

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

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**Queens Community
District
2**

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2025.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY24 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
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	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 2

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
Total population	113,200	100.00	137,981	100.00	24,781	21.9	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	19,533	17.3	21,892	15.9	2,359	12.1	-1.4
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	113,200	100.0	137,981	100.0	24,781	21.9	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	39,207	34.6	40,659	29.5	1,452	3.7	-5.1
White non-Hispanic	32,470	28.7	39,290	28.5	6,820	21.0	-0.2
Black non-Hispanic	2,132	1.9	3,784	2.7	1,652	77.5	0.8
Asian non-Hispanic	36,239	32.0	48,826	35.4	12,587	34.7	3.4
Some other race, non-Hispanic	782	0.7	1,563	1.1	781	99.9	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,370	2.1	3,859	2.8	1,489	62.8	0.7
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	47,525	100.0	60,766	100.0	13,241	27.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	43,352	91.2	56,413	92.8	13,061	30.1	1.6
Vacant housing units	4,173	8.8	4,353	7.2	180	4.3	-1.6

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community District 2 includes the communities of Sunnyside, Woodside, Long Island City, Blissville and a portion of west Maspeth. The district is bounded on the north by Queens Plaza North, the northern property line of the Sunnyside Rail Yard, Woodside Avenue, and Northern Boulevard; on the east by the Brooklyn Queens Expressway and New York Connecting Railroad; on the south by Calamus, Maurice and Maspeth Avenues and Newtown Creek; and on the west by the East River.

Community District 2 has a wide variety of residential housing options, ranging from apartments and townhomes built in the early 20th century alongside the newly expanded train line subway to the burgeoning high-rise communities in Long Island City. Long Island City – including Hunters Point South, Queens West and Court Square – has been called the fastest growing neighborhoods in the nation. There are two primarily residential landmark districts: Sunnyside Gardens Historic District and the Hunter's Point Historic District. The district also includes substantial areas zoned primarily or exclusively for manufacturing use, such as the Long Island City Industrial Business Zone (including the hamlet of Blissville), the Woodside Industrial Business Zone, and the Maspeth portion.

The district is home to a vibrant arts community including PS1 Contemporary Art Museum, LaGuardia Performing Arts Center, CultureLab LIC, Thalia Hispanic Theatre, the Turkish Cultural Center, the Ecuadorian American Cultural Center, Topaz Arts, and Silvercup Studios. LaGuardia Community College is a robust higher educational facility that enrolls over 20,000 students from more than 130 nations. The Long Island City Partnership and the Sunnyside Shines Business Improvement District both work to improve and enhance commercial districts. Sunnyside Community Services, Woodside on the Move, Sunnyside & Woodside Mutual Aid, Hunters Point Park Conservancy, Court Square Civic Association, Blissville Civic Association and Catholic Migration Services serve families most in need and work to enrich and preserve quality of life.

The population has grown rapidly and to a greater extent than the city. The 2020 Census counted more than 130,000 residents, a 22% increase over 2010. This trend continued into the 2020s: the NYU Furman Center estimates roughly a 10% rise from 2019 to 2021. Long Island City has become the fastest-growing residential neighborhood in New York City, with a population increase of about 78% over the past decade, growing from around 35,000

residents in 2010 to about 63,000 by 2023; growth is likely to accelerate further following the OneLIC rezoning projected to produce an additional 15,000 housing units. Housing affordability pressures are paramount, with a historically low vacancy rate and roughly one in five renter households paying more than half of their income in rent. About 75% of residents rent and 25% own their homes.

Demographically, the district is among the most ethnically and linguistically diverse places in the United States. According to the 2020 Census, roughly 35.4% of residents are non-Hispanic Asian, 29.5% Hispanic/Latino (of any race), 28.5% white non-Hispanic, and 2.7% Black non-Hispanic. Nearly half of residents (about 49.8% per the 2023 American Community Survey 5-year estimates) were born outside of the United States – more than triple the national average – and about 30% of residents are not US citizens. Multilingual households are the norm: roughly 64% of district households reported a non-English primary home language, with the most common being Spanish, Bengali, and Mandarin.

As a whole, the district enjoys access to an abundance of public transit options including 8 subway lines (7, E, M, F, G, N, W, and R), several bus lines and 2 ferries (however, portions of the district such as Blissville and Maspeth are transit deserts, and many subway stations lack elevators). A rapidly growing network of bicycle lanes supports commuters throughout the district. Per the 2023

American Community Survey, 54.9% of workers used public transit to commute, followed by those who worked at home (16.3%) and those who drove alone (14.9%). An additional 6% walked and 3% biked to work.

Queens Community District 2 is a vibrant, diverse, and transit-rich community that has seen dramatic growth in recent years. Residents enjoy relatively high life expectancy and job access, but face high living costs and suffer from limited open space. Infrastructure – from water mains to storm sewers to schools to subways – struggles to keep pace with the district's growing population.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Queens Community Board 2

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable Housing

Affordable Housing

Queens Community District 2 is experiencing a severe housing affordability crisis. Approximately 75% of residents rent, and one in five renter households spends more than half of their income on rent, qualifying as severely rent-burdened. The 2023 New York City Housing Vacancy Survey reported an unprecedently low Queens vacancy rate of 0.88%, compared to the citywide 1.4%. The district has seen substantial new construction concentrated in Long Island City, yet most units are market-rate and unaffordable to existing residents. Community members report widespread frustration with "affordable housing" lotteries that remain out of reach, harassment, and neglect by landlords, and the warehousing of vacant apartments.

District priorities to help address the lack of affordable housing include:

Production of housing with deeper affordability requirements (e.g. 30–60% of Area Median Income) through Mandatory Inclusionary Housing as well as maximizing the provision of deeply affordable housing on public sites.

Preservation of rent-stabilized and naturally affordable units.

Development of senior and supportive housing.

Transparent monitoring of housing commitments through Open Data.

Without strong housing policies, the district risks losing its working-class base and the diversity that defines its character.

Parks and open space

Parks and Open Space

On paper, according to Zola, more than 20% of land use in the district is used for Open Space & Outdoor Recreation; in practice, however, almost all of this land consists of the Calvary cemetery and cannot be used for recreation. According to the Department of Parks and Recreation Walk to a Park Initiative, just 59% of CB2 residents live within walking distance of a park or open space, compared to 84% citywide. Additionally, New Yorkers for Parks' Open Space Profile ranks Queens CB2 57 out of 59 in parkland percentage and 54 out of 59 in tree canopy coverage. These disparities are stark reminders of the need for parks and open space investments in CB2.

Parks and open spaces are not just amenities; they are critical infrastructure that sustain public health, community well-being, and environmental resilience. Building new parks and expanding existing green space will help to mitigate the effects of climate change by cooling neighborhoods, absorbing stormwater, and improving air quality. It would also provide safe places for children and families to gather, seniors to stay active, and residents of all ages to connect with one another.

In a district where access is disproportionately limited, expanding and enhancing open space is an equity issue as much as an environmental one. By investing in parks, playgrounds, community gardens, street trees, and other open spaces, the City can ensure that residents of CB2 enjoy the

same opportunities for recreation, health, and community building as other neighborhoods across New York. These investments will pay long-term dividends by strengthening our resilience, supporting public health, and improving the overall quality of life for current and future generations.

Land use trends

Land Use Trends

The district has varied and uneven land use trends.

Long Island City remains one of the fastest-growing neighborhoods in the nation, yet supporting infrastructure has lagged. Schools are overcrowded, sewers are strained, subways are congested, and open space is insufficient. The district needs infrastructure investment proportionate to its new development, including schools, public health, cultural and community facility space, and open space.

Other parts of the district have different land use challenges. Though well-served by multiple subway lines, the Northern Blvd corridor is characterized by larger lots with underutilized, autocentric usages such as car dealerships, autobody shops, and fast-food restaurants with large parking lots and drive throughs. The Board has repeatedly expressed interest in a comprehensive land use plan and rezoning that would revitalize this corridor and provide new housing (including affordable housing), economic activity, cultural facilities, and open space. The Roosevelt Avenue Corridor is similarly ripe for revitalization to promote affordable housing, green space, and economic activity.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Queens Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Health facilities

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

Queens Community District 2 is home to a number of homeless shelters including in Long Island City, Blissville, and Woodside. Respondents to our Community Needs survey describe increased levels of street homelessness in locations in the district such as around the Vernon Blvd 7 train station, Court Square, and on Queens Blvd in Sunnyside and Woodside. Three homeless shelters were moved to Blissville in the late 2010s (occupying repurposed hotels in an industrial area that lacks access to transit and many basic amenities, such as laundromats), and in late 2024, a 6-story homeless shelter was announced to be under construction on the corner of 11th Street and 40th Avenue in Long Island City. Community District 2 welcomes these new neighbors and is happy to play its part in serving the City's homeless; however, residents feel that the city has not provided services commensurate with the influx of residents in need of support.

High shares of renters (75%) and severe rent burden (20% of households paying more than half of their income in rent) place residents at risk of housing insecurity, which is strongly linked to stress, mental health challenges, and barriers to continuity of care. New housing, particularly deeply affordable housing and supportive housing, is a critical feature of reducing and preventing homelessness.

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

As one of the fastest-growing and most diverse districts in NYC, Queens Community District 2 faces growing health and healthcare needs that mirror its rapid development and demographic complexity. Over a quarter of residents (26.4%) are Medicaid recipients. The largest age group (38%) representing people 25-44 years are people of reproductive age, highlighting the need for services addressing contraception, comprehensive family planning, pregnancy and postnatal care, infection prevention and treatment, and cancer and other health screenings impacting reproductive health.

The district's population is majority immigrant (nearly 50% foreign-born and 30% non-citizens), with two-thirds of households speaking a language other than English. These dynamics create a pressing need for culturally competent and linguistically accessible healthcare services.

While many parts of the district enjoy strong transit access overall, areas such as Blissville and Maspeth remain transit deserts, limiting residents' ability to reach health facilities as well as other neighborhood amenities critical to well-being, including supermarkets that provide healthy food. The shortage of open space is another public health concern: only 59% of residents live within walking distance of a park (compared to 84% citywide), ranking the district

near the bottom of all NYC community districts for parkland and tree canopy. Limited green space contributes to disparities in opportunities for physical activity, cognitive benefits, social connections, air quality, and climate resilience—all of which have direct health implications.

There is a continuous demand for high-quality and immediate care for the residents of our community. Since 2008, Queens has experienced the loss of four hospitals (i.e., Forest Hills' Parkway Hospital, Jamaica's Mary Immaculate Hospital, Elmhurst's St. Johns Queens Hospital, and Far Rockaway's Peninsula Hospital closed), leaving our community underserved. We can expect that our community will be negatively impacted by anticipated federal cuts to Medicaid.

Needs for Older NYs

Needs for Older NYers

According to Sunnyside Community Services, the sole full-service senior center in Sunnyside, "Queens hosts the second largest and most diverse senior population in NYS, with over 90% of seniors choosing to age in place." There is a need for facilities that "enable seniors to engage in social, recreational, and educational activities as a vital aspect of healthy aging" while also "empower[ing] seniors to maintain their connection to their communities as they grow older." That need has become more preeminent as the older adult population expands and residential development continues in Long Island City. The renovation or upgrading of senior centers within our district would help improve normal wear and tear, support repairs, and defray general maintenance costs.

Moreover, many seniors in CB 2 require day programs and home care, including Alzheimer's and social adult day care programs. These programs for seniors provide a crucial resource for ailing seniors and the family members who care for them, offering therapeutic care to seniors and respite to caregivers. Given that older adult center budgets are limited, increased funding is needed to ensure they are properly staffed.

The plight of seniors is made more dire in light of anticipated federal cuts. Cuts to Medicaid are expected to negatively impact some of the most vulnerable residents in our community. It becomes even more critical for the city to dedicate increased funding to support our communities, especially with respect to health care, home care, and services for older adults.

Needs for Homeless

Needs for Homeless

As noted, Queens Community District 2 is home to a number of homeless shelters including in Long Island City, Blissville, and Woodside. The district welcomes additional investments to mitigate homelessness, including the creation of new affordable housing and funding for additional rental assistance in order to help individuals who are currently homeless secure permanent housing.

Needs for Low Income NYs

Needs for Low Income New Yorkers

Food insecurity and access is a continuing problem for several reasons, including high costs of living and unemployment. The need to provide support for not only older adults but also youth, families, and immigrants within our community can be expected to expand as residents face rising food costs and rents, increasing rates of unemployment, and cuts to social supports. A food pantry must be established in Queens Community District 2 to help meet the growing insecurity of vulnerable populations, particularly given impending cuts to the SNAP program that will exacerbate food insecurity.

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DFTA	1 / 1	new senior center
HHC	1 / 1	Provide a new or expanded health care facility neonatal maternal
HRA	1 / 1	New food pantry in CB2

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
HRA	1 / 2	Funding to prevent homelessness
HRA	2 / 2	Funding for Food assistance

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Queens Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Youth workforce development and summer youth employment

Most Important Issue: Youth, Education and Child Welfare

After School Programs

After school programs were the top need echoed by respondents to our Community Needs Survey, with respondents citing the role after school programs play in supporting working families while also providing a safe place for children to play and develop. A Woodside resident who answered our Community Needs survey explained that "After School programs play a critical role in keeping kids in safe, comfortable spaces between home and school. They can often provide a meal that otherwise would be missed, and act as a great population to survey

when planning future youth outreach." Several respondents highlighted the need for after school programs to supervise and support working parents. For example, a Woodside resident said "Our district has many, many families where the caregivers work full time and lack the ability to pay for nannies or private care. After school care is essential for the younger children in our district."

Many respondents saw after school programs as a tool to provide public safety and prevent youth crime by providing safe and supervised places to build community. Though there are very few homicides in Community District 2, recent violence has involved youth. In February 2025, a 14 year old boy was murdered by another teenager at a local McDonald's just after school – at 3:30 PM on a Friday. One exemplary comment in our survey from a Sunnyside resident was "There has been an increase in teen violence in the neighborhood, which after school programs might help prevent."

Sunnyside Community Services, a local nonprofit, said that "Comprehensive after school programs that include youth workforce development and summer youth employment are the most prominent needs in our district.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

Needs for Youth Education

Schools in Districts 24 and 30 (encompassing Community District 2) remain among the most overcrowded in the city, with limited bilingual staffing and insufficient resources to support the recent influx of migrant students. Families need stronger connections to community-based services for expanded access to family supports, housing stability, and youth-centered programming. Investment in culturally responsive supports, expanded classroom capacity, and accessible college and career readiness programs is essential to preparing students for long-term success.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Outside of school, young people require safe, affordable, and engaging opportunities that promote their growth and wellbeing. The district urgently needs more free and low-cost afterschool and third spaces in addition to school based (Beacon programs), as well as accessible enrichment opportunities in arts, STEM, recreation, and knowledge sharing that families often miss unless they have personal connections. Youth also need greater access to mental health supports, including

counseling services and peer programs that help de-stigmatize asking for help. The rise of vaping and subway surfing illustrates how underlying stress, lack of safe outlets, and social pressures can manifest in risky behaviors. Expanding

mental health resources, promoting awareness, and creating affirming spaces where students feel seen and supported are critical to prevention and resilience.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DYCD	1 / 2	Funding for additional after school programs
DYCD	2 / 2	Funding for additional ESOL Services

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Queens Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

General crime

In the Board's Community Needs survey, many respondents expressed concerns about feeling unsafe and perceptions of decreased safety and increased crime and disorder (though others described feeling they lived in a "safe neighborhood"). Several community members called attention to slow response times to reported crimes; for example, a survey respondent said "The lengthy response time to accidents, incidents, and active crime from police in Sunnyside is abysmal." Another resident (from Long Island City) stated "Lack of police response: Businesses report calling 911 without receiving timely assistance, leading to a breakdown in trust and a reluctance to report future incidents." Some residents expressed a desire for greater foot patrols to increase police visibility

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

Needs for Public Safety

In addition to the violent and property crimes and disorder, concerns about traffic law violations – and their effects on safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists – were a prominent theme among responses to our Community Needs survey. Respondents cited speeding, illegal parking in crosswalks and on sidewalks, and running stop signs/red lights as widespread problems requiring greater enforcement attention. Sidewalks and crosswalks must receive priority enforcement to end the pervasive illegal parking of vehicles that endangers pedestrians and compromises accessibility and comfort for all.

Respondents also expressed a need for services for people with mental illness and the homeless. The district would welcome an expansion of the city's Partnership Assistance for Transit Homelessness (PATH) program that provides overnight police and clinician co-response into Queens in order to provide overnight outreach to individuals with mental illness residing in subway stations. Though the program is currently limited to Manhattan subway stations, residents of our district report a need in local subway stations such as Vernon Blvd, Court Square, and Queens Plaza.

Needs for Emergency Services

Needs for Emergency Services

In our Community Needs survey, many community members expressed concerns about flooding in the district and expressed a need for greater preparedness in the event of extreme weather events including timely public communications and timely emergency response to rescue people impacted by flooding if needed. In addition, the district has experienced several large fires, including (in December 2023) a five-alarm fire that displaced more than 400 residents of a six-story apartment building on 47th Avenue in Sunnyside (the building remains uninhabitable 2 years later).

Miraculously, this catastrophic fire did not result in any life-threatening injuries, due in part to the rapid response of emergency responders to evacuate the building. In addition to fire prevention, the District needs effective, rapid response in order to protect life during extreme events such as this one.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
FDNY	1 / 1	Public safety and fire safety education for Youth
NYPD	1 / 4	Enforcement of illegally parked commercial vehicles within CB2
NYPD	2 / 4	Substance use specialist for shelter vicinities
NYPD	3 / 4	Increase Uniformed Officer staffing at the 108th Precinct
NYPD	4 / 4	Path outreach expansion to Queens subway stations

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Queens Community Board 2

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

Cleanliness/Trash Collection

In the Community District Needs survey, cleanliness/trash collection was the top need identified by community members in the Infrastructure arena. In open-ended fields, survey respondents cited litter on the streets and sidewalks as a persistent issue that degrades quality of life; they called for an increase in the number of trash cans on streets and greater efforts to address litter and illegal dumping. In order to improve neighborhood cleanliness, respondents called for trash containerization by large residential buildings, additional public trash cans on commercial streets, enforcement against illegal dumping by businesses, and design interventions to reduce pigeon excrement.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

CB2 urgently needs investments in stormwater capture and management systems. Our district regularly experiences flooding during heavy rainfall, and the existing infrastructure is often overwhelmed. To address this, we need funding for expanded and upgraded catch basins throughout flood-prone streets. Beyond traditional basins, we also need resilient stormwater infrastructure such as rain gardens, bioswales, permeable pavement, and cloudburst management projects that can absorb, store, and channel excess water during intense storms. Where possible, the City should also promote blue roofs and green roofs to detain rainwater and reduce rapid runoff. Together, these innovations will reduce strain on our sewers, mitigate property damage, limit public health risks from standing water, and improve environmental quality.

Equally urgent is the restoration of Newtown Creek. For too long, the creek has been treated as an industrial outflow and combined sewer overflow discharge point, leaving it hazardous and unfit for both people and wildlife. We must implement a comprehensive cleanup and remediation effort, including the removal of industrial contamination, restoration of wetlands, and measures to reduce CSO discharge. These improvements should be paired with investments that make the creek accessible to residents, transforming portions of the waterfront into parks and walkways. Restoring Newtown Creek would not only repair decades of environmental damage but also create new recreational opportunities, provide much-needed green space, and improve quality of life for surrounding neighborhoods.

Finally, sewer capacity must be modernized and expanded, especially in Long Island City and other fast-growing parts of CB2. The current system is already strained during extreme weather events, and additional development, particularly following the OneLIC rezoning, will only add to that pressure. Investments are needed to expand sewer mains and replace aging infrastructure to ensure the system can handle both current and projected population growth. Without these upgrades, our community faces the prospect of worsening flooding, sewer backups, and public health hazards as storms continue to intensify from a drastically changing climate. By making proactive investments now, the City can prevent costly emergency fixes in the future while supporting sustainable growth in CB2.

Needs for Sanitation Services

Needs for Sanitation Services

In addition to the General Cleanliness issues noted above, our Board affirms the need for prompt snow clearing of sidewalks, corner crossings, and bike lanes on or near city properties. One of the great achievements of NYC is the speed with which the Dept. of Sanitation clears roadways after a snowfall. But sidewalks, corner crossings, and bike lanes can be left to linger with snow for days, and the snow eventually becomes slippery ice. The problem is particularly noted on city property, including sidewalks around city parks and on bridges. The city must create an action plan and allot equipment and labor for the quick removal of snow from all city sidewalks, bike lanes, and street corners.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	1 / 4	Other capital budget request for DEP
DEP	2 / 4	Other capital budget request for DEP
DEP	3 / 4	Other capital budget request for DEP
DEP	4 / 4	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	1 / 3	Comprehensive sewer Capacity study for CB2
DEP	2 / 3	Storm sewer repairs on Greenpoint avenue in blissville
DEP	3 / 3	Inspect storm sewer on 43rd and 50th Streete, repair or replace as needed
DSNY	1 / 1	Snow Removal for city owned sidewalks and Bike lanes

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Queens Community Board 2

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

Affordable housing creation

Affordable Housing Creation

Queens Community District 2 is experiencing an intensifying housing affordability crisis. Around two-thirds of households rent, and roughly one in five renter households is severely rent-burdened, paying more than half of their income toward rent. Median gross rents have risen by a significant margin more than median household incomes. Residents consistently describe themselves as "rent poor" or unable to qualify for housing lotteries whose "affordable" rents remain far beyond local incomes. According to the most recent New York City Housing Vacancy Survey (2023), just 0.88% of rental units in Queens are available for rent, even lower than the city as a whole's 1.4% vacancy rate, the city's lowest net rental vacancy rates on record.

A preponderance of survey respondents, along with virtually every public comment session, underscored that housing affordability is the paramount concern in the district. Large-scale rezonings have produced thousands of new apartments, but most are priced at market rates. The limited affordable units that have come online remain priced well above what many local households can afford. Looking ahead, the City's Mandatory Inclusionary Housing framework risks replicating this mismatch if affordability bands are not deepened. Meanwhile, historically working- and middle-class neighborhoods such as Sunnyside and Woodside face ongoing speculative pressure. Tenants continue to report concerns about warehousing of vacant apartments, building neglect, and harassment intended to displace long-term residents.

Addressing this crisis requires both creation of new deeply affordable homes and preservation of existing stock. Community District 2 strongly supports:

Deeper MIH options, prioritizing 30-60% AMI, with a greater share of family-sized units.

100% affordable projects on public sites and stronger incentives for private developments to exceed MIH minimums.

Preservation tools to keep rent-stabilized and naturally affordable units from being lost to vacancy or conversion.

Senior and supportive housing development, particularly for vulnerable populations.

Fairer AMI calculations that reflect New York City incomes, not inflated regional figures.

Transparency and oversight, including annual MIH reporting via Open Data and community participation in tracking delivery of affordable units.

Without stronger requirements, the district risks losing the diversity, cultural vibrancy, and working-class households that define our neighborhoods. Housing affordability is the foundation of neighborhood stability, equitable economic growth, and long-term community health.

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

Needs for Land Use

Needs for Land Use

Community District 2 continues to experience rapid growth, especially in Long Island City, which has been among the fastest-growing neighborhoods in New York City for over a decade. Yet infrastructure has not kept pace. Residents emphasized the urgent need for schools, sewers, transit capacity, parkland, and resiliency measures to be planned and funded in tandem with new housing and commercial development. The district also faces challenges around basement and cellar apartments, which provide critical but often informal housing for thousands of residents. Flooding deaths underscore the urgent need for safe, code-compliant basement conversions, along with investments in drainage, sewers, and resiliency infrastructure to prevent future tragedies.

The district supports linking new development to infrastructure improvements through a formal sequencing plan. This means correcting legacy underinvestment while ensuring that each new rezoning or major project contributes to the schools, open space, transit access, and flood protection needed to serve additional residents.

Zoning text changes are also needed to align growth with community priorities. The district supports:

Eliminating rezoning provisions that permit excessive height or density without delivering public benefit.

Calibrating contextual height and bulk limits to reflect neighborhood character.

Introducing zoning incentives for cultural and community facilities.

Requiring transparency and accountability for public benefit commitments.

Advancing a Department of City Planning study of Roosevelt Avenue and Northern Boulevard, building on Council Member Julie Won's office-funded surveys and workshops, to realign land use with community needs.

Replacing automobile-oriented uses on Northern Boulevard with housing, community facilities, and pedestrian-friendly development, consistent with Board resolutions and prior budget submissions.

Environmental justice remains a pressing land use issue, particularly in Blissville, which bears a disproportionate share of polluting infrastructure, shelters, and waste facilities. A fairer siting process is essential to reduce cumulative impacts on already overburdened communities.

Needs for Housing

Needs for Housing

Beyond the urgent need for affordable housing creation, the district identifies three housing priorities:

Preservation: Protect rent-stabilized apartments from being lost through vacancy, conversion, or warehousing, and expand code enforcement resources to combat harassment and neglect.

Production: Deliver more units affordable to working-class households by prioritizing MIH Options 1 and 3, requiring deeper affordability bands, and incentivizing projects that exceed minimum thresholds. Public sites should be reserved for 100% affordable or supportive housing.

Specialized Housing: Increase housing for seniors, people with disabilities, and households requiring supportive services. NYCHA developments must be fully funded for repair and modernization.

These needs echo both quantitative data and lived experience: affordability at levels accessible to local incomes, housing stability for existing tenants, and dignified homes for seniors and vulnerable residents.

Needs for Economic Development

Needs for Economic Development

Community District 2 remains a hub of small businesses, arts organizations, and light industry, but faces growing displacement pressures. Rising rents, speculative conversions, and loss of industrial space undermine economic diversity and resilience.

The district calls for:

Protection of the Long Island City Industrial Business Zone (IBZ) and adjacent industrial corridors, ensuring space for makers, artisans, logistics, and other blue-collar jobs.

Support for small businesses and arts organizations through grants, affordable commercial space, and zoning tools such as floor area bonuses or exemptions for cultural use.

Activation of underutilized buildings to host community facilities, cultural institutions, or mixed-use developments that serve residents and businesses.

Commercial revitalization strategies to address vacant storefronts and ensure that economic growth benefits long-term residents.

Investments in streetscape, lighting, and public space improvements along commercial corridors, which are priorities also advanced by local Business Improvement Districts in Long Island City and Sunnyside.

Economic development in CD2 must be tied to affordability and inclusion. Growth without protections risks displacing the very businesses and cultural assets that make our neighborhoods vibrant.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
HPD	2 / 3	Affordable Housing development on Hunters Point Parcel D
HPD	3 / 3	affordable housing Conversion of Shelters

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCP	1 / 5	ONELIC Rezoning commitments tracking and communication
DCP	3 / 5	Hunters Point South Site D plan review and redesign
DCP	4 / 5	Feasibility Study for Northern Blvd Corridor Rezoning
DCP	5 / 5	Zoning plan for Roosevelt Ave Corridor within CB2 to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth
DOB	1 / 1	DOB Task force for ADU Technical Assistance in CB2
HPD	1 / 3	Basement Apartments conversion program expansion
SBS	1 / 1	Technical assistance and lease grants for IBZ

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Queens Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Subway service and quality (frequency, access, crowding, etc.) ubway Service and Quality

As stated, Queens Community Board 2 is well-served by mass transit. Several subway lines and the LIRR have stops and major stations within CB2. Recent capital improvements have had major positive effects on quality and service. Communications-based Train Control (CBTC) on the 7 line has transformed it into one of the most reliable lines in the system. Similar CBTC upgrades are in the works on other lines in our district. Elevator and accessibility upgrades have been completed at Queensboro Plaza, Court Square (westbound) and Northern Blvd.

In fact, most of the improvements in our district are in the works, and this massive amount of improvement all at once has a net negative effect for riders in the present. We will someday appreciate the improvements: more elevators are under construction at 33rd St, 46th St, and Court Square (eastbound); State of Good Repair renovations at 52nd St, 61st St and 69th St; CBTC upgrades on the G, E, F, M, and R trains. In the meantime, New Yorkers operate on a daily schedule and the MTA operates in years. A lot of these projects will create hardships for the next two years or more, and so much all at once, especially after many years of work on our local lines, creates a daily reality which is far from accessible, reliable, and comfortable.

Decades-long neglect and poor funding gave us a system that was malfunctioning, rotting, and inaccessible. We appreciate all the work happening now, but it is compounding with the other frustrations of transit use. We urge MTA and state leadership to consider the daily rider's experience today and tomorrow. Projects should be accelerated where they can. For residents dependent on the 7 train, the work that closes stations for months at a time must finish as quickly as possible and the 7 Express must be restored to ease crowding on the line. Until then, we request that frequencies on the Q32 and Q60 buses be increased to bring additional capacity and access for those impacted by skipped or inaccessible stations.

CB2 is one of the fastest-growing districts in the city. Rezonings like OneLIC will add tens of thousands of new residents to the district, as well as new jobs and businesses. In this board's recommendations for the OneLIC rezoning, we noted that the subway is already over-burdened in our district. The subway stations in Long Island City will not be able to accommodate so many new riders. We acknowledge that CBTC will allow more trains per hour, but we were dismayed that there are no plans shared for station reconstruction or new stations in the rezoning area, including the long-promised LIRR Sunnyside Station.

The district will continue to grow as Northern Blvd and Queens Blvd welcome new residential buildings and our neighborhood's relatively low height grows taller and taller. Someday, we may see a new neighborhood in Sunnyside Yards, and the MTA must plan now for increased capacity and service.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

The mix of so many mass transit options and automobile roadways and truck routes create dangerous conditions for all, especially vulnerable road users. Mass transit and population density encourage residents to be pedestrians, and efforts by the city to reduce car dependency produce

likewise. The district's sidewalks and crossings, most of them designed or altered so as to not affect car throughput, are not up to the task of protecting pedestrians and fostering a safe, comfortable, and accessible experience.

The DOT has used its Vision Zero toolkit to redesign many roadways and crossings within our district to great effect. Exemplary redesigns of Queens Blvd, Skillman Ave, and Review Avenue have made those streets safer for all by adding protected bike lanes, shortened pedestrian crossings, fewer automobile lanes, and daylighting. Signal timing changes and speed cameras reduce speeding. On the 39th Ave Bike Blvd, traffic diverters and forced turnoffs significantly reduced traffic within the Sunnyside Gardens neighborhood, and the addition of more crosswalks with increased visibility through daylighting have vastly improved pedestrian safety.

These projects should continue more quickly and more universally. This board has voted in favor of universal daylighting throughout the city. There is a need for hardened daylighting in most cases to prevent illegal parking or dangerously fast turns. Sammy's Law should be applied on all residential streets to reduce automobile speed limits to 20 MPH. Very large intersections throughout the district, such as those at Queens Blvd and Greenpoint Ave or Broadway and 37th Ave should be redesigned for greater pedestrian and cyclist safety and comfort. More neighborhoods should receive street redesigns that reduce cut-through traffic and create low-traffic neighborhoods like Sunnyside Gardens.

The installation of protected bike lanes in the last decade has created world class streets for cyclist safety in the district. But there are many more streets that have zero protection for cyclists, even in spite of multiple tragic deaths on those streets. Sunnyside south of Queens Blvd and Woodside must receive the same protected bike lane treatments as those built in other parts of Sunnyside and Long Island City. Major avenues such as 47th Ave and 48th Ave in Sunnyside and Roosevelt Ave in Woodside offer no protection for cyclists and must be redesigned. The bike network that ends at Roosevelt Ave and Woodside Ave must be extended east to reach networks in Jackson Heights and beyond.

North-/south-running protected bike lanes are needed in both Sunnyside and Woodside to provide safe routes for bicycle riders of all ages and abilities to get to school, work, and parks safely, and especially to access services and amenities beyond the district in areas like Astoria, Jackson Heights, Greenpoint, Maspeth, and Ridgewood. More protected bike lanes should be installed in Long Island City to serve the exponential growth of that neighborhood.

Needs for Transit Services

Needs for Transit Services

Bus speeds and reliability are substandard due to a total lack of bus lanes in the District, which would otherwise help buses avoid traffic delays. We request that the City implement bus lanes on Northern Blvd and Queens Blvd, as outlined in the 2021 NYC Streets Plan.

In addition, north/south travel demand between Sunnyside/Woodside and adjacent neighborhoods like Astoria, Ridgewood, and Greenpoint continues to grow as populations increase. Despite the recently completed Queens Bus Network redesign, none of the buses serving these direct connections (i.e. the Q39, Q104, Q18, and B24) saw significant increases in frequency. This lack of convenient access leads many to rely on motor vehicles for trips that could otherwise be accomplished by bus, exacerbating traffic congestion and crash risk, and reducing access for non-driving residents who cannot afford Lyft or Uber. We request that the City coordinate with the MTA to increase service on the Q39, Q104, Q18, and B24 to provide equal access to the city for all residents, not just those who have access to a motor vehicle.

Finally, the following requests were made by the Community Board as a condition of our support for the proposed OneLIC rezoning:

Partner with the MTA, and formalize in a transit coordination plan, to expand service on the 7, E, G, M, F, N, and W subway lines, including increased frequency and accessibility/circulation upgrades at nearby stations. This should be formalized in a transit coordination plan.

Expand local bus service, express buses to Manhattan, and ferry service. Create dedicated bus lanes along major corridors, improving last-mile access and reducing commute times.

Implement a comprehensive Vision Zero strategy tailored to LIC, including raised crosswalks, curb extensions, protected bike lanes, pedestrian refuge islands, and redesigned intersections to reduce injuries and fatalities.

Create a long-term streetscape master plan, including the Queens Waterfront Greenway project and DOT's Greater Greenways Plan that reserves right-of-way for future improvements, such as wider sidewalks, wide bike lanes, green infrastructure, and transit accessibility features.

Actively apply the zoning frameworks that require or encourage developers to fund transit improvements like new station entrances or ADA-compliant elevators as part of their projects. This would leverage private investment to address transit accessibility and capacity needs, especially in high-growth areas near major subway hubs.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 4	Districtwide Daylighting
DOT	2 / 4	Pigeon deterrent netting
DOT	3 / 4	Electric Charging stations
DOT	4 / 4	Reconstruct streets Winfield Industrial Streets
NYCTA	1 / 1	ADA Accessibility upgrades at 7 line stations

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 4	Low traffic Neighborhood Study for CB2
DOT	2 / 4	Dedicated Bus Lanes on Northern Blvd and Queens Blvd
DOT	3 / 4	Protected Bike lanes on 47, 48th, and 39th Avenues
DOT	4 / 4	Protected bike lans on 43rd Street and 48th Street in sunnysid

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Queens Community Board 2

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

Insufficient park or open space

Insufficient Park or Open Space

The lack of sufficient parks and open space is one of the most pressing issues facing Queens CB2. On paper, over 20% of district land is designated as open space, but in reality the vast majority of that is Calvary Cemetery, which is not available for recreation. According to the Department of Parks and Recreation's Walk to a Park Initiative, only 59% of CB2 residents live within walking distance of a park, compared to 84% citywide. New Yorkers for Parks further ranks CB2 near the bottom of all community districts; 57 out of 59 in parkland percentage and 54 out of 59 in tree canopy coverage. These disparities highlight the inequity our community faces and underscore the urgent need to expand, improve, and invest in open space so that CB2 residents can enjoy the same access to greenery, recreation, and health benefits as other New Yorkers.

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

Needs for Parks

Needs for Parks

Expanding and improving parks and open spaces in CB2 would deliver immediate and long-term benefits for the health, resilience, and quality of life of our residents. Parks cool neighborhoods, absorb stormwater, clean our air, and provide safe places for exercise, play, and community connection. To achieve these outcomes, we call for investments in:

Expanding and upgrading existing parks so they are more accessible and include more usable green space, following strong examples like Gantry Plaza State Park. Some parks in our district lack critical design features. For example, Saba Park does not have lights or a standard fence separating the park from the roadway.

Building new parks and green spaces, including small-scale playgrounds, community gardens, and pocket parks in underused parcels, as well as larger opportunities such as a continuous waterfront park system along Newtown Creek. The Board welcomes the Park Department's "Neighborhood Scale ULURP" initiative to facilitate parkland acquisition in the district and looks forward to partnering with the Parks Department on efforts to address the shortage of parks.

Investing in alternative open spaces where new parks are not feasible by creating public plazas, expanding open streets, and transforming underutilized spaces into thriving community amenities.

Needs for Cultural Services

Needs for Cultural Services

Arts and Culture is a historical identity of our district, home to hundreds of artists; galleries; theater and arts schools; indoor and outdoor performance venues; museums; murals; public art installations; studios for film, TV, dance; and industry light manufacturers including set building and sign fabrication for Broadway, movie sets, and more. Arts and Culture in our district is an undeniable economic driver for our neighborhoods and citywide, yet is still lacking public investment to preserve our identity and sustain our vulnerable sector, especially with OneLIC zoning proposal on the table. Arts and Culture spaces must be preserved, expanded, and created alongside any land development. Spaces must be affordable and sustainable for our arts and culture organizations to continue serving our community. Arts and Culture must be recognized as

an integral element of our community, and must be a standard consideration in both public and private land use actions, small business support, and education. We request the following investments for Arts and Culture:

Additional public art sites, both temporary and permanent, in various identified parkland across the district including at Gordon triangle, Murray Playground, Vernon mall, Hunter's point park south, below luminescence, Lowery Plaza, Doughboy Park, 12th Street plaza, and Queensbridge park

Support the sustainability of public art work with funding allocated to costs associated with public art installations, including insurance, transport, assembly, materials, removal, and storage

Support the creation of a performing arts center with studios for rehearsals, classes, and public cultural events on the public land on 44th Drive

Support the creation of an outdoor amphitheater as part of new parks design coming into the district, on public land on 44th Drive.

Needs for Library Services

Needs for Library Services

The libraries in our district are a critical resource for adults, children, and seniors, and the community has suffered as our libraries have faced funding cuts resulting in reduced hours of service. Libraries serve as comprehensive community centers, providing not only books and media that support our education, but also internet access, training workshops, civic resource meetings, children and adult programming, and cooling centers. The city must maintain funding for libraries, so these facilities can remain open, accessible, and free 7 days a week for all CB2 community.

Needs for Community Boards

Needs for Community Boards

Vulnerabilities with Virtual Meetings: Zoom meetings are conducted as regular meetings rather than webinars. This leaves the Board vulnerable to Zoom bombing as any attendee can unmute themselves. As a result of this vulnerability, both full board and committee meetings have repeatedly been disrupted by bad actors, including the use of racial slurs and explicit content. Additional funds for a Zoom tier that allows webinar events would increase meeting efficiency and reduce exposure to noxious content.

Website Design and Upgrades: CB2 needs funds for consultation and technical upgrades for website improvement and maintenance to improve overall usability, including links, content, and navigation. Some listings are out-of-date, while more current and important items are difficult to find.

Document Sharing to Prep/Participate: Documents discussed at board meetings are often disseminated via PDF attachments sent to board members' emails. These documents are often not posted publicly on the website before meetings, hampering engagement from the public on items being discussed or voted on. Training and guidance on how to distribute materials in an accessible and compliant manner would allow the public to better participate in the Board's work.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCLA	1 / 2	additional sites for public art in parks
DCLA	2 / 2	new cultural facility
DPR	1 / 4	Borden ave dead end Blissville
DPR	2 / 4	Public Amphitheatre
DPR	3 / 4	Public Pool Hunters Point Parcel D
DPR	4 / 4	Sabba Park Fencing
DPR	CS	Blissville Veterans Memorial flagpole construction
DPR	CS	Court square reconstruction

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCLA	1 / 1	Public Art Installation funding for beautification
DPR	1 / 3	Maintenance improvements for Dutch kills greenway
DPR	2 / 3	Lighting Improvements at Sabba Park
DPR	3 / 3	Public Lighting Installation at Hunters Point South Park
QL	1 / 2	Extended library hours for Sunnyside and Woodside branches
QL	2 / 2	Other expense budget request for QL

6. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Additional Information and Feedback CB2 thanks the Department of City Planning for its support in the Statement of Needs process, including by furnishing survey materials and by meeting live to answer questions on our submission.

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
HPD	1 / 3	affordable housing Senior housing

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCAS	1 / 5	CB2 Storefront and on street presence strategy
DCAS	2 / 5	Community event swag procurement
DCAS	3 / 5	Community Event promotion
DCAS	4 / 5	Annual CB2 meet and Greet Events
DCAS	5 / 5	Coat and sock drive funding for shelter distribution
DCP	2 / 5	Affordable housing site study for CB2
DOITT	1 / 4	Zoom platform upgrade for hybrid meetings
DOITT	2 / 4	CB2 Website redesign
DOITT	3 / 4	Student Grants for CB2 design and media support
DOITT	4 / 4	CB2 Newsletter designer funding
HPD	2 / 3	HPD Inspection expansion and tenant legal services
HPD	3 / 3	Homeownership programs for low and moderate income families

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

1 of 4	Other capital budget request for DEP Other capital budget request for DEP	DEP
Build catch basins around 7 train entrances on Queens Blvd where flooding is prevalent. The crosswalks leading up to 46th street, 40th street and 33rd Street, 7 train stations experience regular flooding but lack catch basins or infrastructure to relieve the flooding.		
2 of 4	Other capital budget request for DEP Other capital budget request for DEP	DEP
Provide funding for green infrastructure for a bioswale upstream from Blissville at Bradley avenue and between Borden avenue and van dam street. This will help alleviate the sewer backflow issues in Blissville due to limited sewer capacity.		
3 of 4	Other capital budget request for DEP Other capital budget request for DEP	DEP
To alleviate chronic flooding, reconstruct sewers and catch basins between 60th Street and 65th place and. Tyler Avenue and Laurel Hill Boulevard.		
4 of 4	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	DEP
Evaluate Wynwood streets from 65th place from 60th Street, from Laurel hill to Tyler Ave for green infrastructure for improvements to prevent chronic flooding.		

Department of Transportation (DOT)

1 of 4	Districtwide Daylighting Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	DOT
Provide daylighting at every intersection within the CB 2 district, using harden daylighting tools (raised curb, extensions, planters, bioswales, boulders, bike corals) where needed.		
2 of 4	Pigeon deterrent netting Other capital budget request for DOT	DOT
Request NYC DOT to install pigeon deterring netting or other deterrent infrastructure under the LIRR overpasses to improve cleanliness. Overpasses exist along the LIRR from 43rd Street to 61st Street, and periodic cleaning of pigeon feces by agencies or volunteers is inadequate.		
3 of 4	Electric Charging stations Other transportation infrastructure requests	DOT
Activate the parking areas under the 7 train with electric vehicle charging stations as a potential source of city income and to support transition away from polluting fossil fuels.		

4 of 4 Reconstruct streets Winfield Industrial Streets

DOT

Reconstruct streets

Install pedestrian ramps at the street crossings of Winfield Industrial streets from 69th Street to 73rd Street and from Queens Blvd to Calamus Avenue.

Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC)**1 of 1 Provide a new or expanded health care facility neonatal maternal**

HHC

Provide a new or expanded health care facility

Identify a site for and commit to establishing a full - service hospital within or near CB 2 in the rezoning area, including comprehensive maternity and neonatal care. Long Island City's growing residential population requires local, accessible health care infrastructure to meet basic and emergency needs, especially for families.

Human Resources Administration (HRA)**1 of 1 New food pantry in CB2**

HRA

Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers

Establish a city sponsored food pantry in the CB 2 district in partnership with Sunnyside Community services and woodside on the move in order to address growing food insecurity and mediate the impact of cuts to snap.

New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)**1 of 1 ADA Accessibility upgrades at 7 line stations**

NYCTA

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

Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure by providing elevators and ADA upgrades at 40th Street, 52nd street, 69th Street, Hunter's Point, and Vernon/Jackson stations on the #7 Line.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**1 of 4 Borden ave dead end Blissville**

DPR

Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park

Construct a park at the dead end of Borden Avenue in Blissville to address the absence of accessible green space in the neighborhood.

2 of 4 Public Amphitheatre

DPR

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

Construction of a public outdoor amphitheater as part of design of new parks space in Long Island City.

3 of 4 Public Pool Hunters Point Parcel D

DPR

Other requests for park, building, or access improvements

Fully fund a new public pool on Hunter's Point Parcel D, including support facilities (locker rooms), at the rear ground level of the adjacent new 100% affordable housing.

4 of 4 Sabba Park Fencing

DPR

Other requests for park, building, or access improvements

Sabba Park currently lacks fencing; it is separated from the street by traffic barriers and chicken wire. Proper fencing is needed to better protect children, pets, and seniors from the roadway.

CS	Blissville Veterans Memorial flagpole construction	DPR
	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	

Complete the Blissville veteran's memorial, including the flagpole at triangle park at the location of van dam park at the base of the Green point avenue bridge.

CS	Court square reconstruction	DPR
	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	

Court Square Park revitalization to move the fountain and restore the park in front of the courthouse.

Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)

1 of 3	affordable housing Senior housing	HPD
	Other capital request for HPD	

Fully fund new 100% affordable senior housing on DOT Parking lot site (44-59 45th Avenue) with special consideration in design and programming with people with disabilities.

2 of 3	Affordable Housing development on Hunters Point Parcel D	HPD
	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	

Fully fund new 100% affordable housing on Hunter's Point Parcel D.

3 of 3	affordable housing Conversion of Shelters	HPD
	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	

Conversion of existing shelter sites to permanent supportive housing to be operated by quality non-profit operators.

Department for the Aging (DFTA)

1 of 1	new senior center	DFTA
	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	

Funding site acquisition for site for a new senior/ community center in CB2 which previously benefited from an additional center formerly in St Mary's in Hunters Point.

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA)

1 of 2	additional sites for public art in parks	DCLA
	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	

Funding to identify and establish additional sites in parks across the district for temporary and permanent public art.

2 of 2	new cultural facility	DCLA
	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	

Location: 44th drive

Funding to support the creation of a dance center of studios for rehearsals, classes, and public cultural events on the public land on 44th drive at the east river waterfront of Long Island City.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)

1 of 3 Basement Apartments conversion program expansion

HPD

Other expense budget request for HPD

Expansion of the basement apartment conversion pilot program to support safe basement apartment conversion.

2 of 3 HPD Inspection expansion and tenant legal services

HPD

Other expense request for HPD

Add HPD inspectors for proactive building enforcement and fund tenant legal/anti-eviction services in rent stabilized housing.

3 of 3 Homeownership programs for low and moderate income families

HPD

Other expense request for HPD

Low-cost loans to low and moderate income homeowners for renovation and/or purchase costs for existing houses.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)**1 of 3 Comprehensive sewer Capacity study for CB2**

DEP

Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed

Create a comprehensive sewer capacity study throughout CB 2. With a huge growth in Western Queens, the increase in the extreme storms via climate change, and the age of the sewers, there is inordinate stress on sewer systems throughout the district.

2 of 3 Storm sewer repairs on Greenpoint avenue in blissville

DEP

Other expense budget request for DEP

Increase funding to inspect storm sewers on Green point Avenue from review ave to Bradley to repair and replace as needed in Blissville in order to address increasingly severe sewer backflow issues.

3 of 3 Inspect storm sewer on 43rd and 50th Streete, repair or replace as needed

DEP

Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed

Increase funding to Inspect Storm sewers to repair and replace as needed on Skillman Avenue from 43rd Street to 50th Street. In order to address chronic flooding,

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**1 of 3 Maintenance improvements for Dutch kills greenway**

DPR

Provide better park maintenance

Funding for improved maintenance of Dutch Kills Greenway in Queensboro Plaza including lighting.

2 of 3 Lighting Improvements at Sabba Park

DPR

Provide better park maintenance

Add Lighting to Sabba Park to improve usability and safety.

3 of 3 Public Lighting Installation at Hunters Point South Park

DPR

Other park maintenance and safety requests

Install additional public space lighting at Hunter's Point South Park, where large areas are unlit at night, in order to promote safety and usability.

New York Police Department (NYPD)

1 of 4 Enforcement of illegally parked commercial vehicles within CB2

NYPD

Other NYPD staff resources requests

Increased resources for parking enforcement to address widespread illegal parking on sidewalks, with particular emphasis on illegal parking by vehicles associated with automotive and other businesses as well as delivery vehicles idling on sidewalks.

2 of 4 Substance use specialist for shelter vicinities

NYPD

Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)

Substance use specialist to address drug dealing around shelters within the CB 2 District.

3 of 4 Increase Uniformed Officer staffing at the 108th Precinct

NYPD

Hire additional uniformed officers

Increase funding for uniformed officers at the 108th precinct, more officers in order to improve response times (residents experience 3 hours response times for domestic violence reports)

4 of 4 Path outreach expansion to Queens subway stations

NYPD

Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)

Expansion into Queens of the city's Partnership assistance for Transit Homelessness (PATH) police and clinician co-response program that provides overnight outreach to individuals with mental illness residing in subway stations. The program is currently limited to Manhattan subway stations, but community members report a need in subway stations such as Vernon Blvd, Court square and Queens plaza.

Department of City Planning (DCP)**1 of 5 ONELEC Rezoning commitments tracking and communication**

DCP

Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs

Provide staff support for tracking and community updates on the progress of commitments made as part of the OneLIC neighborhood rezoning.

2 of 5 Affordable housing site study for CB2

DCP

Other expense request

Conduct a comprehensive study of potential affordable housing sites within CB 2, including City and State owned property as well as under utilized tax-exempt properties such as vacant religious property.

3 of 5 Hunters Point South Site D plan review and redesign

DCP

Other zoning and land use requests

Fund staff time for review and modification of large-scale plan for Hunter's Point South Site D, incorporating updated mix of uses and heights, including more active outdoor recreational space(i.e., Public pool or sports fields) and a smaller footprint of 100% of affordable housing (possibly with an increased height limit).

4 of 5 Feasibility Study for Northern Blvd Corridor Rezoning

DCP

Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth

Feasibility study to rezone the Northern Boulevard Corridor to prioritize affordable housing, small businesses, and people-friendly amenities.

5 of 5	Zoning plan for Roosevelt Ave Corridor within CB2 to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth	DCP
	Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth	
A comprehensive plan for the zoning of the Roosevelt Avenue Corridor in CB2, especially from 48th Street through Woodside to the eastern border of CB2. To promote affordable housing, green space and economic activity.		

Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)

1 of 2	Funding for additional after school programs	DYCD
	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	
In CB2 Community needs survey, residents cited after school programs as a highly needed resource to assist working parents and provide support and programming to children.		
2 of 2	Funding for additional ESOL Services	DYCD
	Provide, expand, or enhance English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) services	
	Roughly 64% of district households reported a non-English primary home language. Additional services are needed to support non-profits ESOL services in CB2. .	

Department of Sanitation (DSNY)

1 of 1	Snow Removal for city owned sidewalks and Bike lanes	DSNY
	Improve snow removal	
Additional funding for snow removal on sidewalks and bike lanes owned by the city, including around NYC Parks and on bridges, including the Queens Blvd bridge over Sunnyside Yards, in order to address hazardous conditions.		

Department of Transportation (DOT)

1 of 4	Low traffic Neighborhood Study for CB2	DOT
	Other traffic improvement requests	
Conduct studies to create low traffic neighborhoods that limit automobiles; traffic to local needs using tools such as forced turns, diverters, mid-block plazas for directional changes etc.		
2 of 4	Dedicated Bus Lanes on Northern Blvd and Queens Blvd	DOT
	Other traffic improvement requests	
Provide dedicated bus lanes on Northern Blvd and Queens Blvd to improve travel times for bus riders.		
3 of 4	Protected Bike lanes on 47, 48th, and 39th Avenues	DOT
	Other expense budget request for DOT	
Provide protected bike lanes in areas lacking infrastructure and disconnected from the network, including 47th and 48th Avenues in Sunnyside; 39th Avenue in Woodside and Roosevelt Avenue in Woodside CB 2.		
4 of 4	Protected bike lanes on 43rd Street and 48th Street in sunnysid	DOT
	Other traffic improvement requests	
Create North/South protected Bike lanes on 43rd Street and 48th Street in Sunnyside.		

Queens Library (QL)

1 of 2 Extended library hours for Sunnyside and Woodside branches

QL

Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs

Increased funding for Queens Public Library in order to enable the Sunnyside and Woodside library branches to open 7 days a week.

2 of 2 Other expense budget request for QL

QL

Other expense budget request for QL

Queens Library - Increase funding for purchase of new books and other materials needed to meet the growing demand of library usage within the CB 2 Queens district.

Department of Small Business Services (SBS)**1 of 1 Technical assistance and lease grants for IBZ**

SBS

Support local CBO's efforts to provide or expand retail attraction and retention assistance

Provide Technical assistance to makers and small businesses in IBZ and grants for non-profits to secure long term leases.

Human Resources Administration (HRA)**1 of 2 Funding to prevent homelessness**

HRA

Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers

Funding for additional rental assistance in order to help individuals who are currently homeless secure permanent housing.

2 of 2 Funding for Food assistance

HRA

Improve the delivery of emergency food and shelter in case of a disaster

Additional food assistance funding is needed in order to offset the impact of impending federal cuts to SNAP. Existing food pantries may require additional support.

Department of Buildings (DOB)**1 of 1 DOB Task force for ADU Technical Assistance in CB2**

DOB

Other expense budget request for DOB

Create and fund a local DOB task force to provide outreach and technical assistance to low and moderate income homeowners with design and construction of ADU's in lower density parts of the CB2 district, with special attention to existing basements apartments.

Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)**1 of 5 CB2 Storefront and on street presence strategy**

DCAS

Other expense request for DCAS

Explore strategies to strengthen CB2 on-street presence. Establish a storefront model similar to CB5 or Woodside on the move (noting that the office has recently renewed its lease).

2 of 5 Community event swag procurement

DCAS

Other expense request for DCAS

Deliver funds for event swag and allow the committee to provide input on the selection of giveaway items for tabling events.

3 of 5	Community Event promotion Other expense request for DCAS	DCAS
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Make funds available to promote events across online platforms, local outlets, and public spaces (including bus stops)

4 of 5	Annual CB2 meet and Greet Events Other expense request for DCAS	DCAS
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Allocate funds to host two meet and greet events per year.

5 of 5	Coat and sock drive funding for shelter distribution Other expense request for DCAS	DCAS
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Allocate funds for the Coat and Sock drive (all donated items must be brand new for shelter distribution)

Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DOITT)

1 of 4	Zoom platform upgrade for hybrid meetings Other expense request for DOITT	DOITT
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Funds to upgrade the community board Zoom accounts to support hybrid webinar meetings and implement stronger hosting controls to prevent disruptions(e.g., zoom bombing incidents).

2 of 4	CB2 Website redesign Other expense request for DOITT	DOITT
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Direct funds to consult with a design consultant to improve the CB 2 website and platform design for easier navigation.

3 of 4	Student Grants for CB2 design and media support Other expense request for DOITT	DOITT
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Allocate funds to give grants to students who assist with web design flyer creation, or newsletter design.

4 of 4	CB2 Newsletter designer funding Other expense request for DOITT	DOITT
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Allocate funding to hire a newsletter designer.

Fire Department of New York (FDNY)

1 of 1	Public safety and fire safety education for Youth Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	FDNY
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Offer public safety and fire safety classes to young people living in Community Board 2.

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA)

1 of 1	Public Art Installation funding for beautification Provide more public art	DCLA
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Additional funding allocated to public art installation costs, including insurance, transport, materials, removal, and storage for beatification efforts.