADA-Accessibility
- Free summer lunch
- iPad and laptop borrowing program
- Renewal of the hotspot program

- Expanded Wi-Fi options

### **Needs for Community Boards**

Since returning to in-person meetings post-COVID, Community Board 6 has strived to be as accessible and transparent, possible to our board and our community by offering a hybrid meeting option as well as a livestream/recording of our meeting. Community Boards have not had an increase in their budget in years, so the funding for these new provisions must come out of our existing budget. CBs should be allocated funding to use for this purpose, so they don't have to forego other expenditures to remain accessible and transparent.

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## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title                            |
|--------|----------|----------------------------------|
| DPR    | 1 / 5    | Installation of Water Fountains  |
| DPR    | 2 / 5    | Upgrade Willow Lake Playground   |
| DPR    | 3 / 5    | Mini Trash Packer for District 6 |
| DPR    | 4 / 5    | Upgrade Ehrenreich Playground    |
| DPR    | 5 / 5    | Bike Ramp for Stairs at Dog Run  |
| QL     | 1 / 2    | New Library - Rego Park          |
| QL     | 2 / 2    | Library ADA Accessibility        |

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title   |
|--------|----------|---|
| QL     | 1 / 2    | 7 Day Library Service for all CB6 Libraries     |
| QL     | 2 / 2    | Temporary Rego Park Library During Construction |

## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title  |
|--------|----------|--|
| DCP    | 1 / 1    | Infrastructure to support additional housing |
| DSNY   | 1 / 2    | Public Restrooms                             |

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title                                 |
|--------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Other  | 1 / 1    | Breaking Bread Building Bonds Program |

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

#### Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)

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| <b>1 of 3</b>                    | <b>Provide more affordable housing for seniors</b> | HPD |
| Provide more housing for seniors |  |     |

This request is prioritize affordable housing for seniors by providing an increase in funding for HPD's SARA [Senior Affordable Apartment Rental] loan program

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| <b>2 of 3</b>                        | <b>Additional Affordable Housing Programs</b> | HPD |
| Other capital budget request for HPD |   |     |

This request is to provide additional funding for affordable housing funding sources such as HPD's Extremely Low & Low-Income Affordability (ELLA) Program. The goal is to provide more affordable housing within CB6 with AMI's aligned with CB6 AMI bands.

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| <b>3 of 3</b>  | <b>Supportive Housing Facilities</b> | HPD |
| Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless |                                      |     |

This request is to provide funding for a supportive housing facility(ies) in CB 6. Supportive housing is permanent, affordable housing in which support services are offered onsite to help homeless, disabled, mentally challenged and low income people live independently in the community. Tenants have leases or lease-like agreements.

#### Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

|                                      |                         |     |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|
| <b>1 of 3</b>                        | <b>Flood Mitigation</b> | DEP |
| Other capital budget request for DEP |                         |     |

Fund measures to mitigate stormwater runoff and flooding, to include sewer upgrades, rain gardens, tree plantings, use of semipermeable asphalt and concrete materials and the replacement of concrete/asphalt with "green space" (non-concrete/asphalt treatments - including grass) where possible.

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| <b>2 of 3</b>                        | <b>Infrastructure to support additional housing</b> | DEP |
| Other capital budget request for DEP |   |     |

Provide capital funding for the improvement of sewer infrastructure in our district. This request is to support the development of more affordable housing within CB6, yet recognizes the limits of the district's existing services and infrastructure.

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----|
| <b>3 of 3</b>                        | <b>Noise Cameras</b> | DEP |
| Other capital budget request for DEP |                      |     |

Loud noises from modified mufflers, noisy motorcycles, and excessive honking in our community cause higher stress levels and disrupt sleep, negatively affecting residents' health and well-being. Implement a noise camera program to identify and fine vehicles that exceed legal noise limits, helping to reduce excessive noise and improve the quality of life for all residents.

#### New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)

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|---|--|-------|
| <b>1 of 3</b>   | <b>Elevator at 63 Drive Subway Station</b> | NYCTA |
| Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc. |  |       |

This request calls for the funding and installation of an elevator at 63rd Drive as it is a critical need due to proximity to shopping, medical facilities, and connections to other transportation.

**2 of 3 LIRR Elevators - Forest Hills Station**

NYCTA

Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.

This request is to install Two Elevators at Forest Hills Long Island Railroad for Accessibility. Request includes: - Installation of Two Elevators: One elevator for the eastbound platform and one for the westbound platform, strategically placed to ensure minimal disruption and maximum accessibility.- Compliance and Safety Standards: Ensuring that the installation of the elevators adheres to all relevant safety and accessibility standards, with regular maintenance and monitoring to guarantee ongoing compliance and functionality. The Forest Hills Long Island Railroad (LIRR) station is a historic and vital part of our community, providing essential transportation services to residents and visitors alike.

**3 of 3 Safer Subway Platforms**

NYCTA

Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure

Fund the installation of platform screen door systems at subway stations with strong consideration for stations with high foot traffic and the risk to riders of being pushed to the train tracks in CB6 (e.g. 71st avenue Continental Avenue).

**Department of Transportation (DOT)****1 of 5 Reconstruct Streets - Complete Streets**

DOT

Reconstruct streets

This request is to improve traffic and pedestrian safety including traffic calming. The request includes funding reconstruction of all CB 6 medians; repair cracked sidewalks and provide adequate pedestrian ramps (e.g. crosswalks program) especially along the Queens Blvd corridor; resurfacing roads and repair potholes; install pedestrian timing devices and overall construct/design streets within the District in a manner consistent with Complete Streets principles to increase safety. This should include funding for inspections to ensure compliance.

**2 of 5 Intersection Safety Reconstruction**

DOT

Reconstruct streets

Reconstruct high-crash intersections to improve pedestrian safety by specifically installing raised cross-walks and bulb-outs to reduce pedestrian crossing distances.

**3 of 5 Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure**

DOT

Other transportation infrastructure requests

Location: Union Turnpike - Metropolitan Avenue & 71 Avenue

Fund pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements that incorporate using permeable materials on the medians on Union Turnpike between Metropolitan Avenue and 71st Avenue.

**4 of 5 Daylighting Intersections**

DOT

Other transportation infrastructure requests

Fund the physical daylighting of street corners by installing bike racks, planters, stones and other physical barriers to ensure drivers cannot park vehicles in spaces adjacent to intersection intended to improve visibility between road users.

**5 of 5 Fully fund completion of bike lane projects within the district (+ bikeshare), including bike share and car share**

DOT

Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share

This request calls for the funding and completion of bike lane projects in the district, including the completion of the redesign of Queens Boulevard and any other bike lane projects proposed by DOT safety studies or through Community Workshops.

**Queens Library (QL)**

**1 of 2 New Library - Rego Park**

QL

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

This request is to fund the full reconstruction of the Rego Park Library, 63 Drive and Austin Street. This request is also to ensure adequate space for library services in the community while construction is taking place.

**2 of 2 Library ADA Accessibility**

QL

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

This request is to fund the renovation / upgrade of existing libraries addressing ADA accessibility concerns. This includes making necessary repairs to make all CB6 Library entrances ADA Accessible - Rego Park Library (South), Forest Hills Library and North Forest Park Library.

## School Construction Authority

**1 of 5 New High School**

SCA

Provide a new or expand an existing high school

Build more new schools to accommodate new residential development. While we are excited about the expansion at Forest Hills High School, we still need more high school seats.

**2 of 5 Air Conditioning In All CB6 Schools**

SCA

Renovate interior building component

Request to prioritize funding of air-conditioning to all district classrooms (havoc, climate resilient), gymnasiums, and cafeteria.

**3 of 5 Learning Centers - 3K & 4K**

SCA

Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school

This is a request to create early learning centers for 3K and 4K in each local school zone.

**4 of 5 Additional School Seats**

SCA

Renovate other site component

This is a request for additional Seats in all CD6 Schools. This is a Capital Investment in additional seats in all CD 6 schools help us meet the Class Size Mandate

**5 of 5 Public School ADA Accessibility**

SCA

Renovate other site component

This request is to renovate interior and exterior building components to supply full ADA Accessibility Compliance in all public schools in CB 6. Prioritize: Halsey JHS and PS 220

## New York Police Department (NYPD)

**1 of 2 Add NYPD parking facilities**

NYPD

Add NYPD parking facilities

This is a request to fund a multi-floor parking garage for the 112th Precinct on Austin Street. Prioritize the purchase of the lot for sale by the City of New York at 68-88 Austin Street in Forest Hills, Queens to build a multiple-floor parking garage for the exclusive use by the NYPD with the additional caveats: - The current parking spaces on Austin Street, Yellowstone Blvd, and Pedestrian Way reserved for the NYPD are open to the general public. - If the City of New York does purchase the lot but declines to use it exclusively for the NYPD, then the City of New York build a parking garage for use by the local residents of Forest Hills, Queens.

**2 of 2 Business District Security Cameras**

NYPD

Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras

This request is to provide funding for security cameras (argus) throughout the following business districts: 1. Austin Street (Yellowstone Boulevard to Ascan Avenue) 2. Metropolitan Avenue (Trotting Course Lane to Ascan Avenue) 3. 108th Street (Horace Harding Expressway to 65th Rd)

**Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)****1 of 5 Installation of Water Fountains**

DPR

Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

This request is to install water fountains in all CB6 Parks that currently don't have them. Extreme heat events are increasing. The CDC and NYC Heat Vulnerability Index recommend access to cooling infrastructure in public.

**2 of 5 Upgrade Willow Lake Playground**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

This is a request to upgrade the play equipment and surface at Willow Lake Playground with accessible, state-of-the-art play equipment, cooling features such as spray showers, shade structures (e.g., gazebos), permeable turf over infiltration basins, and heat-resistant play surfaces. Our community is increasingly affected by extreme heat, and families in CB 6 are relying more than ever on public playgrounds as accessible and affordable spaces for their children to play. Willow Lake playground, one of the most heavily used in our district, must be upgraded to meet these demands. We urgently need a safe, climate-resilient, and inclusive space where children can play even during dangerously hot weather. It's time our community received a modern, state-of-the-art playground that reflects the needs of today and prepares for the challenges of tomorrow.

**3 of 5 Mini Trash Packer for District 6**

DPR

New equipment for maintenance

This request is to fund the purchase of a new mini trash packer for CB6. This equipment is necessary for improved maintenance, cleanliness and safety for all parks in our district. Increased park usage post-COVID has led to higher waste volumes. Clean parks are critical for public health and quality of life.

**4 of 5 Upgrade Ehrenreich Playground**

DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

This request is to upgrade the play equipment and surface at Ehrenreich-Austin Playground with accessible, state-of-the-art play equipment, cooling features such as spray showers, shade structures (e.g., gazebos), permeable turf over infiltration basins, and heat-resistant play surfaces. Our community is increasingly affected by extreme heat, and families in CB 6 are relying more than ever on public playgrounds as accessible and affordable spaces for their children to play. Ehrenreich-Austin playground, one of the most heavily used in our district, must be upgraded to meet these demands. We urgently need a safe, climate-resilient, and inclusive space where children can play even during dangerously hot weather. It's time our community received a modern, state-of-the-art playground that reflects the needs of today and prepares for the challenges of tomorrow.

**5 of 5 Bike Ramp for Stairs at Dog Run**

DPR

Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

This request is to install a bike ramp on the stairs leading from Underbridge Dog Run to Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

**Department of City Planning (DCP)****1 of 1 Infrastructure to support additional housing**

DCP

Other capital request for DCP

This is a request to utilize the capital funding provided under the COYHO (City of Yes for Housing Opportunity) initiative for the improvement of the following services and infrastructure CD6: sewers, sanitary, electrical grid, new schools.

**Department for the Aging (DFTA)**

**1 of 1 Upgrade and Maintain CB6 Senior Centers**

DFTA

Renovate or upgrade a senior center

A number of our local centers need capital upgrades.

**Department of Sanitation (DSNY)****1 of 2 Public Restrooms**

DSNY

Other capital request for DSNY

This request is to install public restrooms near transportation hubs, shopping corridors, and public gathering area such as McDonald Park and near 63rd Rd and 71st Ave-Continental train stations. People in CB6, including residents, commuters, shoppers, and visitors, don't have enough access to clean and safe public bathrooms in busy areas, so they often go into stores just to use the restroom, which causes problems for businesses and makes the neighborhood less welcoming for everyone.

**2 of 2 Smart Composting Bins in High Traffic Areas**

DSNY

Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests

Forest Hills and Rego Park lack convenient composting options in busy public areas, and residents are not being properly educated about how to use compost bins, leading to increased food waste and missed opportunities for sustainable waste management. This request is to install four smart composting bins in high-traffic locations along Austin Street, Queens Boulevard, Yellowstone Boulevard, and Woodhaven Boulevard to encourage residents and visitors to compost properly and reduce landfill waste, paired with an education campaign to raise awareness.

**Fire Department of New York (FDNY)****1 of 3 1 inch Fire Hoses**

FDNY

Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests

This request is to purchase additional equipment such as 1 inch fire hoses for brush fires due to the emerging need to respond to wildfires effectively.

**2 of 3 Lighter Personal Gear**

FDNY

Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests

This request is to purchase additional equipment for CB6 firehouses such as lighter, more ergonomic personal gear due to the emerging need to respond to wildfires effectively.

**3 of 3 Brush Fire Trucks**

FDNY

Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances

This request is to purchase brush fire specific 4X4 trucks due to the emerging need to respond to wildfires effectively.

**EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS****Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)****1 of 1 Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)**

DYCD

Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)

CONTINUE FUNDING THE BEACON PROGRAM AT JHS 190 AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL CORNERSTONE AND BEACON PROGRAMS AT ALL SCHOOLS IN COMMUNITY BOARD 6.

**Department for the Aging (DFTA)**

**1 of 4 Aging In Place Programs****DFTA**

Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place

This request is for additional funding to ensure seniors can age in place. As current population ages, there is a need to ensure the elderly do not need nursing home placement. Including but not limited to funding for Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs); Caregiver Support Programs; Friendly Visiting programs.

**2 of 4 Mental Healthcare for Homebound Seniors****DFTA**

Enhance home care services

This request is to increase funding for mental health services for senior citizens who are unable to leave home.

**3 of 4 Increase home delivered meals capacity****DFTA**

Increase home delivered meals capacity

This request is to increase funding for the Meals On Wheels program. There is increasing need for home delivered meals due to food insecurity. There is also an increasing need for wellness check opportunities due to the prolonged pandemic and families being at a distance from one another.

**4 of 4 Funding for Senior Centers****DFTA**

Other senior center program requests

This request is for the following: Increase and maintain funding for existing senior centers in CB6 Provide increased funding for the Expanded In Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP). Restore funding to assist older and disabled community members in shopping (i.e. utilizing IPADs to shop) Increase funding for mental health professionals at Senior Centers.

**Department of Education (DOE)****1 of 2 3 K for All Programs****DOE**

Other educational programs requests

This request calls for the full expansion of a "no cost" 3K for All program in CB 6. The existing size of offering within district is insufficient. Ensure every child has access to early childhood education seats within their community district.

**2 of 2 Expand Summer Rising****DOE**

Other educational programs requests

This request is for continued funding of the summer rising program and expand the number of seats in CB6.

**New York Police Department (NYPD)****1 of 1 Hire additional crossing guards****NYPD**

Hire additional crossing guards

This request is to recruit and retain local school crossing guards to ensure the safety of students.

**Department of Transportation (DOT)****1 of 4 Conduct traffic or parking studies****DOT**

Conduct traffic or parking studies

Fund safety / design studies throughout CB6 including but not limited to: Union Turnpike - Traffic safety study & development of a street redesign to address safety issues in this area, particularly as they pertain to pedestrian and bicycle rider safety Jewel Ave/69 Rd/GCP Service Road - Traffic safety study & development of a street redesign to address safety issues in this area, particularly as they pertain to pedestrian and bicycle rider safety. Alderton Street - Traffic safety study & development of street redesign to address safety issues throughout the corridor.

**2 of 4 Circuit Pilot Program**  
Address traffic congestion

DOT

The vendor Circuit needs funding to initiate a pilot program to provide free or low-cost electric vehicle shuttle services in CB6. A large number of CB6 residents rely on their personal vehicles for transportation, which not only increases the chances they will leave the district to spend their money but also increases traffic congestion and pollution in our district. We hope that by having DOT provide funding for this program we'll be able to both alleviate traffic congestion and decrease pollution in our community.

**3 of 4 Open Streets and School Streets**  
Other expense budget request for DOT

DOT

This is a request for funding for Open Streets and School Streets. It would make it possible and sustainable to establish some Open Streets segments within the District that would not be reliant on volunteers for setup & takedown.

**4 of 4 Citibike Expansion**  
Other expense budget request for DOT

DOT

This is a request for funding from the City to enable the expansion of the Citibike bikeshare system in to the District, or in the alternative provide such service through other suitable vendors and programs, either currently existing or created by the City.

**New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)****1 of 1 Improve subway station, bus and train cleanliness, security and maintenance**  
Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance

NYCTA

Provide additional funding for routine subway station, bus and train cleaning, security & maintenance in CB6.

**Department of City Planning (DCP)****1 of 2 Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs**  
Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs

DCP

This request is for City Planning to study special rezoning Districts throughout CB6, including commercial areas around Queens Boulevard, 108th Street, and 63rd Drive. This request is modeled on the 10-block Special Forest Hills District centered on Austin Street, which ensures predictable building envelopes and provides a transition in building scale from lower-rise buildings on Austin Street to taller buildings along Queens Boulevard. Other areas in CB6 would also benefit from a wider city planning lens.

**2 of 2 Funding for LUCA**  
Other zoning and land use requests

DCP

Funding to prepare for a Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) effort to ensure that every household address receives a census questionnaire in 2030. A 2030 Census outreach campaign - under DCP purview - will involve an education program to inform and engage CB6 residents, homeowners, renters, policymakers, media, community groups, and the general public about the census in order to minimize undercounting.

**Other****1 of 1 Breaking Bread Building Bonds Program**  
Other expense request

Other

This request is for the Commission on Human Rights to fund and maintain the Breaking Bread, Building Bonds Program, cultivating understanding and respect among the City's many diverse communities. This will promote understanding and respect between the diverse communities in CB6.

**Department for Homeless Services (DHS)**

**1 of 1    Breaking Ground Mobile Teams**

DHS

Expand street outreach

Hire and retain skilled outreach workers, case managers, and peer specialists to expand and maintain the Breaking Ground Mobile Teams.

**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)****1 of 1    Mental Health Crisis Response Teams**

DOHMH

Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment

To fund mental health crisis response teams that would operate 24/7; 365 days/year that would embody existing best practices in non-police alternative mental health crisis response as a stand-alone entity, not affiliated with any city agency.

**Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)****1 of 2    Community Land Trusts**

HPD

Provide, expand, or enhance community outreach on HPD programs and services

Funding for affordable housing development to include Community Land Trusts, and to publicize this particular option to community districts.

**2 of 2    Assist Homeowners with ADU process**

HPD

Provide, expand, or enhance programs for homeowners and first-time homebuyers

Aligned with the recently-enacted Accessory Dwelling Unit provisions in the Zoning Resolution, a request for HPD to partner with a community-based provider to develop a technical assistance resource to help homeowners navigate the process of adding a locationally appropriate, safe, legal, and rentable ADU, including basement apartments. Additional funding is requested to provide eligible low & middle income homeowners of 1 to 3-family homes in CB6 with low/no interest, or possibly forgiveable, loans to convert their homes to provide an ADU. This will help create safe and affordable housing for tenants/occupants - and provide neighborhood continuity - while affording homeowners an opportunity to earn rental income. It would also address heightened resiliency concerns regarding basement flooding within CB6.

**Human Resources Administration (HRA)****1 of 3    Expand Fair Fares Program**

HRA

Provide, expand, or enhance Fair Fares

Expand outreach and increase public awareness of the Fair Fares program to ensure that more eligible New Yorkers can access and benefit from discounted transit.

**2 of 3    Supportive Housing Services**

HRA

Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers

This is the services portion of the Supportive Housing Priority. Range of services offered is flexible and depends on the needs of the tenants. They can include mental / medical healthcare, vocational / employment services, childcare, independent living skills, training and substance abuse counseling.

**3 of 3    Section 8 Landlord Outreach Program**

HRA

Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers

Host workshops, webinars, and one-on-one consultations to demystify the section 8 landlord outreach program.

**Queens Library (QL)**

**1 of 2    7 Day Library Service for all CB6 Libraries**

Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs

**QL**

Increase expense funding for all Queens Public Library locations in CB6 (Forest Hills, Rego Park, North Forest Park) so they can all operate 7 days a week. The Queens Public Libraries have an essential presence in our community, providing indispensable services in a safe and reliable space for youth, seniors, immigrants, and parents of young children. They strengthen community engagement and this funding would ensure they do not have to continue with reduced hours (none of the CB6 libraries are open on Sundays), collections, services, or staff.

**2 of 2    Temporary Rego Park Library During Construction**

Other expense budget request for QL

**QL**

This request is to fund a temporary annex of the Rego Park Library to serve members of community that will be without a library while the Rego Park Library is being completed.