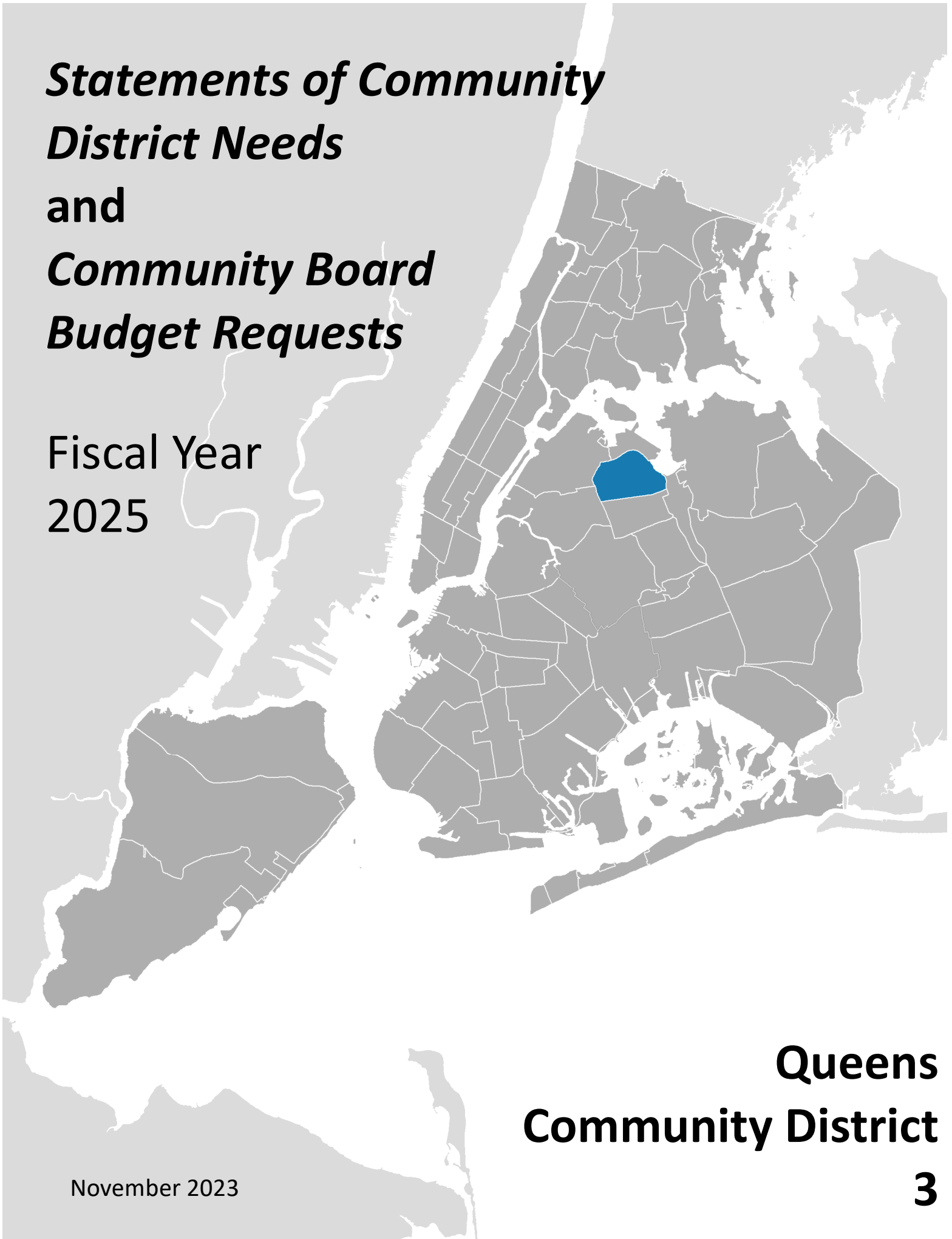


***Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests***

Fiscal Year
2025

**Queens
Community District
3**

November 2023



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) 2025. 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, 2023.

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.

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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 3

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	171,576	100.00	179,134	100.00	7,558	4.4	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	37,739	22	37,590	21	-149	-0.4	-1.0
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	171,576	100.0	179,134	100.0	7,558	4.4	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	110,108	64.2	113,447	63.3	3,339	3.0	-0.9
White non-Hispanic	20,334	11.9	17,643	9.8	-2,691	-13.2	-2.1
Black non-Hispanic	10,683	6.2	8,690	4.9	-1,993	-18.7	-1.3
Asian non-Hispanic	26,996	15.7	34,456	19.2	7,460	27.6	3.5
Some other race, non-Hispanic	1,246	0.7	2,210	1.2	964	77.4	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,209	1.3	2,688	1.5	479	21.7	0.2
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	56,181	100.0	59,119	100.0	2,938	5.2	0.0
Occupied housing units	52,404	93.3	56,025	94.8	3,621	6.9	1.5
Vacant housing units	3,777	6.7	3,094	5.2	-683	-18.1	-1.5

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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

Queens Community Board 3 FY2025 District Needs Statement

The community continues to grow, and our basic priorities remain the same. Community Board 3's goal is to enhance the quality of life for all its residents from our very young to seniors. Community Board 3 is comprised of the neighborhoods of East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, and North Corona bounded by the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway to the west, Grand Central Parkway to the north, Flushing Meadow Corona Park to the east, and Roosevelt Avenue to the south. The district encompasses zip codes 11368, 11369, 11370, and 11372. CB3's land area is 3.0 square miles and is serviced by the 115th Police Precinct; Sanitation Queens West 3; Fire Engine Company 307/Ladder 154 and Engine Company 316; 23 Public schools; 11 private and parochial schools; 2 post-secondary degree-granting institutions; 4 public libraries; 1 private library; 28 Day Care/ Head Start facilities; 11 known mental health facilities; 12 residences that provide services for individuals with developmental disabilities; 11 shelters; 9 park/playgrounds; 1 vest-pocket park; 7 sitting areas; 8 park strips, 2 Dog Parks, Diversity Plaza, Travers Park has incorporated 78th Street Play Street in its expansion of the facility, Fisher Pool and Malcolm X Promenade.

The district lies in the shadow of La Guardia Airport, where some of its residents are employed. Airport-related uses along a portion of its northernmost street Ditmars Boulevard, are evident with the presence of hotels such as the Marriott Hotel, La Guardia Plaza, National Car Rental maintains a major facility, and the Vaughn College- School of Aeronautics is in the vicinity. Our major shopping districts and commercial corridors are located along Roosevelt Avenue on the southern boundary of the district; Astoria Boulevard on the northern boundary; 37th Avenue, Northern Boulevard, 73 Street; 74th Street, 82nd Street, 90th Street, Junction Boulevard, 103rd Street. The district's showplaces within the M-1 zone are the Bulova Corporate Center, and Home Depot.

There are a many notable sites located within the confines of the district to name a couple ; the Jackson Heights Historic District, America's first planned "garden city" and the Louis Armstrong House/Museum, a national landmark in North Corona. Community Board 3 is densely populated and probably the most diverse community on the planet. According to NYU Furman Center, 62.8% of our population is foreign-born and most of our citizens originate from Latin America. Over Forty-Eight percent (48.8 %) of these residents have limited English proficiency in contrast to the Borough which is at 28.89% and the City of New York at 23.1%. More services for these constituents are critically needed. The Census reports that our population is 178,022, which means that our numbers have increased since the 2000 census. It is widely known, however, that New York was severely under-counted in the last census. We, therefore, believe that NYU Furman Center's single-year indicator which projects our population to be at 185,815 is probably a more accurate count.

While there are three distinct neighborhoods, North Corona, East Elmhurst, and Jackson Heights in Queens Community Board 3, we are all working towards a common goal to improve the quality of life for our families and community.

We, therefore, continue to advocate for our top priorities:

- Construct a New Hospital in East Elmhurst, North Corona,
- Build a New High School at the stalled construction site at 112- 51 Northern Boulevard,
- Clean-Up Flushing Bay and Implement the Army Core of Engineers Recommendations,
- Expand the Capacity of the Jackson Heights Library
- Corona Library Construct a Library north of Northern Blvd.
- Affordable Housing –
- Reconstruct/Repair Sewers to Alleviate Backups and Flooding
- Construct an Intergenerational Facility in Jackson Heights
- Increase Youth Programs Increase Senior Programs
- Expand Medical Services at the Corona Health Center
- Increase Police Personnel at the 115th Precinct.
- Conduct a Commercial District Needs Assessment
- Construct a Performance Arts Center
- Increase the Capacity of Elmhurst Hospital.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Queens Community Board 3

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable housing

Affordable Housing While there is housing construction all over the district, very few of the developments are intended for low to middle-income families. These past three years have had a devastating impact on our district particularly as it relates to affordable housing. Long before the pandemic there was a shortage of affordable housing crisis. Illegal unsafe conversions and residents doubling and tripling up in apartments have increased. It is because residents cannot afford the high rents. By the same token some landlords have not received their rent in some cases for several years. To add to the mix, some unscrupulous landlords are forcing poor families out of their apartments. These residents have fixed incomes and cannot afford high rents. Many of these residents are seniors and disabled individuals who are part of the impacted group. The housing court really tells the story; in that there is a disproportionate number of minority low-income and at-risk individuals who fall victim to the situation. Many of these tenants cannot afford an attorney and end up losing their homes. The New York Furman Center reports that Queens Community Board 3 ranks number 2 for rent-burdened households and 3rd highest for severe crowding of rental units citywide. According to the report, more than 53.3% of our population pay 35% or more of their income for rent. In addition, 25.5% of our residents live below the poverty level and for some permanent housing is not a given. The pandemic exacerbated the problem, for many families each month is a struggle, they must make the difficult decision as to whether to pay the rent or forgo other essential needs. Every month, they are at risk of being evicted and homeless. Affordable housing is one of our top concerns. We believe that housing is a right and a fundamental need that must be addressed. We, therefore, call upon the City of New York to do more to keep our most vulnerable populations in their homes. Put systems in place to encourage private developers to construct affordable housing. Set a plan to encourage landlords to remain in the rent stabilization program. Develop incentives to attract new property owners to participate in rent stabilization. While the rent moratorium is no longer in place for most people, the city must do all it can to protect our at risk population until they are able to get on their feet. The city should continue to advocate for more federal dollars and programs that will help to keep a roof over the heads of our most vulnerable. The influx of the newly arrived migrants, underscores the fact that urgent attention must be given to this critical issue.

Public health facilities

Increase the Capacity and the Number of Public Health Facilities In Community Board 3 Jackson Heights and Elmhurst was the epicenter during the pandemic. Elmhurst Hospital nurses and doctors did a herculean job in saving the lives of Covid-19 victims. Elmhurst Hospital reports that in the last 7 years the emergency department volumes have increased by 33%. Patient wait time has considerably increased. Expanding the facility would be beneficial and positively enhance service delivery. Additional hospital beds and the expansion of the emergency room are sorely needed. Elmhurst Hospital is the only medical facility in our immediate area. Four hospitals closed their doors over twenty years, Elmhurst Hospital is now accommodating many of the patients that used to go to those closed facilities. While Urgent Care facilities are opening around the board area and borough, it does not diminish the fact that more hospitals and the services that they provide are still needed. To enhance the Elmhurst Hospital's capabilities the following needs are requested: E6 Med-Surge Renovation- This project will involve the conversion of current administrative space into a Med-Surge unit to house critically ill patients and patients recovering from surgical procedures. Purchase of Surgical Laser - Acquiring surgical laser will allow our ENT physicians to perform minimally invasive, highly precise surgeries for a wide range of treatments for diseases of ear/nose/throat. Purchase of Additional da Vinci Surgical Robot da Vinci® robotic surgery technology will allow Elmhurst to perform additional robotic surgeries. Robotic surgeries using the da Vinci system enable faster recovery time for patients. Other benefits include reduced pain, less blood loss, reduced risk of infection or complications and less scarring. Remodel In-patient Units 3rd Floor and 6th Floor. Elmhurst Hospital would like to add additional new furniture and amenities to inpatient units on floors 3 and 6 of its main building. The aforementioned modifications and additional services will help to better serve the community.

Street flooding

Flooding and Sewer Backups Many years ago, flooding and sewer backup conditions were confined to East Elmhurst ,however, currently the condition can occur in any area of the district. Zip codes 11368, 11369, 11370 and 11372 encompass the neighborhoods of Jackson Heights, Corona, East Elmhurst, and Woodside. Each area of the district has experienced flooding and sewer backup during heavy rainfalls. Flooding occurs because our existing combined sewer system does not have the capacity to handle the volume of the incoming water. It was thought that storms and heavy rains occurred once every hundred years. Due to climate change, however, the incidence of flooding and sewer backups have become more frequent. These events can often cause a lot of damage and loss of life. We call upon our elected officials and DEP to fund the changeout of our existing combined sewer to a dedicated system. Queens Community Board 3 has been advocating for this infrastructure upgrade for more than thirty years.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Queens Community Board 3

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Health code enforcement

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

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

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

Needs for Older NYs

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

Needs for Homeless

Services for the unhoused must be substantially improved. Essential services must be provided such as permanent housing, employment, training, and financial assistance to ensure success.

Needs for Low Income NYs

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/39	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>Construct new Hospital in Corona/East Elmhurst area. Elmhurst Hospital is the only medical facility in QCB3 area. The hospital serves over a million patients annually. Our area during the pandemic was hit more than any area in the country. The hospital was heroic in saving lives during the health crisis but like many hospitals, was seriously challenged. Our hospital needs to expand its footprint by building on its existing campus or creating an annex in or near East Elmhurst and North Corona. An additional facility is needed without question.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/33	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Increase funding for rodent abatement. Lets cleanup public areas. Hire more exterminators to reduce and curtail infestations.</i>	
7/33	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Due to the rise of food insecurity, additional pantries and resources are warranted. Since the pandemic, our community's greatest challenge is food insecurity.</i>	
24/33	DOHMH	Increase health and safety inspections, e.g. for restaurants and childcare programs	<i>Request: Hire additional Department of Health Inspectors to conduct night inspections. Explanation: Unlicensed food vending along Roosevelt Ave, Broadway, 74th and 37th Avenues are increasing. The community would benefit from having more inspections conducted particularly at night where the problem is most prevalent.</i>	

**Enhance NORC
programs and health
services**

Request: Provide funding to increase NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) Programming in CB3. Explanation: Seniors are the second largest population within CB3. It is important that senior programming such as NORC be made available to our elder residents. Providing health and social services within the confines of their coop/apartment complexes would significantly improve their quality of life.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Queens Community Board 3

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Youth workforce development and summer youth employment

Youth Work Force Development The summer youth program is essential for the development of our young people. These annual experiences help to develop character, expand the young person's horizons, and put them on their career track.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

Community Board3's highest priority is to provide a first-class education for our children. Before Covid-19 districts 24 and 30 had the highest incidence of overcrowding in our neighborhood schools. Both districts report that currently there has been less overcrowding since the pandemic . We expect that students will return to school. We hope to be ready to receive them by ensuring that every student will have a seat and the necessary tools for their success Education remains our top priority.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

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

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/39	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Expand and increase the number of seats in our existing schools, particularly in District 24. We should be ready to accommodate the influx of migrant students.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/33	DOE	Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Child Care and Head Start programs	<i>Request: Restore Day Care Slots and after school programs. Explanation: Our Community's population has increased. Many of our young working families require day care services & after school programs. Working parents deserve programs that will serve the needs of their pre-school children ages three months to five years old.</i>	
10/33	DYCD	Other youth workforce development requests	<i>Request: Restore and Increase funding for youth, adult and senior programming in Jackson Heights, North Corona and East Elmhurst. Explanation: There is a severe shortage of programs in CD3 that cater to the recreational needs of our youth and seniors. Our community deserves quality facilities and programming that will enrich our lives.</i>	
28/33	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Provide and increase funding for the STEAM program within CB3. STEAM is a method of instruction that incorporates Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics and helps to promote student critical thinking. Every classroom should have access to these important resources.</i>	

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Queens Community Board 3

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

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

Needs for Emergency Services

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

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
21/39	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>FDNY Station 307/154 - Upgrade kitchen.</i>	8119 Northern Blvd
29/39	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	<i>Purchase a Medical Service Vehicle - FDNY/EMS for the Borough of Queens (for 10 patients at a time can be attended to on this mobile vehicle) Existing vehicle is over 29 years old.</i>	
31/39	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	<i>Purchase for FDNY - Mutual aid Rapid Response Vehicle - For Citywide use state of the art vehicle that will transport equipment and supplies in emergency situations.</i>	
32/39	FDNY	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	<i>At EMS Unit 406 - Upgrade men's locker room and shower.</i>	
39/39	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	<i>Purchase a Bariatric Ambulance Unit.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/33	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>Request: Restore our full complement of NYPD personnel, NCO (s), administrative aides, custodial services, and school safety guards. Explanation: QCB3 has lost Police Officers due to retirement, sick leave and reassignments. While the 115 Precinct is doing a great job with current resources, our community deserves replacement of loss personnel. Hire additional custodial personnel for the 115 precinct. The additional staff will improve the precinct's day-to-day operations.</i>	92-15 Northern Blvd

27/33

NYPD

**Hire additional
traffic enforcement
agents**

*Increase funding to hire additional traffic
enforcement agents to address double parking
and other traffic infractions.*

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Queens Community Board 3

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

Air quality and pollution

Air Pollution Monitors CB3 is surrounded by LaGuardia Airport, BQE and Grand Central Parkway. Our residents are concerned about the impact of fumes emitting from motor vehicles and planes in the community. There is a high incidence of asthma & respiratory disease in our district. The need to install air monitors in our area is clear

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

Provide Funding for The Installation of a Dedicated Sewer System and Implement the Army Corp of Engineers Recommendations For decades residents have complained about the flooding that occurs whenever there is heavy rainfall. It was thought that these storms used to occur once in a hundred years. However, due to climate change, the incidence of flooding and sewer backups have become more frequent. We call upon the City of New York to invest in upgrading our combined sewer to a dedicated system. In light of the devastation that the City of New York has experienced with Hurricane Ida, it would be wise to provide funding to construct a dedicated sewer system, for doing so, will help to reduce the possibility of any further loss. We ask DEP to give serious consideration to our request.

Needs for Sanitation Services

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

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/39	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Convert our existing combined sewer system to dedicated service. The incidence of flooding has increased over the past decade. Immediate attention must be given to this issue.</i>	
6/39	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Request: Dredge Flushing Bay to reduce odor and improve water flow. Explanation: Construct additional holding tanks in Flushing Bay in order to reduce the amount of waste being released into the bay. It is time for the recommendations that the Army Corp of Engineers suggested be implemented.</i>	
19/39	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Employ interim measures to control floatables going into Flushing Bay and restore the wetlands</i>	
CS	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Request: Fund a Study For The Construction of a Separate Sewer System for 103rd & Northern Blvd., 25th Avenue & 81st Street, 77th Street & 30th Avenue, 25th Avenue and 77th Street and 25th Avenue and 76th Street. Explanation: Neighborhoods that were once comprised of one & two family homes have been replaced with units of six to ten families. These changes have increased the demand on our infrastructure & sewer system. Before 1996, conditions were confined to East Elmhurst or North of Northern Blvd. Sewer backup conditions are now district-wide.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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1/33	DEP	Investigate air quality complaints at specific location	<i>Request: Install Air Monitors in the Neighborhoods of Jackson Heights and East Elmhurst that are located near LaGuardia Airport. Explanation: CB3 is surrounded by Laguardia Airport, BQE and The Grand Central Parkway. Our residents are concerned about the impact of fumes emanating from motor vehicles and planes in the community. There is a high incidence of asthma & respiratory disease in our district. The need to install air monitors in our area is clear.</i>
4/33	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Restore litter basket collections to three times per day in our commercial strips – 37th Ave; Junction Blvd; Roosevelt Ave; Northern Blvd; 103rd Street; and 74th Street; Astoria Blvd., 73rd and 72nd Streets in Jackson Heights. Hire additional personnel for 11am- 7pm shift in order to increase litter basket patrol truck service particularly during weekends.</i>
9/33	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Provide funding for weekly power-washing of Roosevelt Ave, Junction Blvd. and Diversity Plaza.</i>
11/33	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests	<i>Increase funding to provide additional cleaning services to Roosevelt Ave from 69th to 114th Streets. The mayor has allocated additional funding. We hope some of these monies will come our way.</i>
14/33	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Increase funding for sanitation MLP service in section 31. Explanation: The monies would allow sanitation to provide additional services to the areas that are mostly in need within our district.</i>
19/33	DEP	Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed	<i>Increase DEP inspectorial personnel to address dumping and other environmental infractions.</i>
30/33	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	<i>Increase funding for illegal posting personnel.</i>

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Queens Community Board 3

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

Affordable housing creation

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

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

Needs for Land Use

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

Needs for Housing

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

Needs for Economic Development

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

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/39	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<i>Construct affordable housing for middle and low-income families. Explanation: Strategies and programs must be developed to stimulate the production of new/affordable housing facilities. There is a severe shortage of housing for the aforementioned income groups.</i>	
4/39	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Request: Construct Affordable Housing for Middle & Low-Income seniors. Explanation: Strategies and programs must be developed to stimulate the production of new/affordable housing facilities. There is a severe shortage of housing for the aforementioned senior groups.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/33	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide funding for home-base services within the confines of Queens Community Board 3.</i>	
17/33	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>Request: Increase Graffiti Removal Programs. Explanation: To combat the increased incidence of graffiti in CD#3, additional monies are needed for these support programs.</i>	
18/33	SBS	Other expense budget request for SBS	<i>Far too many businesses are closing their doors because of high rents and reduction of customer base. Local merchants could benefit from the assistance of SBS.</i>	
21/33	DOB	Other expense budget request for DOB	<i>Increase staffing Level for DOB Compliance Unit.</i>	

22/33	HPD	Provide, expand, or enhance programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>HPD - Increase inspectorial staffing levels for HPD (Housing Preservation and Development)</i>
33/33	SBS	Other business regulatory assistance requests	<i>Implement Economic Development programs which would include entrepreneurial training, loan packaging, micro Loan Program, management training, export assistance.. Assistance is needed to coordinate neighborhood redevelopment, marketing & anti-graffiti programs. Funding these programs would make a significant difference for the business community in CB3..</i>

Queens Community Board 3

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Parking operations

Revisit, Review Recent Traffic Modifications. DOT has implemented several initiatives within QCB3 that businesses have requested review. Modifications on Northern Boulevard, 34th Avenue, and Roosevelt Avenue has resulted in the loss of parking spaces. Establishments complain that due to limited parking fewer customers are patronizing their businesses. Customers are opting to go to Long Island and locations where there is onsite parking. Some of these traffic changes have seriously impacted our small businesses' bottom line. A few suggestions are to remove unused outdoor seating structures and install parking meters. We call upon the agency to look into these concerns. Speak with the area entrepreneurs to get a better understanding of the impacts these changes have made on their businesses.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

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

Needs for Transit Services

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

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/39	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Improve street lighting on 73rd Street between 37th Avenue and Broadway. For safety reasons, proper lighting is a must.</i>	
12/39	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>A study of the exist at 114th Street and Northern Boulevard is warranted. The reduction of traffic lanes have had a significant impact causing increased congestion.</i>	114th Street 114th Street and Northern Blvd. 114th Street and Northern Blvd.
13/39	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Fund a traffic study of 114th Street and Astoria Blvd. It is important to determine whether the recent changes to our major throughfares have had an impact.</i>	114th Street & Astoria Blvd.
14/39	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>Request: Beautify the center mall on Astoria Boulevard. Explanation: Plant Shrubs & trees along the Center Mall from 82 Street to 114 Streets at Astoria Boulevard to increase greenery and beautify the community. Most importantly, improve conditions so that pedestrians may safely access Astoria Boulevard. Provide funding to a not-for-profit organization such as the Botanical Gardens to maintain the greenery.</i>	Astoria Boulevard 82 Street 82 Street
15/39	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>Request: Beautify the Center Mall on 34th Avenue from 112th to 114th streets. Explanation: Plant shrubs and trees to increase greenery. Provide funding to a not-for-profit organization to maintain the site.</i>	34 Street 112 Street 112 Street
17/39	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	<i>Redesign Step Street at Butler/Ditmars Blvd. and 25th Ave. Explanation: The 25th Ave step street could use a face-lift, which would entail improved lighting, seating areas, pruning and planting of additional greenery. The proposed enhancements would attract more users of this important public space.</i>	25 Avenue and Butler Street
22/39	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Increase safety by installing street lights at Junction Boulevard and Roosevelt Ave</i>	

28/39	DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps	<i>Request: Provide funding for curb repair. Explanation: While the property owner is responsible for the repair of sidewalks and encouraged to replace curbs, all too often, violations go unaddressed because of financial difficulties or neglect. Unsafe conditions are left to the city to be corrected. It is therefore important that funding to hire more outside contractors to perform sidewalk and curb repairs be increase.</i>	
36/39	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Replace sidewalks at Landing Lights A.</i>	
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Request: Resurface Streets in Community Board 3. Explanation: Resurface Junction Blvd. between Northern and Roosevelt Avenues, 37th Ave from Junction Blvd. to 114th Street, 82nd Street from Roosevelt Ave to the BQE, Roosevelt Ave from 114th to 69th Streets and Astoria Blvd. from 69th to 114th Streets.</i>	86th Street 25th Avenue 25th Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
20/33	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Request: Increase funding to hire additional personnel to install, replace traffic/street signs, repair pot holes for Queens DOT Explanation: Increase funding to hire personnel for sign replacement and pothole repair.</i>	
26/33	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps. Provide funding for curb repair. While the property owner is responsible for the repair of sidewalks and encouraged to replace curbs, all too often, violations go unaddressed because of financial difficulties or neglect. Unsafe conditions are left to the city to be corrected. It is therefore important that funding to hire more outside contractors to perform sidewalk and curb repairs be increased.</i>	

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Queens Community Board 3

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

Needs for Parks

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

Needs for Cultural Services

Louis Armstrong House Museum- Education Visitor Center The Louis Armstrong House Museum is a National Historic Landmark and a New York City landmark. It is the only landmark located within the confines of Community Board3 LAMH is located in the heart of North Corona. It is reported that the museum hosts over 12,500 visitors each year. The Visitor's Center is in its final stages of development. The new addition will allow the institution to accommodate more visitors; large groups, provide housing for the storage of the Louis Armstrong Archives, and expand programming to include concerts and forums. The current space is too small to conduct the aforementioned activities. Community Board 3 fully supports this project. We request that the construction of the n Visitor's Center be fully funded; that work commences expeditiously and opened before the close of 2023.

Needs for Library Services

Libraries Community Board 3 has four libraries and all are well utilized. The Center for Urban Future indicates that visitors to the Jackson Heights branch exceeded 445,970, North Corona 240,466., Langston Hughes 168,849, and East Elmhurst 66,595. Our residents both adults and children rely on our local libraries for employment information, cultural and educational programs, and general access to the internet. Libraries have always been one of our top priorities. We are pleased to see that our local facilities will be opened six days a week. We now look forward to the advancement of the following projects: The expansion of the Jackson Heights Library, the children's center is extremely overcrowded; consideration should be given to constructing an annex that will be located close to the existing facility. The Jackson Heights facility is the most heavily utilized branch in North West Queens. Residents who live north of Northern Boulevard must travel a distance. Constituents complain that they would use library services more frequently if there were a facility closer to their neighborhood. We ask that the QPL System seriously consider our requests and move the aforementioned projects forward.

Needs for Community Boards

Increase Funding Levels for Community Boards Provide Community Boards with Access to 311 Data Specific to Each Board Area . Explanation: Community Boards are understaffed, and underfunded and have always worked with less even during times of prosperity. An increase in funding levels for Community Boards would be in order. In addition, the advent of Hurricane Sandy and Irene underscored the need for improved communications with 311. We need the ability to retrieve information from the 311 databases in order to analyze conditions that impact our community. Community Boards are now required to Live Stream meetings as per the Comptroller's Office. We do not have the financial wherewithal to pay for consultant fees or equipment. In order for community boards to meet the mandate additional funding must be allocated.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Redesign and Renovate 90th Street Playground. This heavily utilized playground is due for an upgrade from play equipment to the installation of exercise equipment.</i>	
7/39	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>Construct a new building and expand the capacity of the Jackson Heights Regional Library - keep allocation in place. Explanation: The Jackson Heights Branch is the most heavily utilized library facility in Northwest Queens. The library is the home to the most ethnically diverse population in the City. Space for expansion is available behind the present structure. A new facility will significantly reduce overcrowding.</i>	35-51 81 Street
8/39	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Improve access to the Promenade. Make essential repairs to the perimeter fencing, and replace defective pavers, if not addressed, the condition could prove to be hazardous to park users.</i>	
11/39	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>Request: Construct Library in North West Sector of CB3. The Lexington School for the Deaf should be considered for a possible site. Explanation: The residents in this portion of the District are sorely lacking library facilities.</i>	
16/39	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Develop unused property fronting the entrance to the GCP and 94th Street for a dog park/sitting area. There is no facility in the immediate area. Explanation: Residents in this area would like to have a dog park developed on the unused property fronting the entrance to the Grand Central Parkway and 94th street. There is no facility in the immediate area.</i>	94 Street and Ditmars Boulevard
18/39	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>Request: Expand Corona Library Explanation: This heavily used facility is one of only four libraries in community Board 3. Whether expansion entails building up or acquiring adjacent property, the new addition would be welcomed.</i>	38-23 104 St

20/39	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Upgrade and Expand Veterans Memorial Park. Upgrade the sitting area, make the space conducive for use by adults and children.</i>	32 Ave and 94 Street
23/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Restore bathrooms near the marina restaurant located on the Malcolm X Promenade. Construct additional facilities along the promenade.</i>	
24/39	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>Construct a Community Performance Arts Center in Jackson Heights that will accommodate seating for 300. The new facility would host local and international artists and could be the home of the Jackson Heights Orchester.</i>	
25/39	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Upgrade Northern Playground, Phase 2 (Multiple purpose area, basketball and volleyball courts). Maintenance is needed and a gate at the handball court.</i>	
26/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Phase one of Gorman park is near completion. Fund the phase two of the park which entails the upgrade of the volleyball, basketball, handball courts. Add an area for tennis.</i>	84th Street and 25th Avenue
27/39	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehab ramp and railings underneath the Marina</i>	
30/39	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Improve overall lighting of the Promenade and replace decorative pavers.</i>	
33/39	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Install exercise equipment chinup bars etc. adjacent to the men's room. Upgrade the multipurpose area of Gorman Park.</i>	
34/39	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Upgrade Louis Armstrong Playground at P.S 143 (Including Spray Shower).</i>	

35/39	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Upgrade Private William Gray Park (98 St. between Northern Blvd. & 32nd Ave) play equipment, plantings and replace benches.</i>
37/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Repair raised pavers at Flushing Bay Promenade that is due to overgrown tree roots. (Potential trip hazards).</i>
38/39	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>Our population is increasing and the area of Jackson Heights. There are no recreational centers. The development of an indoor inter-generational recreational center would be welcomed.</i>
CS	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Continued Support: Repair the drainage at Flushing Meadows Corona Park.</i>
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Continued Support - Restore the Queens Green House at Forest Park.</i>

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/33	QL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (QL)	<i>Request: Keep Queens Libraries Open 7 Days a week with one late night closing at 10:00pm. Explanation: Extend the hours of our libraries. Later closing hours would be beneficial for our adult mature students and night events.</i>	
12/33	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Request: Install free WIFI in CB3 parks and Plazas. Explanation: Upgrade our area parks by installing free WIFI services. Keep park users plugged in and informed.</i>	
16/33	DPR	Other park programming requests	<i>Request: Increase parks staffing levels for maintenance personnel. Hire a parks associates for PS 127 and Junction Boulevard parks and assistant gardener. Explanation: CB3 requires additional associates in our area parks, currently there are only two associates in the entire district, Gorman park and Travers. We deserve more programs and services.</i>	

29/33	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Provide a more accessible independent electrical source at the performance area/stage in Travers Park</i>
31/33	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Increase funding levels to hire additional staff to maintain the parks landscapes.</i>
32/33	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Request: Extend fencing at Northern Boulevard Playground. Explanation: Part of the fencing at this playground is chain linked and the balance is wrought iron. Remove the chain linked portion of the fence and replace it with wrought iron for safety and aesthetic reasons.</i>

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/33	DOITT	Other expense budget request for DoITT	<i>Improve access to government services and information by sharing 311 data with Community Boards. Please make more resources available to the community board.</i>	
13/33	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Hire interpreter for Chinese, Bangali and other languages that can be deployed onsite to nonprofit, social service contractors, including food pantries, housing, counseling and senior centers.</i>	
23/33	DCWP	Other expense budget request for DCA	<i>Hire Additional Consumer Affairs agents to conduct night and weekend street vending inspections.</i>	

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/39	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>Construct new Hospital in Corona/East Elmhurst area. Elmhurst Hospital is the only medical facility in QCB3 area. The hospital serves over a million patients annually. Our area during the pandemic was hit more than any area in the country. The hospital was heroic in saving lives during the health crisis but like many hospitals, was seriously challenged. Our hospital needs to expand its footprint by building on its existing campus or creating an annex in or near East Elmhurst and North Corona. An additional facility is needed without question.</i>	
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9/39	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Improve street lighting on 73rd Street between 37th Avenue and Broadway. For safety reasons, proper lighting is a must.</i>	
10/39	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Expand and increase the number of seats in our existing schools, particularly in District 24. We should be ready to accommodate the influx of migrant students.</i>	
11/39	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>Request: Construct Library in North West Sector of CB3. The Lexington School for the Deaf should be considered for a possible site. Explanation: The residents in this portion of the District are sorely lacking library facilities.</i>	
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18/39	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>Request: Expand Corona Library Explanation: This heavily used facility is one of only four libraries in community Board 3. Whether expansion entails building up or acquiring adjacent property, the new addition would be welcomed.</i>	38-23 104 St
19/39	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Employ interim measures to control floatables going into Flushing Bay and restore the wetlands</i>	

20/39	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Upgrade and Expand Veterans Memorial Park. Upgrade the sitting area, make the space conducive for use by adults and children.</i>	32 Ave and 94 Street
21/39	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>FDNY Station 307/154 - Upgrade kitchen.</i>	8119 Northern Blvd
22/39	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Increase safety by installing street lights at Junction Boulevard and Roosevelt Ave</i>	
23/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Restore bathrooms near the marina restaurant located on the Malcolm X Promenade. Construct additional facilities along the promenade.</i>	
24/39	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>Construct a Community Performance Arts Center in Jackson Heights that will accommodate seating for 300. The new facility would host local and international artists and could be the home of the Jackson Heights Orchester.</i>	
25/39	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Upgrade Northern Playground, Phase 2 (Multiple purpose area, basketball and volleyball courts). Maintenance is needed and a gate at the handball court.</i>	
26/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Phase one of Gorman park is near completion. Fund the phase two of the park which entails the upgrade of the volleyball, basketball, handball courts. Add an area for tennis.</i>	84th Street and 25th Avenue
27/39	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehab ramp and railings underneath the Marina</i>	

28/39	DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps	<i>Request: Provide funding for curb repair. Explanation: While the property owner is responsible for the repair of sidewalks and encouraged to replace curbs, all too often, violations go unaddressed because of financial difficulties or neglect. Unsafe conditions are left to the city to be corrected. It is therefore important that funding to hire more outside contractors to perform sidewalk and curb repairs be increase.</i>
29/39	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	<i>Purchase a Medical Service Vehicle - FDNY/EMS for the Borough of Queens (for 10 patients at a time can be attended to on this mobile vehicle) Existing vehicle is over 29 years old.</i>
30/39	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Improve overall lighting of the Promenade and replace decorative pavers.</i>
31/39	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	<i>Purchase for FDNY - Mutual aid Rapid Response Vehicle - For Citywide use state of the art vehicle that will transport equipment and supplies in emergency situations.</i>
32/39	FDNY	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	<i>At EMS Unit 406 - Upgrade men's locker room and shower.</i>
33/39	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Install exercise equipment chinup bars etc. adjacent to the men's room. Upgrade the multipurpose area of Gorman Park.</i>
34/39	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Upgrade Louis Armstrong Playground at P.S 143 (Including Spray Shower).</i>
35/39	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Upgrade Private William Gray Park (98 St. between Northern Blvd. & 32nd Ave) play equipment, plantings and replace benches.</i>
36/39	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Replace sidewalks at Landing Lights A.</i>

37/39	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Repair raised pavers at Flushing Bay Promenade that is due to overgrown tree roots. (Potential trip hazards).</i>	
38/39	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>Our population is increasing and the area of Jackson Heights. There are no recreational centers. The development of an indoor inter-generational recreational center would be welcomed.</i>	
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CS	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Request: Fund a Study For The Construction of a Separate Sewer System for 103rd & Northern Blvd., 25th Avenue & 81st Street, 77th Street & 30th Avenue, 25th Avenue and 77th Street and 25th Avenue and 76th Street. Explanation: Neighborhoods that were once comprised of one & two family homes have been replaced with units of six to ten families. These changes have increased the demand on our infrastructure & sewer system. Before 1996, conditions were confined to East Elmhurst or North of Northern Blvd. Sewer backup conditions are now district-wide.</i>	
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Request: Resurface Streets in Community Board 3. Explanation: Resurface Junction Blvd. between Northern and Roosevelt Avenues, 37th Ave from Junction Blvd. to 114th Street, 82nd Street from Roosevelt Ave to the BQE, Roosevelt Ave from 114th to 69th Streets and Astoria Blvd. from 69th to 114th Streets.</i>	86th Street 25th Avenue 25th Avenue
CS	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Continued Support: Repair the drainage at Flushing Meadows Corona Park.</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Continued Support - Restore the Queens Green House at Forest Park.</i>	

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/33	DEP	Investigate air quality complaints at specific location	<i>Request: Install Air Monitors in the Neighborhoods of Jackson Heights and East Elmhurst that are located near LaGuardia Airport. Explanation: CB3 is surrounded by Laguardia Airport, BQE and The Grand Central Parkway. Our residents are concerned about the impact of fumes emanating from motor vehicles and planes in the community. There is a high incidence of asthma & respiratory disease in our district. The need to install air monitors in our area is clear.</i>	
2/33	DOITT	Other expense budget request for DoITT	<i>Improve access to government services and information by sharing 311 data with Community Boards. Please make more resources available to the community board.</i>	
3/33	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Increase funding for rodent abatement. Lets cleanup public areas. Hire more exterminators to reduce and curtail infestations.</i>	
4/33	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Restore litter basket collections to three times per day in our commercial strips – 37th Ave; Junction Blvd; Roosevelt Ave; Northern Blvd; 103rd Street; and 74th Street; Astoria Blvd., 73rd and 72nd Streets in Jackson Heights. Hire additional personnel for 11am- 7pm shift in order to increase litter basket patrol truck service particularly during weekends.</i>	
5/33	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>Request: Restore our full complement of NYPD personnel, NCO (s), administrative aides, custodial services, and school safety guards. Explanation: QCB3 has lost Police Officers due to retirement, sick leave and reassignments. While the 115 Precinct is doing a great job with current resources, our community deserves replacement of loss personnel. Hire additional custodial personnel for the 115 precinct. The additional staff will improve the precinct's day-to-day operations.</i>	92-15 Northern Blvd

6/33	QL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (QL)	<i>Request: Keep Queens Libraries Open 7 Days a week with one late night closing at 10:00pm. Explanation: Extend the hours of our libraries. Later closing hours would be beneficial for our adult mature students and night events.</i>
7/33	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Due to the rise of food insecurity, additional pantries and resources are warranted. Since the pandemic, our community's greatest challenge is food insecurity.</i>
8/33	DOE	Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Child Care and Head Start programs	<i>Request: Restore Day Care Slots and after school programs. Explanation: Our Community's population has increased. Many of our young working families require day care services & after school programs. Working parents deserve programs that will serve the needs of their pre-school children ages three months to five years old.</i>
9/33	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Provide funding for weekly power-washing of Roosevelt Ave, Junction Blvd. and Diversity Plaza.</i>
10/33	DYCD	Other youth workforce development requests	<i>Request: Restore and Increase funding for youth, adult and senior programming in Jackson Heights, North Corona and East Elmhurst. Explanation: There is a severe shortage of programs in CD3 that cater to the recreational needs of our youth and seniors. Our community deserves quality facilities and programming that will enrich our lives.</i>
11/33	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests	<i>Increase funding to provide additional cleaning services to Roosevelt Ave from 69th to 114th Streets. The mayor has allocated additional funding. We hope some of these monies will come our way.</i>
12/33	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Request: Install free WIFI in CB3 parks and Plazas. Explanation: Upgrade our area parks by installing free WIFI services. Keep park users plugged in and informed.</i>
13/33	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Hire interpreter for Chinese, Bangali and other languages that can be deployed onsite to nonprofit, social service contractors, including food pantries, housing, counseling and senior centers.</i>

14/33	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Increase funding for sanitation MLP service in section 31. Explanation: The monies would allow sanitation to provide additional services to the areas that are mostly in need within our district.</i>
15/33	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide funding for home-base services within the confines of Queens Community Board 3.</i>
16/33	DPR	Other park programming requests	<i>Request: Increase parks staffing levels for maintenance personnel. Hire a parks associates for PS 127 and Junction Boulevard parks and assistant gardener. Explanation: CB3 requires additional associates in our area parks, currently there are only two associates in the entire district, Gorman park and Travers. We deserve more programs and services.</i>
17/33	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>Request: Increase Graffiti Removal Programs. Explanation: To combat the increased incidence of graffiti in CD#3, additional monies are needed for these support programs.</i>
18/33	SBS	Other expense budget request for SBS	<i>Far too many businesses are closing their doors because of high rents and reduction of customer base. Local merchants could benefit from the assistance of SBS.</i>
19/33	DEP	Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed	<i>Increase DEP inspectorial personnel to address dumping and other environmental infractions.</i>
20/33	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Request: Increase funding to hire additional personnel to install, replace traffic/street signs, repair pot holes for Queens DOT Explanation: Increase funding to hire personnel for sign replacement and pothole repair.</i>
21/33	DOB	Other expense budget request for DOB	<i>Increase staffing Level for DOB Compliance Unit.</i>

22/33	HPD	Provide, expand, or enhance programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>HPD - Increase inspectorial staffing levels for HPD (Housing Preservation and Development)</i>
23/33	DCWP	Other expense budget request for DCA	<i>Hire Additional Consumer Affairs agents to conduct night and weekend street vending inspections.</i>
24/33	DOHMH	Increase health and safety inspections, e.g. for restaurants and childcare programs	<i>Request: Hire additional Department of Health Inspectors to conduct night inspections. Explanation: Unlicensed food vending along Roosevelt Ave, Broadway, 74th and 37th Avenues are increasing. The community would benefit from having more inspections conducted particularly at night where the problem is most prevalent.</i>
25/33	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	<i>Request: Provide funding to increase NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) Programming in CB3. Explanation: Seniors are the second largest population within CB3. It is important that senior programming such as NORC be made available to our elder residents. Providing health and social services within the confines of their coop/apartment complexes would significantly improve their quality of life.</i>
26/33	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps. Provide funding for curb repair. While the property owner is responsible for the repair of sidewalks and encouraged to replace curbs, all too often, violations go unaddressed because of financial difficulties or neglect. Unsafe conditions are left to the city to be corrected. It is therefore important that funding to hire more outside contractors to perform sidewalk and curb repairs be increased.</i>
27/33	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<i>Increase funding to hire additional traffic enforcement agents to address double parking and other traffic infractions.</i>

28/33	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Provide and increase funding for the STEAM program within CB3. STEAM is a method of instruction that incorporates Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics and helps to promote student critical thinking. Every classroom should have access to these important resources.</i>
29/33	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Provide a more accessible independent electrical source at the performance area/stage in Travers Park</i>
30/33	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	<i>Increase funding for illegal posting personnel.</i>
31/33	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Increase funding levels to hire additional staff to maintain the parks landscapes.</i>
32/33	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Request: Extend fencing at Northern Boulevard Playground. Explanation: Part of the fencing at this playground is chain linked and the balance is wrought iron. Remove the chain linked portion of the fence and replace it with wrought iron for safety and aesthetic reasons.</i>
33/33	SBS	Other business regulatory assistance requests	<i>Implement Economic Development programs which would include entrepreneurial training, loan packaging, micro Loan Program, management training, export assistance.. Assistance is needed to coordinate neighborhood redevelopment, marketing & anti-graffiti programs. Funding these programs would make a significant difference for the business community in CB3..</i>

FY25 Community Board Budget Requests with Agency Responses - Capital

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/43	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>Construct new Hospital in Corona/East Elmhurst area. Elmhurst Hospital is the only medical facility in QCB3 area. The hospital serves over a million patients annually. Our area during the pandemic was hit more than any area in the country. The hospital was heroic in saving lives during the health crisis but like many hospitals, was seriously challenged. Our hospital needs to expand its footprint by building on its existing campus or creating an annex in or near East Elmhurst and North Corona. An additional facility is needed without question.</i>	This request is not recommended for funding.
02/43	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Convert our existing combined sewer system to dedicated service. The incidence of flooding has increased over the past decade. Immediate attention must be given to this issue.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
03/43	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<i>Construct affordable housing for middle and low-income families. Explanation: Strategies and programs must be developed to stimulate the production of new/affordable housing facilities. There is a severe shortage of housing for the aforementioned income groups.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
04/43	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Request: Construct Affordable Housing for Middle & Low-Income seniors. Explanation: Strategies and programs must be developed to stimulate the production of new/affordable housing facilities. There is a severe shortage of housing for the aforementioned senior groups.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
05/43	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Redesign and Renovate 90th Street Playground. This heavily utilized playground is due for an upgrade from play equipment to the installation of exercise equipment.</i>	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.
06/43	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Request: Dredge Flushing Bay to reduce odor and improve water flow. Explanation: Construct additional holding tanks in Flushing Bay in order to reduce the amount of waste being released into the bay. It is time for the recommendations that the Army Corp of Engineers suggested be implemented.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
07/43	QPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>Construct a new building and expand the capacity of the Jackson Heights Regional Library - keep allocation in place. Explanation: The Jackson Heights Branch is the most heavily utilized library facility in Northwest Queens. The library is the home to the most ethnically diverse population in the City. Space for expansion is available behind the present structure. A new facility will significantly reduce overcrowding.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the final design contract has been let.
08/43	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Improve access to the Promenade. Make essential repairs to the perimeter fencing, and replace defective pavers, if not addressed, the condition could prove to be hazardous to park users.</i>	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.
09/43	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Improve street lighting on 73rd Street between 37th Avenue and Broadway. For safety reasons, proper lighting is a must.</i>	This type of request should be entered into ARTS rather than the community budget process.

10/43	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Expand and increase the number of seats in our existing schools, particularly in District 24. We should be ready to accommodate the influx of migrant students.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
11/43	QPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>Request: Construct Library in North West Sector of CB3. The Lexington School for the Deaf should be considered for a possible site. Explanation: The residents in this portion of the District are sorely lacking library facilities.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
12/43	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>A study of the exist at 114th Street and Northern Boulevard is warranted. The reduction of traffic lanes have had a significant impact causing increased congestion.</i>	This type of request should be entered into ARTS rather than the community budget process.
13/43	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Fund a traffic study of 114th Street and Astoria Blvd. It is important to determine whether the recent changes to our major throughfares have had an impact.</i>	This type of request should be entered into ARTS rather than the community budget process.
14/43	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>Request: Beautify the center mall on Astoria Boulevard. Explanation: Plant Shrubs & trees along the Center Mall from 82 Street to 114 Streets at Astoria Boulevard to increase greenery and beautify the community. Most importantly, improve conditions so that pedestrians may safely access Astoria Boulevard. Provide funding to a not-for-profit organization such as the Botanical Gardens to maintain the greenery.</i>	This should be referred to NYC DPR as it is a Park property issue.
15/43	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>Request: Beautify the Center Mall on 34th Avenue from 112th to 114th streets. Explanation: Plant shrubs and trees to increase greenery. Provide funding to a not-for-profit organization to maintain the site.</i>	This should be referred to NYC DPR as it is a Park property issue.
16/43	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Develop unused property fronting the entrance to the GCP and 94th Street for a dog park/sitting area. There is no facility in the immediate area. Explanation: Residents in this area would like to have a dog park developed on the unused property fronting the entrance to the Grand Central Parkway and 94th street. There is no facility in the immediate area.</i>	Parks will determine if the site identified by a Dog Association is a viable location within a park.
17/43	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	<i>Redesign Step Street at Butler/Ditmars Blvd. and 25th Ave. Explanation: The 25th Ave step street could use a face-lift, which would entail improved lighting, seating areas, pruning and planting of additional greenery. The proposed enhancements would attract more users of this important public space.</i>	DOT regularly surveys step streets for repairs or capital projects if beyond repair. DOT regularly partners with DSNY on clean-up programs and scheduled cleanups.
18/43	QPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>Request: Expand Corona Library Explanation: This heavily used facility is one of only four libraries in community Board 3. Whether expansion entails building up or acquiring adjacent property, the new addition would be welcomed.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway.
19/43	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Employ interim measures to control floatables going into Flushing Bay and restore the wetlands</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

20/43	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Upgrade and Expand Veterans Memorial Park. Upgrade the sitting area, make the space conducive for use by adults and children.</i>	This park/playground is not currently funded for capital renovations.
21/43	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>FDNY Station 307/154 - Upgrade kitchen.</i>	Repairs and upgrades to facilities must be scheduled carefully so overall (and local/neighborhood) emergency response operations are not negatively impacted. Additionally, these requests must be prioritized so more critical issues (e.g., health and safety or operational response issues) are addressed first. We repair all facilities as resources and priorities allow.
22/43	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Increase safety by installing street lights at Junction Boulevard and Roosevelt Ave</i>	This type of request should be entered into ARTS rather than the community budget process.
23/43	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Restore bathrooms near the marina restaurant located on the Malcolm X Promenade. Construct additional facilities along the promenade.</i>	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.
24/43	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>Construct a Community Performance Arts Center in Jackson Heights that will accommodate seating for 300. The new facility would host local and international artists and could be the home of the Jackson Heights Orchester.</i>	The Department of Cultural Affairs recommends this project be brought to the attention of your local elected official, i.e. Borough President or City Council member.
25/43	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Upgrade Northern Playground, Phase 2 (Multiple purpose area, basketball and volleyball courts). Maintenance is needed and a gate at the handball court.</i>	This request is partially funded. Contact the Department of Parks and Recreation for specifics.
26/43	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Phase one of Gorman park is near completion. Fund the phase two of the park which entails the upgrade of the volleyball, basketball, handball courts. Add an area for tennis.</i>	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.
27/43	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehab ramp and railings underneath the Marina</i>	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.
28/43	DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps	<i>Request: Provide funding for curb repair. Explanation: While the property owner is responsible for the repair of sidewalks and encouraged to replace curbs, all too often, violations go unaddressed because of financial difficulties or neglect. Unsafe conditions are left to the city to be corrected. It is therefore important that funding to hire more outside contractors to perform sidewalk and curb repairs be increase.</i>	Curb replacement/(re)construction requests should be directed to the Borough Commissioner. Upon receipt of a request, a site inspection will be conducted to determine eligibility for inclusion in a future contract.

29/43	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	<i>Purchase a Medical Service Vehicle - FDNY/EMS for the Borough of Queens (for 10 patients at a time can be attended to on this mobile vehicle) Existing vehicle is over 29 years old.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
30/43	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Improve overall lighting of the Promenade and replace decorative pavers.</i>	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.
31/43	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	<i>Purchase for FDNY - Mutual aide Rapid Response Vehicle - For Citywide use state of the art vehicle that will transport equipment and supplies in emergency situations.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
32/43	FDNY	Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station	<i>At EMS Unit 406 - Upgrade men's locker room and shower.</i>	Repairs and upgrades to facilities must be scheduled carefully so overall (and local/neighborhood) emergency response operations are not negatively impacted. Additionally, these requests must be prioritized so more critical issues (e.g., health and safety or operational response issues) are addressed first. We repair all facilities as resources and priorities allow.
33/43	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Install exercise equipment chinup bars etc. adjacent to the men's room. Upgrade the multipurpose area of Gorman Park.</i>	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.
34/43	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Upgrade Louis Armstrong Playground at P.S 143 (Including Spray Shower).</i>	As noted, the School Construction Authority is handling this project.
35/43	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Upgrade Private William Gray Park (98 St. between Northern Blvd. & 32nd Ave) play equipment, plantings and replace benches.</i>	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.
36/43	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Replace sidewalks at Landing Lights A.</i>	Sidewalks are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.
37/43	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Repair raised pavers at Flushing Bay Promenade that is due to overgrown tree roots. (Potential trip hazards).</i>	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.
38/43	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>Our population is increasing and the area of Jackson Heights. There are no recreational centers. The development of an indoor inter-generational recreational center would be welcomed.</i>	More information is required, specifically each request must be tied to one organization, and mention a specific project.
39/43	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	<i>Purchase a Bariatric Ambulance Unit.</i>	In the Preliminary Budget, Citywide personnel/program/ equipment funds are maintained in FY 2024. Allocations are scheduled by the agency only after budget adoption.

CS/43	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Request: Fund a Study For The Construction of a Separate Sewer System for 103rd & Northern Blvd., 25th Avenue & 81st Street, 77th Street & 30th Avenue, 25th Avenue and 77th Street and 25th Avenue and 76th Street. Explanation: Neighborhoods that were once comprised of one & two family homes have been replaced with units of six to ten families. These changes have increased the demand on our infrastructure & sewer system. Before 1996, conditions were confined to East Elmhurst or North of Northern Blvd. Sewer backup conditions are now district-wide.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
CS/43	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Request: Resurface Streets in Community Board 3. Explanation: Resurface Junction Blvd. between Northern and Roosevelt Avenues, 37th Ave from Junction Blvd. to 114th Street, 82nd Street from Roosevelt Ave to the BQE, Roosevelt Ave from 114th to 69th Streets and Astoria Blvd. from 69th to 114th Streets.</i>	Resurfacing and milling requests should be directed to the respective NYCDOT Borough Directors of Maintenance. Each year, the boroughs plan the next season's resurfacing.
CS/43	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Continued Support: Repair the drainage at Flushing Meadows Corona Park.</i>	This request is partially funded. Contact the Department of Parks and Recreation for specifics.
CS/43	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Continued Support - Restore the Queens Green House at Forest Park.</i>	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.

FY25 Community Board Budget Requests with Agency Responses - Expense

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/33	DEP	Investigate air quality complaints at specific location	<i>Request: Install Air Monitors in the Neighborhoods of Jackson Heights and East Elmhurst that are located near LaGuardia Airport. Explanation: CB3 is surrounded by Laguardia Airport, BQE and The Grand Central Parkway. Our residents are concerned about the impact of fumes emanating from motor vehicles and planes in the community. There is a high incidence of asthma & respiratory disease in our district. The need to install air monitors in our area is clear.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
02/33	DoITT	Other expense budget request for DoITT	<i>Improve access to government services and information by sharing 311 data with Community Boards. Please make more resources available to the community board.</i>	This request is not DoITT specific.
03/33	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Increase funding for rodent abatement. Lets cleanup public areas. Hire more exterminators to reduce and curtail infestations.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
04/33	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Restore litter basket collections to three times per day in our commercial strips ? 37th Ave; Junction Blvd; Roosevelt Ave; Northern Blvd; 103rd Street; and 74th Street; Astoria Blvd., 73rd and 72nd Streets in Jackson Heights. Hire additional personnel for 11am- 7pm shift in order to increase litter basket patrol truck service particularly during weekends.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
05/33	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>Request: Restore our full complement of NYPD personnel, NCO (s), administrative aides, custodial services, and school safety guards.</i> <i>Explanation: QCB3 has lost Police Officers due to retirement, sick leave and reassignments. While the 115 Precinct is doing a great job with current resources, our community deserves replacement of loss personnel.</i> <i>Hire additional custodial personnel for the 115 precinct. The additional staff will improve the precinct's day-to-day operations.</i>	NYPD total staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the NYPD only after graduation of Police classes from the Academy. Availability of civilian personnel is limited due to reductions to the civilian headcount.
06/33	QPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (QL)	<i>Request: Keep Queens Libraries Open 7 Days a week with one late night closing at 10:00pm. Explanation: Extend the hours of our libraries. Later closing hours would be beneficial for our adult mature students and night events.</i>	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
07/33	HRA	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Due to the rise of food insecurity, additional pantries and resources are warranted. Since the pandemic, our community's greatest challenge is food insecurity.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
08/33	DOE	Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Child Care and Head Start programs	<i>Request: Restore Day Care Slots and after school programs. Explanation: Our Community's population has increased. Many of our young working families require day care services & after school programs. Working parents deserve programs that will serve the needs of their pre-school children ages three months to five years old.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

09/33	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Provide funding for weekly power-washing of Roosevelt Ave, Junction Blvd. and Diversity Plaza.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
10/33	DYCD	Other youth workforce development requests	<i>Request: Restore and Increase funding for youth, adult and senior programming in Jackson Heights, North Corona and East Elmhurst. Explanation: There is a severe shortage of programs in CD3 that cater to the recreational needs of our youth and seniors. Our community deserves quality facilities and programming that will enrich our lives.</i>	Presently, there are a variety of agency-funded programs in the district for this target population. Additional programs are contingent upon available funding and will be distributed through an RFP process. Organizations are encouraged to apply.
11/33	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests	<i>Increase funding to provide additional cleaning services to Roosevelt Ave from 69th to 114th Streets. The mayor has allocated additional funding. We hope some of these monies will come our way.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
12/33	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Request: Install free WIFI in CB3 parks and Plazas. Explanation: Upgrade our area parks by installing free WIFI services. Keep park users plugged in and informed.</i>	Parks will explore the viability of potential sites in your district for deployment with our WiFi partners.
13/33	DCA	Other expense budget request	<i>Hire interpreter for Chinese, Bangali and other languages that can be deployed onsite to nonprofit, social service contractors, including food pantries, housing, counseling and senior centers.</i>	This request is not recommended for funding.
14/33	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Increase funding for sanitation MLP service in section 31. Explanation: The monies would allow sanitation to provide additional services to the areas that are mostly in need within our district.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
15/33	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide funding for home-base services within the confines of Queens Community Board 3.</i>	HPD does not administer this program.
16/33	DPR	Other park programming requests	<i>Request: Increase parks staffing levels for maintenance personnel. Hire a parks associates for PS 127 and Junction Boulevard parks and assistant gardener. Explanation: CB3 requires additional associates in our area parks, currently there are only two associates in the entire district, Gorman park and Travers. We deserve more programs and services.</i>	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
17/33	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>Request: Increase Graffiti Removal Programs. Explanation: To combat the increased incidence of graffiti in CD#3, additional monies are needed for these support programs.</i>	Inquiry needs to be directed elsewhere
18/33	SBS	Other expense budget request for SBS	<i>Far too many businesses are closing their doors because of high rents and reduction of customer base. Local merchants could benefit from the assistance of SBS.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.

19/33	DEP	Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed	<i>Increase DEP inspectorial personnel to address dumping and other environmental infractions.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
20/33	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Request: Increase funding to hire additional personnel to install, replace traffic/street signs, repair pot holes for Queens DOT Explanation: Increase funding to hire personnel for sign replacement and pothole repair.</i>	Funding constraints preclude the hiring of additional personnel at this time.
21/33	DOB	Other expense budget request for DOB	<i>Increase staffing Level for DOB Compliance Unit.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
22/33	HPD	Provide, expand, or enhance programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>HPD - Increase inspectorial staffing levels for HPD (Housing Preservation and Development)</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
23/33	DCA	Other expense budget request for DCA	<i>Hire Additional Consumer Affairs agents to conduct night and weekend street vending inspections.</i>	This request is not recommended for funding.
24/33	DSNY	Increase health and safety inspections, e.g. for restaurants and childcare programs	<i>Request: Hire additional Department of Health Inspectors to conduct night inspections. Explanation: Unlicensed food vending along Roosevelt Ave, Broadway, 74th and 37th Avenues are increasing. The community would benefit from having more inspections conducted particularly at night where the problem is most prevalent.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
25/33	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	<i>Request: Provide funding to increase NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) Programming in CB3. Explanation: Seniors are the second largest population within CB3. It is important that senior programming such as NORC be made available to our elder residents. Providing health and social services within the confines of their coop/apartment complexes would significantly improve their quality of life.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
26/33	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps. Provide funding for curb repair. While the property owner is responsible for the repair of sidewalks and encouraged to replace curbs, all too often, violations go unaddressed because of financial difficulties or neglect. Unsafe conditions are left to the city to be corrected. It is therefore important that funding to hire more outside contractors to perform sidewalk and curb repairs be increased.</i>	Curb replacement/(re)construction requests should be directed to the Borough Commissioner. Upon receipt of a request, a site inspection will be conducted to determine eligibility for inclusion in a future contract.
27/33	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<i>Increase funding to hire additional traffic enforcement agents to address double parking and other traffic infractions.</i>	Based on the latest budget, the NYPD has a specific budgeted headcount. The agency is working on filling vacancies in order to get to that headcount.

28/33	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Provide and increase funding for the STEAM program within CB3. STEAM is a method of instruction that incorporates Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics and helps to promote student critical thinking. Every classroom should have access to these important resources.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
29/33	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Provide a more accessible independent electrical source at the performance area/stage in Travers Park</i>	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
30/33	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	<i>Increase funding for illegal posting personnel.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
31/33	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Increase funding levels to hire additional staff to maintain the parks landscapes.</i>	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
32/33	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Request: Extend fencing at Northern Boulevard Playground. Explanation: Part of the fencing at this playground is chain linked and the balance is wrought iron. Remove the chain linked portion of the fence and replace it with wrought iron for safety and aesthetic reasons.</i>	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
33/33	SBS	Other business regulatory assistance requests	<i>Implement Economic Development programs which would include entrepreneurial training, loan packaging, micro Loan Program, management training, export assistance.. Assistance is needed to coordinate neighborhood redevelopment, marketing & anti-graffiti programs. Funding these programs would make a significant difference for the business community in CB3..</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.