

A map of Queens, New York, with the boundaries of all community districts shown in white. Community District 9 is highlighted in a solid yellow color. The map includes the surrounding water bodies and the Long Island Sound to the east.

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

Fiscal Year
2027

**Queens Community
District
9**

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**Community Board 9, Queens
Queens Borough Hall
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Dear Community Members,

I am pleased to submit the District Needs and Budget Request materials for the upcoming fiscal year on behalf of Queens Community Board 9. These submissions reflect our community's priorities, the ongoing concerns identified by our constituents, and the essential investments required to improve quality of life across our district.

Our recommendations focus on strengthening public safety, enhancing essential services, supporting local infrastructure, and promoting equitable access to resources for all residents. We look forward to working collaboratively with our city partners to ensure these needs are carefully considered and addressed.

Sincerely,

James McClelland

District Manager

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	Percentage Point
AGE							
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
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
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
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
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	Percentage Point
AGE							
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
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
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
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
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 9

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	143,317	100.00	152,839	100.00	9,522	6.6	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	33,974	23.7	31,566	20.7	-2,408	-7.1	-3.0
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	143,317	100.0	152,839	100.0	9,522	6.6	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	58,662	40.9	63,620	41.6	4,958	8.5	0.7
White non-Hispanic	28,029	19.6	23,074	15.1	-4,955	-17.7	-4.5
Black non-Hispanic	11,996	8.4	10,224	6.7	-1,772	-14.8	-1.7
Asian non-Hispanic	31,222	21.8	38,802	25.4	7,580	24.3	3.6
Some other race, non-Hispanic	6,846	4.8	9,768	6.4	2,922	42.7	1.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	6,562	4.6	7,351	4.8	789	12	0.2
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	47,999	100.0	50,877	100.0	2,878	6.0	0.0
Occupied housing units	44,810	93.4	48,117	94.6	3,307	7.4	1.2
Vacant housing units	3,189	6.6	2,760	5.4	-429	-13.5	-1.2

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 No. 9 represents four communities—Woodhaven, Ozone Park, Richmond Hill, and Kew Gardens (WORK). Each neighborhood is distinct, yet residents share many of the same concerns and needs. Our district is truly a microcosm of Queens, where diversity is our greatest strength. Like many New Yorkers, the constituents of Community Board No. 9 want safe streets, strong schools, comprehensive senior services, economic opportunities for local businesses, and access to quality parks and recreation.

During these challenging times, homelessness, hunger, and mental health issues have risen significantly. It is crucial that the City funds programs to assist individuals facing these hardships. Many City agencies have experienced budget cuts and struggle each day to deliver essential services. The NYPD, Sanitation, Transportation, Parks, and the Department of Education are all being asked to do more with less. According to financial watchdogs, the City faces budget gaps of 8% in 2025 and 9% in 2026. These declines in revenue will continue to strain essential services. Despite these fiscal concerns, Community Board 9 is still contending with the construction of a multi-billion-dollar community-based jail in Kew Gardens. The Board continues to request updated information on the project's total cost, expenditures to date, and how the City intends to fund the remaining work.

The City of Yes zoning proposals, while well-intentioned, could have several adverse impacts on the Community Board 9 district—which includes Woodhaven, Ozone Park, Richmond Hill, and Kew Gardens. These neighborhoods are already characterized by aging infrastructure, limited parking, and dense housing conditions, and further increases in development pressure may intensify these long-standing challenges. Allowing broader zoning flexibility could lead to overcrowding on residential blocks, additional strain on schools and public transit, and increased traffic congestion along corridors that are already overburdened. For communities with rich historic character and low-rise streetscapes, the initiative also raises concerns about out-of-scale development and the loss of neighborhood identity. To help mitigate these impacts, it is essential to increase funding to the Department of Buildings so that it can more effectively enforce regulations, monitor new construction, and ensure development occurs safely and responsibly. While growth is important, many residents fear that City of Yes may move faster than the district's ability to absorb new density responsibly.

Thanks to the efforts of the officers of the 102nd Precinct, the Community Board 9 district has experienced an 82% reduction in major crimes. Officers have also issued hundreds of quality-of-life summonses to improve conditions in our neighborhoods. Derelict and abandoned vehicles continue to limit available parking, and we urge a sustained multi-agency response to remove them. Law enforcement has also made measurable progress in shutting down illegal cannabis shops along our retail corridors. While the Police Department provides outstanding service, public safety is a shared responsibility. We must continue building stronger relationships among the community, anti-violence groups, and law enforcement.

We request that the Department of Sanitation's budget be restored so it can service litter baskets, address illegal dumping, and keep our streets clean. Reductions in funding will only worsen existing trash issues in our commercial corridors. Adequate funding is essential for maintaining clean streets and sidewalks.

The City must also ensure that the Department of Transportation (DOT) has the resources needed to continue paving streets and conducting traffic studies. Numerous dangerous intersections and corridors require stop signs, traffic signals, or speed bumps to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety. Sufficient funding is needed for the DOT to receive requests, conduct studies, and install the appropriate safety measures.

Community Board 9 is deeply concerned about the proposed cuts to education. New York City's school system faces significant challenges, including the mandate to reduce class sizes by FY2028—a change projected to cost billions of dollars. Teacher hiring in 2026 is projected to face a shortfall of \$374–\$422 million. The City has also cut \$170 million from early childhood programs, including 3-K. While the administration argues the cuts are necessary to balance supply and demand, advocates contend that the City has not sufficiently promoted these free programs. Reports indicate that schools are facing additional cuts at a time when educators need more resources to support new students and accelerate academic recovery following pandemic-related disruptions. NYC students deserve modern technology, resources, and programs to ensure a high-quality education in a safe learning environment.

We owe our seniors a great debt of gratitude, and we have a responsibility to ensure their access to facilities offering effective, innovative programming. Seniors should have access to technology and equipment that allow them to participate in programs remotely if they choose. For these reasons, our senior centers must be fully funded to enhance the quality of life for our older residents.

Community Board 9 has strong retail corridors led by dedicated small business owners. These businesses were severely impacted during the pandemic, but through determination and resilience they are recovering. The City must provide grants, low-interest loans, consulting services, and clear guidelines to support their continued revival. It is equally important that our commercial corridors remain clean, attractive, and safe for customers. We support a Green Streets program along Woodhaven Boulevard and beautification projects along Jamaica and Liberty Avenues. Our parks remain vital recreational resources for the community.

Forest Park is an invaluable asset to Queens. Community Board 9 requests funding for tree pruning, fencing, and additional Park Enforcement Patrol officers. Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto Park also provides essential green space, and we support capital improvements that will enhance its use for local residents.

Libraries provide access to technology, information, and welcoming spaces for residents of all ages. They offer computer access, inclusive programming, and opportunities for social connection. Community Board 9 requests that the Woodhaven and Richmond Hill Libraries remain fully funded and that planned projects move forward in a timely manner.

Although FY2027 presents economic challenges, our Capital and Expense Priority List reflects the critical needs and concerns of our district. Community Board 9 respectfully calls on our elected officials to fully consider these requests during their budget deliberations.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Queens Community Board 9

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Crime and Public Safety

Public safety and quality of life continue to be major concerns for the residents of Community Board 9. A safe community is the foundation of a thriving neighborhood—without it, residents cannot feel secure in their homes, travel freely on the streets, or enjoy local businesses and public spaces. Crimes affecting our community include, but are not limited to, gun violence, assaults, robberies, and illegal activity involving speeding ATVs and motorcycles. These incidents not only put individuals at risk of physical harm but also erode trust in local institutions and diminish the overall sense of community well-being.

Our local precinct regularly responds to 311 complaints regarding quality of life issues, including noise, drag racing, double-parked cars, and disruptive electric bicycles. These issues may seem minor in isolation, but collectively they disrupt the tranquility of our streets and contribute to a perception of disorder that can invite further criminal activity.

Additionally, the proliferation of illegal cannabis shops is having a negative impact on our neighborhoods, from increased foot traffic to potential safety hazards. Currently, the Sheriff's Department and NYPD lack the personnel and resources to address the spread of these unlicensed establishments effectively.

We recognize that our police officers perform their duties under challenging circumstances and do an outstanding job with the resources available. However, public safety requires a proactive, well-supported approach. Adequate funding, increased personnel, and strong community support are essential to protect our residents, prevent crime, and maintain the quality of life that makes our neighborhoods desirable places to live, work, and raise families.

Land use trends

The preservation of our neighborhood is of paramount importance. Overdevelopment, illegal conversions, and unsafe basement apartments continue to place undue pressure on city services and pose serious dangers to tenants. During Hurricane Ida, 13 people lost their lives in New York City, and eleven of those were in basements when they perished. The city must do a better job ensuring that all tenants live in safe and secure apartments.

The closure of Rikers Island will have serious consequences for our communities. CB9—Woodhaven, Ozone Park, Richmond Hill, and Kew Gardens—could face increased crime and longer delays in the justice system if borough-based jails are not fully prepared. Local resources, including police, courts, and social services, would be strained, and vulnerable individuals may lose access to critical mental health and rehabilitation programs. Moving too quickly risks disrupting neighborhoods, overburdening services, and putting residents' safety at risk. The city must carefully plan and invest in alternatives before closing Rikers.

Community Board 9 has vehemently opposed the package of citywide text amendments known as the City of Yes initiative. While well-intentioned, the City of Yes zoning proposals could have several adverse effects on the Community Board 9 district, which includes Woodhaven, Ozone Park, Richmond Hill, and Kew Gardens. These neighborhoods already face aging infrastructure, limited parking, and dense housing conditions. Additional development pressures may exacerbate these long-standing challenges.

Allowing broader zoning flexibility could lead to overcrowding on residential blocks, place additional strain on schools and public transit, and increase traffic congestion along already overburdened corridors. For communities with rich historic character and low-rise streetscapes, the initiative also raises concerns about out-of-scale development and the loss of neighborhood identity. To help mitigate these impacts, it is essential to increase funding for the Department of Buildings so it can more effectively enforce regulations, monitor new construction, and ensure that development occurs safely and responsibly. While growth is important, many residents fear that the City of Yes may advance faster than the district's ability to responsibly absorb new density.

Community Board 9 strongly opposes the reduction of input from neighborhoods, community boards, and elected officials in the planning, zoning, and land use process. The initiative's expansion of "as-of-right" conditions—where commercial uses are currently limited or prohibited—and the allowance of unfettered commercial development on residential blocks, as proposed in its 18 proposals, threaten the character of our communities. Community Board 9 remains committed to working with elected officials and the Department of City Planning to ensure that development projects benefit the community while preserving the integrity and safety of our neighborhoods.

Trash removal and cleanliness

Sanitation services are essential to maintaining public health, safety, and the overall quality of life in New York City. Efficient garbage collection, recycling programs, and street cleaning help prevent the spread of disease, reduce environmental hazards, and keep neighborhoods clean and livable. In a densely populated city like New York, where millions of residents and businesses generate massive amounts of waste daily, the Department of Sanitation plays a critical role.

Reliable sanitation services not only protect public health but also support economic vitality. Clean streets and public spaces enhance property values, attract businesses, and foster community pride. Conversely, inadequate sanitation can lead to overflowing trash, rodent infestations, and blocked streets, all of which compromise safety and diminish neighborhood livability.

Investing in sanitation infrastructure, workforce, and technology is crucial to ensure that New Yorkers continue to enjoy clean and safe communities. Proper waste management, timely street cleaning, and robust recycling programs are fundamental to sustaining the city's health, safety, and environmental well-being.

While the Department of Sanitation does an outstanding job responding to and resolving complaints, more proactive measures are needed to prevent behaviors that negatively impact the cleanliness of our streets.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Queens Community Board 9

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention programs

Mental health and substance abuse programs are vital to the well-being of New York City residents. With millions of people living in a fast-paced, high-stress environment, access to mental health services helps individuals manage anxiety, depression, trauma, and other conditions that can affect daily life. These programs not only support personal health but also strengthen families, schools, and workplaces by fostering stability, resilience, and overall community well-being.

Substance abuse programs are equally critical, as addiction can have devastating effects on individuals, families, and neighborhoods. Effective prevention, treatment, and recovery initiatives reduce rates of overdose, disease transmission, and criminal activity while promoting long-term health and reintegration into society. In a city as diverse and densely populated as New York, comprehensive substance abuse services help ensure that vulnerable populations—including youth, low-income residents, and marginalized communities—receive the support they need to lead healthy, productive lives.

Investing in mental health and substance abuse programs is not only a moral imperative but also an economic and social one. By providing timely access to treatment and support, the city can reduce strain on hospitals, emergency services, and the criminal justice system. Furthermore, these programs foster safer, more resilient communities, empowering residents to thrive and contributing to the overall health, stability, and vitality of New York City.

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Access to quality healthcare and well-equipped medical facilities is essential for the health and well-being of New York City's residents. With a population of over eight million people, the city faces unique challenges, including high rates of chronic illnesses, population density, and disparities in access to care. Adequate hospitals, clinics, and community health centers ensure that all residents—including vulnerable populations such as the elderly, low-income families, and immigrants—can receive timely medical attention, preventive care, and life-saving treatments. Strengthening healthcare infrastructure is critical to reducing health inequities and improving overall public health outcomes.

Equally important is the investment in modern, well-resourced healthcare facilities that can handle the city's diverse needs and emergencies. Expanding hospital capacity, upgrading equipment, and supporting a trained healthcare workforce are vital to respond to everyday medical needs as well as crises such as pandemics or natural disasters. By prioritizing healthcare access and facility development, New York City can ensure that residents receive high-quality care, promote healthier communities, and maintain a resilient system capable of meeting both current and future demands.

Needs for Older NYs

Older New Yorkers face unique challenges that require dedicated attention and resources. Many seniors experience limited mobility, chronic health conditions, and social isolation, making access to healthcare, transportation, and supportive services critical. Affordable housing, senior centers,

and programs that promote social engagement help maintain independence, safety, and quality of life for older adults. Ensuring that these services are accessible across all neighborhoods allows seniors to remain active participants in their communities.

In addition to daily living needs, older New Yorkers benefit from policies and programs that address financial security, healthcare access, and long-term care options. Expanding home care services, affordable prescription programs, and preventative health initiatives can reduce hospitalizations and improve overall well-being. By investing in resources for seniors, New York City not only supports its aging population but also strengthens the social fabric of the city, honoring the contributions of older residents while ensuring they live with dignity and respect.

Needs for Homeless

The homeless population in New York City faces urgent and complex needs that require comprehensive support and resources. With an estimated 80,000 people experiencing homelessness on any given night, many lack access to stable housing, adequate nutrition, and basic healthcare. Emergency shelters are often overcrowded, leaving some individuals to sleep on the streets or in subways, exposing them to extreme weather and unsafe conditions. Beyond physical safety, many homeless New Yorkers struggle with mental health challenges, substance use disorders, and chronic illnesses that require consistent medical attention—services that are frequently limited or difficult to access. Without robust support systems, these individuals remain trapped in cycles of poverty and instability.

Addressing homelessness in NYC also requires long-term solutions that go beyond temporary shelter. Affordable housing initiatives, job training programs, and mental health and substance abuse treatment are essential for helping individuals regain independence and stability. Supportive services, such as case management, legal assistance, and access to public benefits, can bridge gaps in care and reduce the risk of repeated homelessness. In addition, community outreach programs are critical for connecting unsheltered individuals with the resources they need, particularly in neighborhoods with high concentrations of homeless residents. Comprehensive, well-funded strategies are vital to ensuring that all New Yorkers have the opportunity to live with dignity and security.

Needs for Low Income NYs

Low-income New Yorkers face a range of challenges that threaten their financial stability, health, and overall quality of life. Housing affordability is one of the most pressing concerns, as many families spend a disproportionate share of their income on rent, leaving little for food, healthcare, or education. According to recent data, nearly 60% of low-income households in the city are considered rent-burdened, paying more than 30% of their income on housing. In addition to housing, access to affordable healthcare, reliable transportation, and nutritious food is often limited, creating barriers that perpetuate cycles of poverty. Economic insecurity also affects children in low-income households, who may face difficulties in accessing quality education, extracurricular activities, and safe recreational spaces.

To address these challenges, low-income New Yorkers require comprehensive support systems that provide both immediate relief and long-term opportunities for stability. Expanded affordable housing programs, rental assistance, and initiatives to prevent evictions are essential to ensuring that families have safe and stable homes. Job training, workforce development, and access to higher education can help individuals achieve financial independence and career growth. Equally important are investments in community health centers, food assistance programs, and affordable childcare, which provide the resources necessary for families to thrive. By combining housing, economic, and social support, the city can help low-income residents build a foundation for a healthier and more secure future.

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DFTA	1 / 1	Senior Programming
DOHMH	1 / 2	Mental Health Services for Children and Young Adults
DOHMH	2 / 2	Veteran Mental Health Services
HRA	1 / 1	Domestic Violence Programs

Queens Community Board 9

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Support services for special needs youth (disabled, immigrant, non-English proficient, etc.)

Programs for special needs children in New York City are essential to ensuring that all students have equitable access to education. Children with physical, cognitive, or emotional disabilities often require individualized instruction, specialized therapies, and adaptive learning tools to reach their full potential. Without dedicated programs, these students can struggle academically and socially, increasing the risk of isolation and long-term educational setbacks. Providing tailored support not only benefits the child directly but also fosters a more inclusive classroom environment where diversity is recognized as a strength. Early intervention programs, in particular, have been shown to significantly improve developmental outcomes, preparing special needs students for greater independence and success throughout their educational journey.

Similarly, programs for non-English-speaking students are crucial in a city as linguistically diverse as New York. English Language Learners (ELLs) often face barriers in understanding core curriculum content, which can impede academic progress and limit future opportunities. Bilingual education, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, and culturally responsive teaching strategies help these students develop language proficiency while maintaining confidence in other subjects. Supporting non-English-speaking students also strengthens the broader school community by promoting cross-cultural understanding, reducing achievement gaps, and ensuring that all students have the opportunity to fully participate in classroom life.

Investing in programs for both special needs children and non-English-speaking students has long-term benefits for individuals and society as a whole. These programs promote equity, social inclusion, and academic achievement, reducing the risk of disengagement, dropout, or underemployment later in life. When schools provide targeted resources, professional training for teachers, and appropriate learning environments, students are better prepared to succeed not only academically but also socially and emotionally. Ultimately, supporting these vulnerable student populations helps build a stronger, more inclusive, and resilient New York City, where every child has the opportunity to thrive.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

We need adequate funding for Universal Pre-K programs in all public elementary schools, as well as for home-based Pre-K (3K). It is essential to ensure that all children who apply for Pre-K have access to available seats.

CB9Q continues to advocate for increased funding for our Beacon Program at JHS 210 and for all Beacon programs across NYC. Beacon programs provide students with homework help, test preparation, recreational activities, physical fitness, and nutritional programs, among other services.

CB9Q is also in urgent need of new school construction in Districts 27, 28, and 24, as many children who live in these districts currently attend schools in District 24. Additionally, our board requires more school crossing guards. Dangerous conditions exist at school arrival and dismissal times, with many drivers disregarding traffic laws, creating chaos that jeopardizes the safety of students and families.

Youth education is the foundation of a thriving community. Providing students with high-quality educational programs, after-school support, and safe learning environments helps ensure academic success, personal growth, and long-term opportunities. Investing in youth education not only benefits children individually but also strengthens families and the community as a whole by fostering a well-prepared, responsible, and engaged generation.

For our growing communities, there are significant unmet needs:

The complete absence of a community center to serve the needs of Indo-Caribbean and South Asian children and families.

A lack of legal, affordable housing options.

Insufficient youth and academic programs for children ages 6–18, especially given the high dropout rates and the general disregard for the safety and well-being of our children and residents.

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

Agency	Priority	Title
SCA	1 / 7	PS 60 Expansion Project
SCA	2 / 7	PS 66 Playground Renovation
SCA	3 / 7	PS 62 Gymnasium
SCA	4 / 7	PS 60 Auditorium Upgrade
SCA	5 / 7	PS 60 Public Address System
SCA	6 / 7	PS 56 laptops
SCA	7 / 7	PS 55 Gym Upgrade

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOE	1 / 3	Expand 3k program
DOE	2 / 3	Vocational Programs
DOE	3 / 3	PS 161 NYC Children's Theater
DYCD	1 / 1	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)

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Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

Public safety is the foundation of vibrant and thriving communities in New York City. Safe streets allow families to live without fear, businesses to flourish, and neighborhoods to grow. Maintaining public safety requires not only effective law enforcement but also active engagement from residents, community organizations, and city agencies. Together, these efforts ensure that our neighborhoods remain secure, welcoming, and resilient.

Thanks to the efforts of the police officers assigned to the 102nd Precinct, the Community Board 9 district has experienced an 82% reduction in major crimes. Additionally, officers have issued hundreds of quality-of-life summonses to improve living conditions in our neighborhoods. Derelict and abandoned vehicles continue to limit parking for residents, and we are actively encouraging a multi-agency response to remove these cars from our streets. Law enforcement has also made measurable progress in shutting down illegal cannabis shops operating in our retail corridors. While the police do an outstanding job protecting the community, public safety is a shared responsibility. We must continue to strengthen the relationship between the community, anti-violence groups, and law enforcement.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYPD	1 / 2	102 Pct Parking lot Renovation
NYPD	2 / 2	ARGUS Cameras

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYPD	1 / 2	Additional Officers Assigned to 102 Pct
NYPD	2 / 2	Additional Crossing Guards

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

Sewer capacity

New York City's sewer system is a critical piece of infrastructure that protects public health, prevents flooding, and safeguards the environment. Much of the city's sewer network was built decades ago and was not designed to handle the increased population, urban development, and extreme weather events we face today. During heavy rainstorms, the system can become overwhelmed, leading to street flooding, basement backups, and overflows of untreated sewage into local waterways. Expanding sewer capacity is essential to reduce these risks, protect residents' homes and businesses, and maintain compliance with environmental regulations.

Beyond immediate public health concerns, investing in larger sewer capacity supports the city's long-term resilience in the face of climate change. With more frequent and intense storms expected in the coming years, the current system will continue to struggle unless upgrades are made. Larger sewers, combined with modern stormwater management practices, green infrastructure, and maintenance programs, can mitigate flooding, improve water quality, and ensure that New York City remains a safe, livable urban environment for all residents.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

Many neighborhoods experience aging water mains and sewer lines that are increasingly prone to leaks, backups, and flooding, particularly during heavy storms, putting residents' health and property at risk. With climate change intensifying rainfall and extreme weather events, expanding the capacity of stormwater management systems is essential to prevent basement flooding and protect local waterways from contamination. Additionally, environmental protection initiatives—such as reducing pollution, maintaining green spaces, and improving air and water quality—are urgently needed to ensure a sustainable and safe living environment. Adequate investment in these areas will safeguard public health, preserve property, and enhance the overall quality of life for the diverse communities of CB9.

Needs for Sanitation Services

Beyond routine waste collection, Community Board 9 requires increased support for proactive sanitation initiatives that address long-term environmental sustainability. Programs to educate residents on proper recycling, composting, and waste reduction can help minimize the strain on sanitation infrastructure while promoting greener practices. Investment in modernized sanitation equipment and additional personnel is also crucial to ensure that cleanup efforts are thorough, particularly after storms or large community events. By prioritizing sanitation services, the city can protect public health, reduce environmental hazards, and maintain the vibrant and livable character of CB9 neighborhoods for all residents.

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

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DSNY	1 / 9	Graffiti Removal
DSNY	2 / 9	Power washing sidewalks along Jamaica Avenue
DSNY	3 / 9	Litter Basket Service
DSNY	4 / 9	Motorized Litter Patrols
DSNY	5 / 9	Maintaining and cleaning center median
DSNY	6 / 9	Increase vacant lot cleaning
DSNY	7 / 9	Curbside recycling program
DSNY	8 / 9	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal
DSNY	9 / 9	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions

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

Land use and zoning

The preservation of our neighborhood is of paramount importance. Overdevelopment, illegal conversions, and unsafe basement apartments continue to place undue pressure on city services and pose serious dangers to tenants. During Hurricane Ida, 13 people lost their lives in New York City, and eleven of those were in basements when they perished. The city must do a better job ensuring that all tenants live in safe and secure apartments.

The closure of Rikers Island will have serious consequences for our communities. CB9—Woodhaven, Ozone Park, Richmond Hill, and Kew Gardens—could face increased crime and longer delays in the justice system if borough-based jails are not fully prepared. Local resources, including police, courts, and social services, would be strained, and vulnerable individuals may lose access to critical mental health and rehabilitation programs. Moving too quickly risks disrupting neighborhoods, overburdening services, and putting residents' safety at risk. The city must carefully plan and invest in alternatives before closing Rikers.

Community Board 9 has vehemently opposed the package of citywide text amendments known as the City of Yes initiative. While well-intentioned, the City of Yes zoning proposals could have several adverse effects on the Community Board 9 district, which includes Woodhaven, Ozone Park, Richmond Hill, and Kew Gardens. These neighborhoods already face aging infrastructure, limited parking, and dense housing conditions. Additional development pressures may exacerbate these long-standing challenges.

Allowing broader zoning flexibility could lead to overcrowding on residential blocks, place additional strain on schools and public transit, and increase traffic congestion along already overburdened corridors. For communities with rich historic character and low-rise streetscapes, the initiative also raises concerns about out-of-scale development and the loss of neighborhood identity. To help mitigate these impacts, it is essential to increase funding for the Department of Buildings so it can more effectively enforce regulations, monitor new construction, and ensure that development occurs safely and responsibly. While growth is important, many residents fear that the City of Yes may advance faster than the district's ability to responsibly absorb new density.

Community Board 9 strongly opposes the reduction of input from neighborhoods, community boards, and elected officials in the planning, zoning, and land use process. The initiative's expansion of "as-of-right" conditions—where commercial uses are currently limited or prohibited—and the allowance of unfettered commercial development on residential blocks, as proposed in its 18 proposals, threaten the character of our communities. Community Board 9 remains committed to working with elected officials and the Department of City Planning to ensure that development projects benefit the community while preserving the integrity and safety of our neighborhoods.

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

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
SBS	1 / 1	Awning Replacement program

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Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Parking operations

faces a number of pressing transportation and mobility challenges rooted in both local infrastructure and broader transit-system reforms. One of the most contentious issues in recent years has centered around the MTA's Queens Bus Network Redesign. While the plan aims to modernize bus service — increasing frequency, introducing new "rush" routes, and improving connections to subways and the LIRR — some CB9 residents have expressed concern about the removal of certain bus stops and changes to familiar routes.

A key example involves the Q10 bus, which presently links parts of the district to Liberty Avenue and the A train. Under the redesign, this route would be replaced by the Q9 along 130th Street, a move that many community members worry would disproportionately affect seniors, students, and others who depend on the Q10's more localized path.

The sentiment shows that while operational efficiency is a priority for transit planners, ease of access continues to be just as important to residents — especially for those with limited mobility.

Beyond buses, CB9's Transportation & Traffic Committee has also weighed in on the proliferation of e-bikes and scooters. In its May 2025 meeting, the board expressed support for a city council bill (Intro 606) that would require licensing and registration for e-bike and scooter users, and proposed liability insurance to better protect pedestrians.

Concurrently, there are significant safety concerns tied to how shared e-scooter programs are managed: local and state leaders have called on New York City's DOT to improve enforcement and infrastructure, arguing that improperly parked scooters block sidewalks, driveways, and even fire hydrants, making travel difficult and hazardous — especially for older adults and people with disabilities.

Together, these issues highlight a central tension for CB9: the need to modernize and streamline transportation services without undermining accessibility or safety for the most vulnerable residents. For the board, the challenge lies in balancing efficiency gains from redesign projects with an equitable approach that respects the mobility patterns and needs of longtime community members.

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 / 4	Jamaica Avenue Beautification Project
DOT	2 / 4	Queens Boulevard Greenstreet Project
DOT	3 / 4	Woodhaven Boulevard Greenstreet Project
DOT	4 / 4	Bike Racks for Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto Park

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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

Community board resources (offices, staff, and equipment)

Community Boards play a critical role in the functioning of New York City's local government. As the closest form of government to residents, they serve as the frontline advocates for community needs, ensuring that the voices of local residents are heard in city planning, development, and service delivery. From zoning and land use to public safety, sanitation, transportation, and social services, Community Boards provide essential guidance and oversight to ensure that municipal policies reflect the priorities of the neighborhoods they represent.

In addition to advisory and oversight responsibilities, Community Boards foster civic engagement by providing a platform for residents to participate directly in the governance of their communities. They act as a bridge between city agencies and the public, helping residents navigate municipal services and ensuring that city programs are responsive to local needs. By facilitating communication, collaboration, and accountability, Community Boards strengthen the social fabric of neighborhoods and contribute to the equitable delivery of resources and services.

Furthermore, Community Boards play a vital role in long-term planning and community resilience. They provide input on capital projects, infrastructure improvements, and emergency preparedness, helping neighborhoods adapt to growth, environmental challenges, and other changes. In doing so, they ensure that local perspectives shape decisions that affect the quality of life for all residents. To fully empower Community Boards to carry out these responsibilities, it is essential to increase funding and provide adequate staffing and resources. Enhanced support will allow boards to operate more effectively, better serve their communities, and ensure that all residents have a voice in shaping the future of their neighborhoods.

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

Needs for Library Services

Libraries are essential community resources that provide access to knowledge, technology, and educational programs for people of all ages. They serve as safe spaces for learning, creativity, and civic engagement, supporting literacy, workforce development, and lifelong education. Well-funded libraries strengthen communities by ensuring that every resident has the opportunity to grow, explore, and succeed.

The renovation of the Richmond Hill Library has been delayed for many years, despite full funding. Community Board 9 urges that this project be completed so local residents can fully benefit from the library. We also call for increased funding for all libraries and expanded weekend service at Richmond Hill, Woodhaven, and all libraries within Community Board 9, Queens.

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 / 10	Phil Rizzuto Park Sidewalk markings for track
DPR	2 / 10	Jackson Pond Playground Upgrade
DPR	3 / 10	Victory Field Upgrade
DPR	4 / 10	Phil Rizzuto Park Ballfield Upgrade
DPR	5 / 10	Overlook entrances ADA Compliance
DPR	6 / 10	Resurface Interior Walkways in Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto Park
DPR	7 / 10	Greenhouse Playground
DPR	8 / 10	Table tennis court for Phil Scooter Rizzuto Park
DPR	9 / 10	Shade structure in Phil Scooter Rizzuto Park
DPR	10 / 10	Phil Scooter Rizzuto Park comfort station upgrade
DPR	CS	Overlook ADA Compliance for Access
DPR	CS	ASA Compliance for all Overlook Entrances

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DPR	1 / 3	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)
DPR	2 / 3	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance
DPR	3 / 3	Increase funding for street tree maintenance

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
DCAS	1 / 1	100th Street Capital Improvement
NYCTA	1 / 1	LIRR Babbage and Bessemer Upgrade

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOB	1 / 1	Funding for additional DOB Inspectors

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

1 of 10	Phil Rizzuto Park Sidewalk markings for track Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Community is requesting painting sidewalk marking on the perimeter sidewalk to promote walking and running		
2 of 10	Jackson Pond Playground Upgrade Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Funding to upgrade equipment and park amenities in Jackson Pond Playground		
3 of 10	Victory Field Upgrade Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
New synthetic turf and running track for Victory Field		
4 of 10	Phil Rizzuto Park Ballfield Upgrade Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Community is requesting the reconstruction of ballfield/athletic field in Phil Rizzuto Park		
5 of 10	Overlook entrances ADA Compliance Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Additional Funding to complete ADA compliance for all Overlook entrances and install new benches		
6 of 10	Resurface Interior Walkways in Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto Park Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	DPR
Resurface all interior walkways in Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto Park		
7 of 10	Greenhouse Playground Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Reconstruction of Greenhouse Playground		
8 of 10	Table tennis court for Phil Scooter Rizzuto Park Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Community is requesting the installation of a table tennis court in Phil Scooter Rizzuto Park		
9 of 10	Shade structure in Phil Scooter Rizzuto Park Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Install shade structure in Phil Scooter Rizzuto Park		

10 of 10	Phil Scooter Rizzuto Park comfort station upgrade Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Funding to reconstruct comfort station in Phil Scooter Rizzuto Park		
CS	Overlook ADA Compliance for Access Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	DPR
Additional funding to complete ADA compliance for all Overlook Entrances		
CS	ASA Compliance for all Overlook Entrances Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	DPR
Additional funding to complete ADA compliance project for all Overlook entrances		

New York Police Department (NYPD)

1 of 2	102 Pct Parking lot Renovation Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	NYPD
The parking lot adjacent to the 102nd Precinct building needs to be resurfaced and repair. This will provide adequate parking for police office and free up street parking in front of residential property		
2 of 2	ARGUS Cameras Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	NYPD
Provide ARGUS cameras in high crime areas		

New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)

1 of 1	LIRR Babbage and Bessemer Upgrade Other capital request	NYCTA
Location: Babbage Street - Hillside Avenue & Hillside Avenue Capital improvements to LIRR property between Babbage and Bessemer Streets, bounded by Hillside and 84th Avenues, and 126th Street and Metropolitan Avenue (security fencing, improved lighting, facade repair and security cameras).		

Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)

1 of 1	100th Street Capital Improvement Other capital request	DCAS
Location: 100 Street - 103 Avenue & 103 Avenue DCAS-Capital improvements to DCAS property currently rented by businesses on 100th Street between 103 Avenue and 101st Avenue		

Department of Transportation (DOT)

1 of 4	Jamaica Avenue Beautification Project Repair or provide new street lights	DOT
Location: Jamaica Avenue - Lefferts Boulevard & Lefferts Boulevard Jamaica beautification project. Including new lighting on Jamaica Ave from Lefferts Boulevard to Eldert Lane.		

2 of 4	Queens Boulevard Greenstreet Project Upgrade or create new greenways	DOT
Location: Queens Boulevard - Union Turnpike & Van Wyck Expressway Incorporate Greenstreet Program on Queens Boulevard. Beautify medians with trees and gardens where appropriate.		
3 of 4	Woodhaven Boulevard Greenstreet Project Upgrade or create new greenways	DOT
Location: Woodhaven Blvd - Myrtle Ave & 103rd Avenue Incorporate Greenstreets Program on Woodhaven Blvd. Additional tree plantings on Woodhaven Blvd. from Myrtle Ave. to 103 Ave. and gardens where appropriate.		
4 of 4	Bike Racks for Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto Park Other capital budget request for DOT	DOT
Location: 125th street & 95th Avenue Community is requesting the installation of bike racks around the perimeter of Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto Park		

School Construction Authority

1 of 7	PS 60 Expansion Project Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	SCA
Funding for school expansion project to help reduce class size		
2 of 7	PS 66 Playground Renovation Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	SCA
Renovation of PS 66 playground		
3 of 7	PS 62 Gymnasium Renovate interior building component	SCA
Renovation of school gymnasium		
4 of 7	PS 60 Auditorium Upgrade Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	SCA
Auditorium upgrade that includes new seating, audio and lighting systems		
5 of 7	PS 60 Public Address System Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	SCA
Funding for new Public Address System to ensure clear communication and improve safety		
6 of 7	PS 56 laptops Provide technology upgrade	SCA
Funding to purchase ten (10) Lenvo Laptops (Tine Gen 5 model)		

7 of 7 PS 55 Gym Upgrade
Renovate interior building component

SCA

PS 55 gym upgrade

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Department of Education (DOE)

1 of 3 Expand 3k program
Other educational programs requests

DOE

Expand 3k program and enrollment opportunities

2 of 3 Vocational Programs
Other educational programs requests

DOE

Provide funding for vocational programs in schools

3 of 3 PS 161 NYC Children's Theater
Other educational programs requests

DOE

PS 161 is requesting funding to support the NYC Children's Theater Program

Department for the Aging (DFTA)

1 of 1 Senior Programming
Enhance educational and recreational programs

DFTA

Our seniors deserve programs that improve the mental, physical, financial and emotional health. It is important we increase funding to programs that will greatly improve the quality of life of our senior population.

Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)

1 of 1 Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)
Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)

DYCD

Continue to fund Beacon Program at Middle School 210 and expand to other district schools. The Beacon Program provides educational, sports and mentoring opportunities outside normal classroom hours. Funding should be maintained or increased.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

1 of 2 Mental Health Services for Children and Young Adults
Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment

DOHMH

In this technologically advanced environment and the use of various social media platforms can cause stress and anxiety in our children and young adults. There should be access to mental health programs to help individuals cope with stress and depression.

2 of 2 Veteran Mental Health Services
Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment

DOHMH

Many veterans return to civilian life that require mental health support. Issues can be dealing with PTSD, substance abuse or difficulties returning to civilian life. It is important that we have programs to help our veteran population.

New York Police Department (NYPD)

1 of 2 Additional Officers Assigned to 102 Pct**NYPD**

Hire additional uniformed officers

We must receive our fair share of Police Officers. Our district will be home to high-rise community jail and also includes Queens Borough Hall, Forest Park, and a number of churches, synagogues and temples that are in need of constant attention.

2 of 2 Additional Crossing Guards**NYPD**

Hire additional crossing guards

Hire additional crossings and assign to local schools

Human Resources Administration (HRA)**1 of 1 Domestic Violence Programs****HRA**

Provide social services for domestic violence survivors (legal services, counseling, referral to supportive services, etc.)

Domestic violence does not discriminate. Anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion or gender can be a victim - or perpetrator - of domestic violence. It can happen to people who are married, living together or who are dating. It affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels. We need programs to help these victims

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**1 of 3 Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)****DPR**

Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)

Fund Park Enforcement Patrol Unit for Forest Park. Forest Park is host to many athletic facilities, recreational programs, and special events. It also has 543 acres of forest, which feature numerous hiking trails and a 4-mile equestrian path. Our park has a high volume of events and activities. Problems such as user conflicts permit violations, crowd control, vandalism, deviant behavior and other enforcement issues are in need of attention. Often, PEP nits are not available to respond to Forest Parks needs due to citywide distribution of their staff, and summer staffing of pools and beaches. This has created a rise in misuse of and vandalism to park facilities, damage to the landscape, criminal activity and mischief.

2 of 3 Forestry services, including street tree maintenance**DPR**

Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

Fund Pruning Contract for Forest Park This is now a safety issue. Branches have fallen during park concerts and events. It is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or killed. The 543-acre park has large mature trees that are 150 years plus. We desperately need a PIP (Parks Inspection Project) funded along with pruning dollars.

3 of 3 Increase funding for street tree maintenance**DPR**

Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

Increase funding for tree maintenance and pruning for Woodhaven, Ozone Park, Richmond Hill and Kew Gardens.

Department of Buildings (DOB)**1 of 1 Funding for additional DOB Inspectors****DOB**

Other expense request for DOB

Funding for additional inspectors to address issues resulting from the City of Yes

Department of Sanitation (DSNY)**1 of 9 Graffiti Removal****DSNY**

Increase Graffiti Removal/Cleaning

Graffiti Removal

2 of 9	Power washing sidewalks along Jamaica Avenue Other cleaning requests	DSNY
Power washing sidewalks along Jamaica Avenue		
3 of 9	Litter Basket Service Other garbage collection and recycling requests	DSNY
Maintaining and increasing litter basket service		
4 of 9	Motorized Litter Patrols Other expense budget request for DSNY	DSNY
Maintaining and increasing MLP services to address illegal drop off and dump out conditions		
5 of 9	Maintaining and cleaning center median Other cleaning requests	DSNY
Maintaining and cleaning center median		
6 of 9	Increase vacant lot cleaning Increase vacant lot cleaning	DSNY
Maintaining and increasing funding levels for vacant lot cleaning		
7 of 9	Curbside recycling program Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	DSNY
Maintaining curbside recycling program		
8 of 9	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	DSNY
Restore the Curbside E-Waste collection program		
9 of 9	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions	DSNY
Continuation of funds for school truck services, assistance to schools to maximize recycling and assist schools comply with collection schedules		

Department of Small Business Services (SBS)

1 of 1	Awning Replacement program Assist with on-site business compliance with City regulations	SBS
Provide assistance to small businesses to comply with awning replacement mandates		