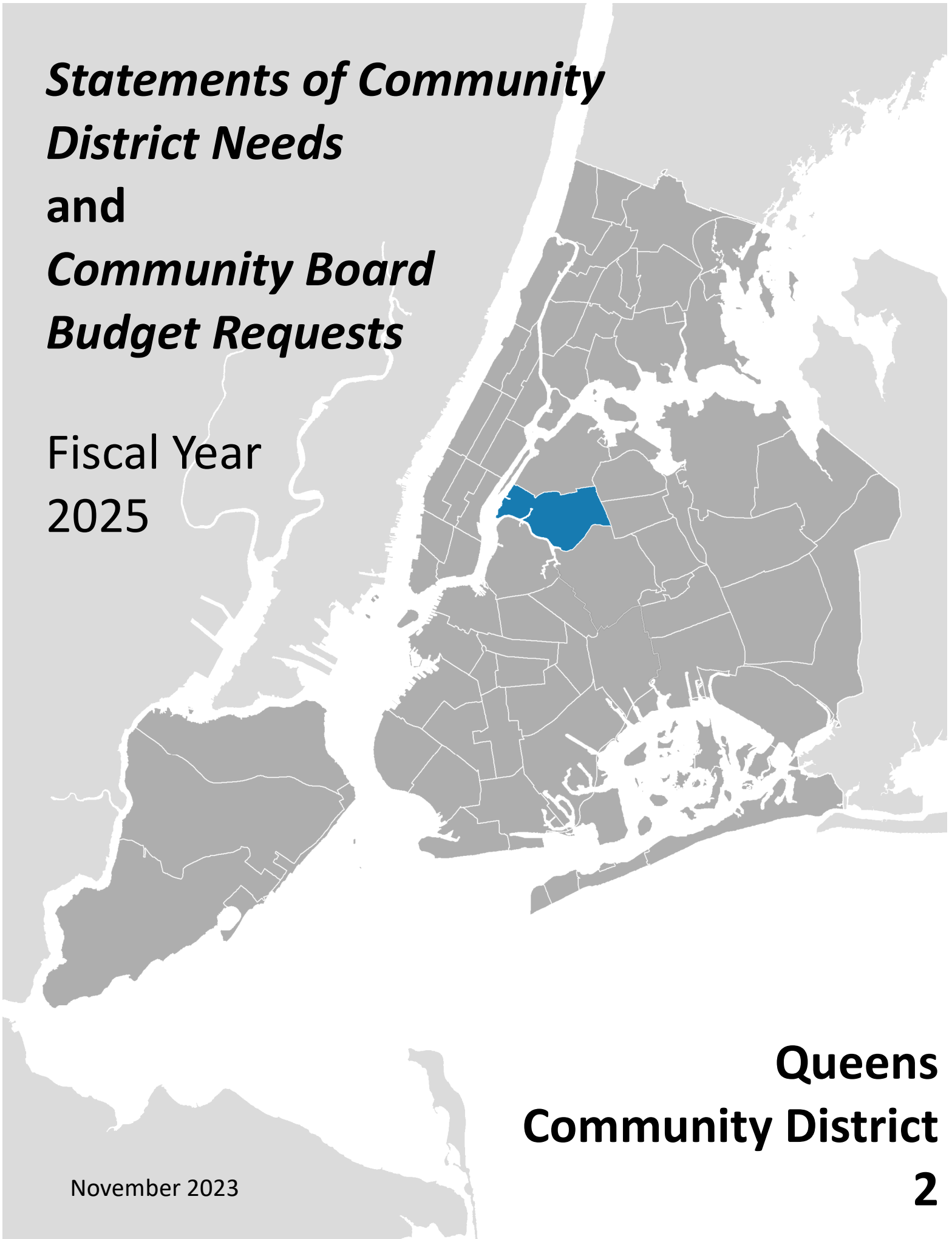


***Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests***

Fiscal Year
2025

**Queens
Community District
2**

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 2

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage 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
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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

Community Board 2 represents the areas 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 and Northern Boulevard; on the east by the ConRail Property; on the south by Calamus, Maurice and Maspeth Avenues and Newtown Creek; on the west by the East River. Community Board 2 has a wide variety of residential housing options, including one, two, and three family private homes, two primarily residential landmark districts: Sunnyside Gardens Historic District and the Hunter's Point Historic District, and a wealth of multifamily apartment options, including the burgeoning new communities in Long Island City: Hunters Point South, Queens West and Court Square, coined the fastest growing neighborhoods in the nation. In recent years, this new high-rise residential development has been extended east to sites along both Queens Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue in Sunnyside and Woodside. Finally, in LIC are also communities zoned for manufacturing only, like Blissville, containing manufacturing and grandfathered homes. Today, Blissville houses our most vulnerable in permanent homeless shelters and converted hotels. CB2 is home to: an emerging 21st century economy and an active Industrial Business Zone (IBZ) and Newtown Creek which is a significant, maritime, and industrial area (SMIA) dedicated to preserving manufacturing and industry in NY. A vibrant arts community including PS1 Contemporary Art Museum, LaGuardia Performing Arts Center, CultureLab LIC, Thalia Hispanic Theatre, the Turkish Cultural Center, Ecuadorian American Cultural Center, Topaz Arts, and Silvercup Studios. A robust higher educational facility, LaGuardia Community College, that in 2019 enrolled over 30,000 students from 150 nations. Several thriving areas of small businesses and manufacturers, including 2 (?) IBZ districts. These segments of CB2 are critical to the entire city's economy and are vulnerable to zoning changes and rising rents. CB2 is served by many dedicated community-based nonprofits. The Long Island City Partnership and the Sunnyside Business Improvement District both work to improve and enhance commercial districts. Sunnyside Community Services, Woodside on the Move, 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 for residents. Access by mass transit to various locations in CB2 include the #7, E, M, F, G, N, W, R subway lines and many bus lines. A rapidly growing network of bicycle lanes supports commuters throughout the district. However, there are neighborhoods within our district who remain in a transportation desert such as the Blissville section of Long Island City, Wynwood Gardens in Woodside, parts of Maspeth and the far reaches of Hunter's Point South.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Queens Community Board 2

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Land use trends (zoning, development, neighborhood preservation, etc.)

A. Rezoning CB2 has experienced record real estate development and exponential population growth over the past two decades. Rezoning, particularly in Long Island City and along Queens Boulevard, that originally aimed toward commercial growth, poorly anticipated the residential boom and the pressure this has placed on every aspect of the community's needs. Residential real estate development has outpaced the provision of essential services, upkeep of the infrastructure, schools, roads, transit, and open space. Rezoning in Sunnyside and Woodside along Queens Boulevard that incentivized additional floor area ratio (FAR) to provide optional affordable housing through the City's initial Inclusionary Housing Program has failed to produce many new affordable apartments for existing residents in the District. (One recent Zoning Text Amendment in Woodside includes Mandatory Inclusionary Housing, but those units have not yet been constructed.) Rent levels of 130% AMI, which are most commonly offered in privately financed MIH buildings, are unaffordable to those local residents most in need, and do little to alleviate the housing crisis. An exception is a building on Barnett Ave which has been approved, and will have 100% affordable units, ranging from 30 to 80% AMI. CB2 is disappointed that we have not seen any signs of construction for over one year. In the last few years, multiple individual sites along Roosevelt Avenue and between Roosevelt and Queens Boulevard have been subject to developer initiated-rezoning to enable new high-rise residential or mixed-use construction, typically much higher than the surrounding residential and commercial fabric. This increased density is not accompanied by substantive city or developer financed improvements in infrastructure, particularly transit, public green spaces, and public school capacity, which are already overburdened. Also lacking, particularly in Woodside, are improvements to the existing streetscapes. A more comprehensive and coordinated plan for Roosevelt Avenue, in lieu of the ongoing but haphazard rezoning, is badly needed in this part of the CB2 district. In Hunters point, there is pressure to increase housing along the waterfront and into the IBZ. Public investments in resiliency, sustainability, and infrastructure repairs need to come first. Small businesses and the creative community have been deeply impacted by prior zoning. Any future zoning must make preservation of the existing economy the number one priority before favoring new business development.

B. Rising Housing Costs Rising housing costs have become a destabilizing factor. Long time renters are being displaced by increased housing costs. Small homeowners – many on fixed incomes – have experienced large property tax increases. The cost of local retail, including basics such as food and other groceries, have significantly risen. Very few working classes, public employees, or small business owners can afford to buy property. Many properties that come on the market are available as knockdowns for development or for speculation. Those that are retained are modernized with an eye toward an upscale market (the previous owners often having previously neglected the property's condition).

1. Affordable housing CB2 is seeking a significant number of additional units of affordable housing, ideally for both rental and homeownership, and expanded opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents already living in the community. In addition, renters and homeowners will continue to need housing counseling assistance to preserve and protect their homes in the district. Repair of the existing infrastructure, notably sewers, and resiliency measures must come first and be based on the most current scientific evidence and recommendations.

2. Sheltered and Unhoused Individuals and Families Community Board 2 has experienced an increase of homelessness within our district during the past few years. And, more recently, during the COVID-19 emergency, the temporary shelter population in CB2 and adjacent CB1 has spiked. Individuals facing these circumstances can be found in clusters within the district. Some of the more noticeable include encampments behind Big Bush Park, under the elevated #7 subway stations in Sunnyside and Woodside, including the 61st Street MTA/LIRR ticket booth areas as well as under overpasses along the BQE near Laurel Hill Boulevard. Increased crucial services for our most vulnerable homeless residents and homeless service providers are needed to support these vulnerable New Yorkers, especially now, with anew influx of asylum seekers. According to DHS as of October 2022, CB2 is home to six shelters with a total of 548 residents. These include two permanent shelters, the Metro Family Shelter in Woodside, and the North Star Shelter in Blissville and 4 temporary shelters (two of which are in Blissville). We support our unhoused neighbors and the right to shelter, and we are deeply concerned that there are no sufficient resources to support these vulnerable populations. Blissville is zoned

Industrial/Manufacturing and lacks basic services such as green space, supermarkets, laundry facilities and schools as well as limited public transportation options and adjacent to one of our Nation's largest Superfund sites. Additionally, the identification of sites and resettling of unhoused families in the temporary shelters, especially in Blissville, has been disorganized and disruptive to the residents and the community in and around Blissville. Furthermore, the recent sharp increase in asylum seekers has caused New York City to experience a corresponding explosion in housing needs, with now around 11,000 individuals having entered New York City's shelter system since May 2022. The City must seek and allocate sufficient resources to ensure that housing sites have security plans and supportive services; that permanent housing programs are adequately funded; and that local nonprofits, which will inevitably be tasked with helping these individuals, receive the support they need to do so. C. Rapidly increasing commercial rents. The district has a wealth of small and large manufacturers, tech companies, design firms, retail, and service industries that innovate and provide jobs. Many have been part of the community for decades. Some are new. All experience the exceptional pressure of rapidly rising rents, resulting in higher failure rates, turnover, layoffs, and unemployment. Often, zoning allows former manufacturing lots to be replaced by housing, which further exacerbates the ongoing problems. Zoning has also allowed existing space appropriate for small manufacturers to be replaced by higher cost office space that is not suited for industry. Investment and dedication of assets to attract and support new business growth must be matched by the same investment and support for existing small business. D. Impact on artists. Community Board 2 has been home to a vast community of creative individuals and groups who have given the area much of its unique identity and being an important sector for economic growth. PS1 / MoMa is a prime example of how a fledgling space for artist studios evolved into a world-class museum that provides a wide range of jobs, artist opportunities, and tourism revenue. An important synergy exists between local businesses, manufacturers, and artisans – each able to share unique capabilities and ideas, where the economic whole becomes greater than the sum. Our district is home to professional dancers, actors, composers, writers, and musicians who work in a professional capacity while innovating and experimenting on their own. This creative sector is among the most immediately threatened populations in the district. Zoning has allowed existing productive space to be replaced by space more suited for new and often speculative ventures, while permanently eliminating the community that has played a major role in placing the district on the map. We need a community center that facilitates the incubation and support of these artists who define the character of the district. E. Neighborhood Preservation Support is needed to sustain the existing infrastructure, maintain our scarce resources of public and open space and support our diverse community of homeowners, renters, families, seniors, immigrants, workers, school children, businesses, and artists while seeking to pursue important housing, economic development and land use challenges of the post-COVID 19 eras. Our budget requests are informed by the basic necessity to preserve, protect and expand housing and economic opportunity without compromising the quality, services, and economy of existing neighborhoods of CB2. There are multiple overlapping aspects we see as part and parcel of neighborhood preservation. Older established neighborhoods are experiencing destabilizing levels of density and displacement and diminished services. Newer neighborhoods are having difficulty becoming and sustaining as neighborhoods because costs encourage higher turnover. Basic services and entities part of an organically evolved community do not exist.

Parks and open space

Parks, Culture & Other Community Facilities, especially those communities within our district absent Parks, Playgrounds and Greenspace and remain part of the 1% of NYC residents who must walk greater than 20 minutes to reach a park or greenspace.

Other

Environmental Issues: The inadequately addressed challenges of climate change include sea level rise of particular concern for the district's vast waterfront. As current information is compiled, we learn that the inland effects are potentially greater than understood even in recent planning, which has been exacerbated by the lack of public green space, for example only 29% of LIC's population live within a 5 minute walk to a green space and there is only .4 acres of green space per 1,000 residents compared to 2.5 acres citywide. Other environmental issues that stem from overdevelopment a lack of comprehensive planning include poor air quality from traffic congestion, rats from excavation including a lack of street cleaning in large parts of the District, the ongoing LIRR Borden Avenue train yard diesel fume air pollution from idling trains, and continual dust, debris, and contaminants in the air from construction sites. From NYCAS 2019 data, Long Island City has an average of 8.0 PM2.5 particles compared to 6.5

through Queens and 6.6 Citywide. Woodside/Sunnyside has even worse air quality at 8.4 PM 2.5, which health studies have shown long term exposure leads to increased rates of chronic bronchitis, reduced lung function and increased mortality from lung cancer and heart disease, in particular affecting the young and elderly. CB2 would like to see a greater prioritization of Public EV Chargers within the District given the disproportional cost to adverse air quality within our neighborhoods to the rest of the City. Combined sewage runoffs, in particular when it rains, create billions of gallons of waste overflow into local waterways throughout Newtown Creek and the East River. Although new City rules require new developments to retain significant amounts of rainwater on site, using tools such as green roofs and porous pavements, climate change has exacerbated and accelerated more frequent rain storms and flash flooding, worsening existing conditions. Storm surge and rain events have created threats to health, safety, and even lives. New buildings and those in the pipeline have been addressing these issues with insufficient and outdated approaches that generally only protect their own buildings and add to area wide negative impact.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Queens Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

Despite the significant population growth of the District, the area and in particular Western Queens continues to lack primary care medical facilities and outpatient clinics. Our families have to travel out of the district for public pediatric and maternity care. With one of the largest populations of senior citizens, CB2 needs additional support for senior services and modern, full-service senior center facilities. We'd request the City explore a study to expand the City run hospital (NYC Health + Hospitals) location to CB2 District and/or incentivize a private facility to come to the area. During the COVID 19 emergency, it has become evident that food insecurity is a problem for families and seniors. While nonprofits organizations and volunteers have pitched in during the crisis, CB2 requests that the City administration support the efforts of volunteers by establishing a public food pantry in CB2, or partner with existing efforts from organizations such as Mosaic Church. B. Healthcare outreach During the pandemic our ability to reach homebound community members was severely curtailed. This was especially concerning when it came to vaccination. We must act proactively to find ways to protect these residents and their caregivers. C. Healthcare Accessibility There is a severe present need for access to existing hospitals beyond the district. Concurrent with the request to expand City run hospitals to CB2 district we ask the City to explore establishing a ferry route to the Manhattan East Side hospitals.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

No comments

Needs for Older NYs

CB2 is the home to one of the largest populations of senior citizens. CB 2 is in need of expanding the Meals-on-Wheels program. As a growing population in Western Queens we are in need of additional full service senior centers in Hunters Point.

Needs for Homeless

No comments

Needs for Low Income NYs

Community Board 2 would like 200,000 additional units of affordable housing. We are requesting Department of City Planning to review additional sites for rezoning in our community in our order to expand the availability of affordable housing. CB2 seeks to expand opportunities for low and moderate income residents in our community for Long Island City, Woodside, and Sunnyside.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/50	DHS	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless	<i>Provide fire safe charging for lithium-ion batteries used in micromobility devices in shelters throughout CB2.</i>	
17/50	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>Comprehensive women's health services via Elmhurst Hospital include a birthing center</i>	
18/50	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>Increase number of health care facilities due to COVID-19 and hospital closings in Western Queens within CB 2, expand primary care services to CB 2 area as part of the Caring Neighborhood Initiative.</i>	
20/50	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<i>Establish a city sponsored food pantry in the CB 2 district in partnership with Sunnyside Community services and woodside on the move..</i>	
21/50	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>Funding site acquisition for site for a new senior / community center in Hunters Point.Note: Replace Center formally in St. Mary's.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/39	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Other homelessness prevention program request - Allocate funds for a study and creation of a comprehensive approach to address unhoused and shelters and the pathway from homelessness to shelter to supportive housing to housing. Engage shelters and unhoused to understand the needs for the district and how it intersects with overall affordable housing needs.</i>	
3/39	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	<i>Provide funding for immigrant services such as legal citizenship assistance and ESL. Support for community organizations such as Queens public Library, Sunnyside Community Services and Woodside on the Move to provide programs for immigrant services.</i>	

19/39	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Request agency make a community survey to gather aging population data in CB2 district. To be followed by Increase funds for DFTA to meet growing demands for day and home care programs for seniors, including Alzheimer's programs.</i>
20/39	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	<i>Provide funding to decrease isolation experienced by homebound seniors and persons with disabilities throughout Queens CB2 via remote social adult day services programs. Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place.</i>
36/39	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Continue funding NYCDOH bureau of pest control for rodent abatement, mosquito control and invasive species within CB 2.</i>

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Queens Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

The Sunnyside and Woodside areas have a high immigrant population in which parents aren't always proficient in speaking English. According to NYC Department of City Planning (DCP), 40% of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency as compared to 29% in Queens and 23% in NYC overall. English as a Second Language (ESL) programs such as those provided by Sunnyside Community Services need to be protected and adequately funded. There is also a need throughout the CB district for publicly accessible locations for youth and child welfare service. The construction of schools and provision of youth services, such as Summer Youth Employment Programs, have lagged behind the population growth in CB2, particularly in Long Island City. The 2018 Economic Development Corporation (EDC) LIC Investment Strategy publication included a goal to, "expeditiously, bring online pipeline projects to meet the current needs for additional school seats while also planning for additional population growth and future needs". EDC identified a need for \$60M for the construction of a school in the Court Square neighborhood within School District 30, for which a site has still not been identified or built, despite efforts by the School Construction Authority. In addition, corollary youth services, a multi-service youth center, early child education and a Beacon School should be identified. In UC, the city owned Department of Education building could serve as a venue for youth and community service.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

CB2 is requesting funding for a high level early children center within the CB 2 district. CB 2 is requesting SCA conduct an analysis for a middle school within the boundaries of CB 2. In addition, CB 2 is requesting funding for a Beacon School.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
46/50	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>Complete an additional elementary school within the boundaries of Community Board 2 in the court square neighborhood.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
22/39	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services	<i>Continue to increase workforce development funding for summer youth employment program.</i>	
23/39	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>Continue to increase funding to expand the existing successful Dept. of Youth and community development for community residents in the cornerstone and beacon program within the boundaries of CB 2, PS343</i>	
25/39	DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	<i>Conduct study of unmet needs for school supplies for local schools. This existing challenge is exacerbated by new asylum-seeking residents in the CB 2 district.</i>	
26/39	DOE	Assign more teaching staff	<i>Hire more teaching staff to account for new asylum-seeking residents of the CB 2 district.</i>	

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Queens Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Other

Law Enforcement Role. Important as are the police for public safety, it is recognized that many functions traditionally assigned to the police can and should be accomplished through alternative services. For example, street safety can be promoted by roadway re-design and automated enforcement. Further, we seek meaningful in person community policing. We'd like to see police regularly on foot or on bikes. We like to see a transformation of their ethos from the current situation where they are "officers" with military ranks and the rest of the community are "civilians." Human service professionals are needed to actively engage in policing operations and not just to provide training for police in community engagement, domestic violence, mental illness sensitivity training. Enforcement by non-NYP agencies. For example, increased enforcement of vehicles with defaced plates, expired out-of-state temporary plates, and abandoned vehicles would alleviate need for parking by residents. Similarly, enforcement of sanitation violations would alleviate rat infestations.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

No comments

Needs for Emergency Services

CB2 is requesting an increase in the number of police officers at the 108th precinct to help decrease response time. CB 2 is requesting funding to FDNY to maintain manpower levels at a minimum of 5 at each engine company and 5 at each ladder company.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/39	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>Create pilot program for the 108th precinct to engage in the community working in partnership with local community providers when situations warrant it. Expand on City Pilot as seen in Brooklyn, addressing individuals with a variety of mental illness not with just uniform police but with mental health professionals. Other engagements could be traffic safety design specialist to evaluation post crash scene investigations to propose improvements..</i>	
21/39	NYPD	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	<i>Substance use specialist to address drug dealing around shelters within the CB 2 District.</i>	
29/39	NYPD	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	<i>Provide funds for more frequent truck traffic enforcement and other modes of transportation at 48th Street from Northern Blvd to Queens Blvd and 48th Street and Queens Blvd South to 54th Avenue. Proximity to highways, commercial and industrial areas which create high volume of truck traffic on 48th Street. Target zone on Skillman Ave from Roosevelt Avenue to 39th Street also on Review Avenue to Laurel Hill Blvd.</i>	
37/39	FDNY	Other expense budget request for FDNY	<i>Provide funding for the purchase of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to be distributed to community within the boundaries of CB 2.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Queens Community Board 2

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

Environmental concerns affecting citizens

Core infrastructure throughout the district is aging and requires ongoing repair. Sewer infrastructure-Deteriorating sewer infrastructure in Long Island City is legendary for insufficient capacity. In 2018 EDC LIC Investment Strategy included primary goal to "improve water and sewer infrastructure to strengthen current service and enhance resiliency infrastructure" and \$95M was proposed to implement a first phase of sewer upgrades and complete the LIC amended drainage plan (ADP). CB2 agrees and requests that the City administration upholds this priority to complete the ADP and implement the first phase of sewer upgrades. CB2 also recommends that large impermeable surfaces be redesigned to reduce runoff into the sewer system utilizing permeable pavers and green infrastructure. B.Air quality-LIRR has major facilities in CB2, including the massive Sunnyside Yards and the Borden Avenue rail yard for its double decker trains. The double decker trains are diesel fueled and their engines are operated 24-hours a day, including when parked in Borden Avenue yard. These create constant air and noise pollution. C.Graffiti tagging of local businesses has increased throughout the district (Blissville/Sunnyside). While volunteers have played a major role in graffiti removal, during the COVID-19 crisis, the City needs to restore and expand programs to remove graffiti. D.Rat infestation is a problem throughout the district due to prevalence of construction. Other hot spots include Greenpoint Avenue in Sunnyside, and between Review and Borden Avenue in Blissville, LIC. E.Litter and dumping of waste throughout district has increased over last few years during COVID crisis. The district needs more and better street trash containers and an increase in frequency and number of street trash collections. F.Sanitation services-DSNY to fund a demonstration project with large community bins to complement or replace curbside services in certain low density residential areas. We seek funding for community pantry gardens which collect organic waste for composting and soil enrichment. Projects like this build community connectedness and, hence, resilience. G.Public space (non-street) snow removal. Snow is typically not removed from sidewalks adjacent to parks, creating pedestrian hazards especially in parks adjacent to transit stops. There has been an inadequate response to the removal of snow and ice from fire hydrants, sidewalks and other pedestrian paths throughout the district, particularly at ADA Compliant Pedestrian Ramps. There is pressing need to acquire enough Bobcats and other equipment to clear non-vehicular paths and allocate sufficient personnel and resources to address these dangerous conditions. H.Waterfront Resiliency-Deteriorating bulkheads along Newtown Creek and flooding along East River waterfront. Requesting DCP initiate a comprehensive planning process for development sites on LIC waterfront and Vernon Boulevard corridor community as was promised.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

No comments

Needs for Sanitation Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/50	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Reconstruct Hunters Point Sewers to provide adequate service for new waterfront developments, existing homes and manufacturing companies in LIC Residential area. Complete the LIC amended drainage plan. (ADP) and implement the first phase of sewer upgrades.</i>	
4/50	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Reconstruct 61st Street from 39th Avenue to 37th Avenue including sewers and catch basins.</i>	61st Street 39th Avenue 39th Avenue
5/50	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>As a consequence of climate change, conduct a study on CSO outlets (sewage outflow and widen outlets.</i>	
6/50	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Conduct study of flooding conditions across CB 2 due to climate change, bounded as follows: western prolongation of Queens plaza north, Queens Blvd, northern property line of Sunnyside yards, woodside avenue, northern blvd, BQE,, New York connecting railroad, calamus avenue, Maurice avenue, Maspeth avenue, 49th Street, Maspeth Creek, Newtown Creek, east river.</i>	
13/50	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Request funds to create a bioswale on the east side of dutch kills turning basin at 29th Street.</i>	
15/50	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Provide funding for green infrastructure for a bioswale at Bradley Avenue, between Borden Ave and Van Dam Street.</i>	

49/50	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Redesign and construct sewers and catch basins to eliminate and prevent flooding. Locations include 58th Street to 69th Street. Tyler Avenue to Maurice Avenue to Laurel Hill Boulevard and Queens Boulevard</i>
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Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/39	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	<i>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. R</i>	
5/39	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	<i>Increase funding to Inspect Storm sewers to repair and replace as need on Skillman Avenue from 43rd Street to 50th Street. Also, between Skillman Avenue and 39th Avenue on 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th and 48th Street, prioritizing Sunnyside Gardens and Wynyode Gardens.,</i>	
9/39	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Include regular water quality measurements including dissolved oxygen test, water temperature, salinity, PH Levels Turbidity, and Bathymetric survey for waterfront projects. Water quality tests allow water quality to be measured as well as the depth of a water body and map the under water features This information is vital whether waterfront areas are suitable for maritime use or require remedial measures necessary to make it so..</i>	
18/39	DEP	Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments	<i>Investigate and test the persistent problem with lead in drinking water throughout the district, especially in schools, senior centers and other public facilities within CB 2.</i>	
28/39	DSNY	Provide or expand community composting programs	<i>Provide more trash and recycling receptacles to encourage clean streets with the CB2 district..</i>	

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Queens Community Board 2

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

Other

A. One of the critical issues is the availability of truly affordable housing. According to the Partnership for New York City, "Housing affordability posed a challenge before COVID-19 with nearly 40% of metro area residents paying more 30% of their income in rent." COVID-19 related job losses exacerbate this. In CB2, 43% pay 35% or more of their income on rent, prompting a call for more affordable housing units for low & moderate income residents in the community. B. Economic development: Prior to the events of 2020, our district needed to revitalize existing storefront businesses, small manufacturers, creative individuals and organizations. High rents and commercial conversions have put pressure on small businesses, reducing growth and job opportunities. The pandemic created substantial job loss and forced some businesses to close entirely. The City's economic strategy should shift focus to support existing small businesses, providing funds for employee rehiring, training, ongoing costs, and enhancing commercial strip visibility. The LIC Partnership and Sunnyside Shines Business Improvement District (BID) supports businesses in their geography, but more needs to be done, especially in Woodside and Sunnyside, to help small storefront businesses grow in CB2. Rezoning in industrial business zones (IBZ) needs careful consideration to protect existing businesses. C. Land use actions increase density, but have not been adequately paired with upgrades to parks, libraries, schools, and especially water and sewage infrastructure. Luxury developments in areas like Long Island City create a tax burden for existing property owners, contributing to the pricing out of residents. Responsible development must address resource limits, climate change, and the need for diverse housing. D. The community, known for welcoming newcomers, faces challenges in supporting asylum seekers, particularly in areas like Blissville and Long Island City lacking essential businesses. The influx further strains resources, emphasizing the need for domestic support services, including supermarkets, laundry facilities, green grocers, and gyms.

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

Needs for Land Use

CB2 is seeking EDC funds to develop open accessible space on EDC property in area north of 44th Drive, west of Department of Education building and east of the east river. CB2 is requesting that 44-02 Vernon Blvd back fill the entire site. This is a site that has been abandoned. City should foreclose and seize property for development.

Needs for Housing

To expand the 421 A exclusion zone to encompass the entire Queens Plaza Sub District and study the impact of increasing the FAR in the subdistrict to accommodate inclusionary zoning.

Needs for Economic Development

CB2 is seeking the Economic Development Corp to develop open accessible space on EDC property in area north of 44th Drive, west of Department of Education building and east of the east river in Long Island City.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/50	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Transfer ownership of existing DOE building and provide funding for adaptive reuse of structure, creating new performance and recreation space, as well as space for artists, makers, and other creatives and an environmental education center that would serve as a community hub during severe climate events. Community organizations are united in this request.</i>	
2/50	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Transfer ownership of existing DOT property and provide funding for resilient open public space. Community organizations are united in this request.</i>	
10/50	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>Create an LIRR station at Sunnyside yards.</i>	
22/50	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	<i>EDC-Acquire and cease the location known as Lake Vernon at 44-02 Vernon Blvd. CB2 is requesting to back fill the entire site. This is a stalled construction site that CB 2 is looking for the City to condemn and cease property to be appropriate developed to benefit the community.</i>	
36/50	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>Expand the decking over Sunnyside yards for the purpose of improving pedestrian and cyclist safety.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/39	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>HPD request: To work with CB 2 to identify affordable housing at various locations in the district. Request HPD provide a neighborhood specific housing need survey to insure local affordable Metrix within CB 2</i>	

15/39	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current uses or neighborhood character	<i>Study use of public land and public assets for reuse as a cultural and recreation centers, with focus on resiliency and sustainability.</i>
17/39	SBS	Support local, long-standing businesses	<i>Provide financial rent relief and job retention support to local small businesses (under 100 employees) effected by covid-19.</i>
33/39	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth	<i>Feasibility study to rezone the Northern Boulevard Corridor to prioritize affordable housing, small businesses, and people-friendly amenities</i>
34/39	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth	<i>A detailed study to develop 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.</i>
38/39	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>Fund increase Graffiti removal programs throughout CB 2.</i>

Queens Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

The district uses mass transportation when traveling. CB2 is generally well-served by mass transit, trains are over-crowded. Capacity issues remain despite the completion of a major 10 year capital improvements on the 7 line. Efforts should be made to provide frequent, reliable service. Long term, a promised stop in Sunnyside should be provided as part of the LIRR East Side Access project. as well as cross-honoring MTA fares on the LIRR from stations in the City. Accessibility to subway system is both mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act and is a matter of equity. The lack of accessibility is a major concern and volume of commuters at the 61st St. station has increased, causing constant maintenance issues of the escalator (MTA) and elevator (LIRR). More needs to be done to ensure both are working properly regularly. Paratransit services (Access-A-Ride) need improvement so they are as flexible and usable as mass transit.. NYC Planning proposed a city wide text amendment to fund the construction of subway elevators in exchange for higher density for private developers, CB2 would like to see the program expanded to include public restrooms, as inadequate public facilities have led to human waste in subway stations. Improved bus service, including bus-only lanes and select buses need to be explored to increase capacity. Over the past few years, bike lanes, car share services, Citi Bike stations and other forms of multimodal transportation have become increasingly available in the City and particularly in CB2. Our community strongly supports improving neighborhood connectivity and facilitating multimodal transportation while creating a safer experience for vulnerable road users. Private vehicle ownership has been a long tradition in our community. Parking is increasingly difficult to find. Residents who own cars would like to keep and park them on our streets. Because of the severe threat of climate change, we would like to discourage new residents from moving here with cars. There is increasing recognition that using private cars in urban environments has a negative effect on the environment. The availability of parking for homeowners and local businesses remains a priority, which will be strained by the introduction of congestion pricing. To prevent commuters from using our district as a parking lot, 12 hour metering should be replaced by 4 hour, or market-rate pricing. Consideration should balance the needs of existing and emerging modes of transportation. During the pandemic private car registrations increased. Directly across the East River from Manhattan and north of Brooklyn it is crossed by two major highways-LIC and BQE, Queens Blvd is heavily used to access the Queens Borough Bridge. CB2 is a transportation desert. Solutions such as .the proposed QNS would reactivate the lower Montauk Branch of the LIRR for NYC Transit Fares with local stops from Jamaica to LIC with stops in Hunters Point, Blissville and Larue Hill.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Most residents of the district use mass transportation when traveling to and from work. While CB 2 is generally well-served by mass transit, the trains are over-crowded during rush hours. Capacity issues remain despite the completion of a major 10 year capital improvements on the number 7 line. Efforts should be made to provide more frequent and reliable service. Long term, a promised stop in Sunnyside should be provided as part of the LIRR East Side Access project to Grand Central Station, as well as cross-honoring MTA fares on the LIRR from stations within the city.

Accessibility to the subway system is both mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act and is a matter of equity to which our citizens are committed. The lack of accessibility is a major concern. The volume of commuters at the 61st St. station has increased exponentially, causing constant maintenance issues of the escalator (MTA) and elevator (LIRR). More needs to be done to ensure both are working properly regularly. Paratransit services (Access-A-Ride) need improvement so they are as flexible and usable as mass transit.. NYC Planning proposed a city wide

text amendment to fund the construction of subway elevators in exchange for higher density for private developers, CB2 would like to see the program expanded to include public restrooms, as often inadequate public facilities have led to human waste in subway stations.

Improved bus service, including bus-only lanes and select buses need to be explored to increase capacity. Buses are especially friendly for seniors and people with strollers and luggage. Unlike the subway system, city buses are all accessible to those with mobility challenges.

Over the past few years, bike lanes, car share services, Citi Bike stations and other forms of multimodal transportation have become increasingly available in the City and particularly in CB2. Our community strongly supports improving neighborhood connectivity and facilitating multimodal transportation while creating a safer experience for vulnerable road users (pedestrians - which we are all - and cyclists.)

Private vehicle ownership has been a long tradition in our community. However, parking is increasingly difficult to find. We recognize that residents who own cars would like to keep and park them on our streets. Because of the severe threat of climate change, we would like to discourage new residents from moving here with cars. There is increasing recognition that using private cars in urban environments has a negative effect on the environment. The availability of parking for homeowners and local businesses remains a priority, which will be further strained by the introduction of congestion pricing. To prevent commuters from using our district as a parking lot, 12 hour metering should be replaced by 4 hour, or market-rate pricing. Due consideration should balance the needs of existing and emerging modes of transportation. During the pandemic private car registrations increased even though fewer than 25% of residents own cars.

These concerns are exacerbated by Community Board 2's unique position. Directly across the East River from Midtown Manhattan and north of Brooklyn, it is crossed by two major highways-the Long Island Expressway and the Brooklyn Queens Expressway. Queens Boulevard is heavily used to access the Queensboro Bridge with over 170,000 vehicles a day. The Kosciuszko Bridge carries over 160,000 vehicles a day. Inevitable traffic jams create noise, air pollution and vehicular crashes.

The southernmost section of CB2 is in a public transportation desert. Solutions such as the proposed QNS would reactivate the Lower Montauk Branch of the LIRR for NYC Transit Fares with local stops from Jamaica to Long Island City with stops in Hunters Point, Blissville and Laurel Hill. The existing tracks are currently operating freight tracks and rights-of-way owned by the MTA. This proposal would help alleviate the congestion on existing lines and also assist those areas in CB2 without public transit. A potential added benefit is to consider increasing rail use while also serving people to reduce the number of trucks and vehicles traversing the district.

Needs for Transit Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/50	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>Study feasibility of creating a bike/pedestrian Greenway and park amenities such as benches, water fountain, historical signage, way finding, etc. in blissville along review avenue between Borden and Laurel Hill(Kosciusko bridge0 and the Green point Ave Bridge</i>	
8/50	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Wynwoode Streets from 65th Place to 60th Street, Laurel Hill to Tyler Avenue. Repair or construct new streets, sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads to prevent CHRONIC AND HAZARDOUS FLOODING.</i>	
11/50	DOT	Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads	<i>Fix collapsed bulkhead at 29th Street, Dutch Kills</i>	
12/50	DOT	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Reconstruct Winfield Industrial Streets from 69th Street to 72nd Drive, Queens Boulevard to Maurice Avenue. Repair or construct new streets, sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads to prevent chronic and hazardous flooding.</i>	
24/50	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	<i>Additional Capital funding for NYC to replace broken irrigation systems on Jackson Avenue Medians in LIC.</i>	
30/50	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	<i>Improve Streetscape to attract and encourage commercial activity within the commercial corridor from 58th to 61st Street / Roosevelt Avenue, including Woodside Avenue. Improvements must include more accessible curb cuts so seniors and disabled residents may access the sidewalk safely. To preserve, support, and enhance, and repair, replace street lighting, sidewalks. Request to initiate neighborhood DOT Study of Roosevelt Ave Corridor.</i>	
31/50	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Improve and upgrade transit in the district including upgrade and install elevators. CB 2 prioritizes 5 locations for accessibility for all public district wide capital improvements: Hunters Point 33rd Street, 40th Street, 52nd Street 69th Street</i>	

32/50	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Request funds to improve street lighting under LIRR overpasses as well as under the LIE and BQE overpasses within CB 2. Additional lighting survey needed for specific locations near 61st Street.</i>	
33/50	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Request full reconstruction of the service roads from Queens Blvd from 73rd Street to 48th Street.</i>	Queens Blvd 69th St 69th St
34/50	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Vernon Blvd at street end near 53rd Avenue as the roadway is collapsing. Provide public pedestrian waterfront access at a site similar to Brooklyn, right across Newtown Creek.</i>	Vernon Blvd 53rd Ave 53rd Ave
35/50	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Provide funding to reconstruct the Woodside Avenue Bridge over the LIRR to include sidewalks and replacement fencing</i>	
37/50	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Create additional routes to improve frequency of buses</i>	
38/50	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Improve accessibility for us stations by creating bus shelters and ensuring buses have functional ramps.</i>	
39/50	DOT	Install Real Time Passenger Information signs	<i>Provide countdown clocks throughout the CB2 district.</i>	
40/50	DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps	<i>Request sidewalk installation on Hicks Drive between 63rd Street and 64th Street on south side</i>	Hicks Dr 63rd St 63rd St
41/50	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Hunters Point Streets. All side streets west of 11th Street, from 51st Avenue to 44th Drive.</i>	
42/50	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	<i>Support funding for the reconstruction of the 51st Avenue pedestrian bridge over LIRR mainline.</i>	

43/50	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Reconstruction of the 51st Street Pedestrian Bridge as outlined in Capital budget priority. Lighting is needed in the area immediately surrounding the bridge as well.</i>
44/50	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Capital funding for NYC DOT to implement cut throughs on Jackson Avenue Medians to allow more pedestrian crossings and safer conditions in the Court Square area.</i>
45/50	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Replace sidewalk pavers from 58th Street to 63rd St along Roosevelt Avenue corridor. 61st Street between Roosevelt Avenue and Woodside Avenue</i>

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
27/39	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	<i>Study and improve the efficiency of the MTA's Access A Ride services for seniors and the disabled. This is in response to the comptrollers report, community needs and demand.</i>	
30/39	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Increase funding NYCDOT to increase levels of manpower assigned to the pothole crews, and personnel to conduct traffic studies.</i>	
31/39	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Expand public programming and activation of DOT-owned sites with access to piers, docks, and bulkheads. DOT has Public Space programs to access funding to enable activation of DOT owned sites by the waterfront.</i>	
32/39	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Fund a comprehensive transportation study in LIC east of Sunnyside Yards with a focus on exploring ways to address the equitable and resource productive allocation of public streets.</i>	

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

COVID 19 has reminded us of the importance of parks and other public spaces because these were places where people could exercise and socialize safely. With the Open Culture program, our streets have become cultural venues, along with farmers' markets and Open Restaurants. The quarantine has reinforced the need for good ventilation, open space, clean air to enable safe supports that bind the community together. Long Island City is known as the fastest growing neighborhood in the country and it also has the lowest ratio of people to open space. The overdevelopment of the area in a relatively short period of time has left the Hunters Point, Dutch Kills, and Court Square neighborhoods at a severe deficit. Court Square was initially re-zoned for commercial development however, commercial development did not occur at the pace predicted and instead residential development has exploded. This neighborhood lacks sufficient open space and schools needed to accommodate this growth. Existing publicly owned spaces such as the LIC Underline or Ramps Public Space should be expanded for public community use. Although Blissville is primarily an industrial and manufacturing area, there is a core of group residents totaling over 1,000 that live there - some for generations - along with a cluster of shelters (1 permanent and 2 commercial hotels) housing our most vulnerable population of sheltered homeless. Residents of this community have been seeking to work with the city to identify recreational park space for many years. Recently the addition of the Kosciuszko Bridge pedestrian/bike path has led to a request for the City to do a feasibility study of creating a pedestrian and bicycle greenway and park benches along Review Avenue between Laurel Hill (Kosciuszko Bridge) and the Greenpoint Avenue Bridge. Similar concerns apply to other areas south of Queens Boulevard and those sections of Maspeth and Woodside which have little or no park and community gathering space. In addition to the Blissville Greenway; the City should consider how to support the creation of the Dutch Kills Loop. Greenspace maintenance and development Parts of the district have historic and prized tree canopies. However, many of these trees in CB2 have fallen or been removed because of decay, which can and have become dangerous to residents and property. Accordingly, we support funding for continued tree planting and care of existing trees, including new and replacement street trees in CB2 District.

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

Needs for Parks

No comments

Needs for Cultural Services

No comments

Needs for Library Services

CB2 is welcoming the new Hunters Point South Library that has been in the pipeline for a while. CB 2 is always looking for libraries to be continually funded.

Needs for Community Boards

Community Boards are always in need of additional funding to keep up with the growing and changing needs of our community with changes in technology and provide our community with our charter mandated responsibilities.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/50	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Conduct a study for a new park, south of 47th Avenue in Sunnyside</i>	
16/50	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>Relocate and reopen the Court Square Library</i>	
23/50	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>As a result of many complaints of people sleeping on park benches around Noonan Playground.CB 2 requests to, replace or modify benches with arms to discourage sleeping in the area next to the children's playground.</i>	
25/50	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Court Square Park revitalization to move the fountain and restore the park in front of the court house.</i>	
26/50	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Improve access to electricity for permitted community events in Noonan Playground in Sunnyside. Arts and culture events providing free public programming, such as theatre and dance productions have limited options when electricity is needed for sound systems and the like.</i>	
27/50	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Improve access to electricity for permitted community events in Windmuller Park in Woodside. Arts and culture events providing free public programming, such as theater and dance productions, have limited options when electricity is needed for sound systems and the like.</i>	
28/50	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Improve access to electricity for permitted community events in Court Square Park in LIC from the street lamp at the Park. Free public programming have limited options when electricity is needed for sound systems and the like.</i>	

29/50	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Request Park Department funding to refurbish veterans memorial square (Civil war Monument) parks property in Old Calvary Cemetery.</i>
47/50	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Install additional public space lighting at the new part of Hunter's Point Park South, large areas are unlit at night in populated area and there will be new construction. Need lighting for safety purposes.</i>
48/50	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Replace flag pole and flag at triangle park at location of Van Dam Park at the base of Greenpoint Avenue bridge,</i>
50/50	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>Fund planting of new trees and replace missing street trees within CB 2. Sunnyside gardens Street Trees were severely damaged in recent hurricanes. Hug branches along Skillman Avenue and on mid blocks have damaged streets, sidewalks and cars.</i>

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/39	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Provide funds to Parks Department for an arborist evaluation of trees for safety followed by tree pruning, stump removal and repair of bulging sidewalks due to tree roots in Sunnyside, Wynwoode Gardens, and other areas in CB2. Recently, recurring storms are downing trees and branches, damaging homes and parked cars. .</i>	
7/39	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>CB2 ranks 56th out of 59 CB districts in tree canopy. Provide funding for new street trees within the CB 2 district.</i>	
8/39	QL	Other expense budget request for QL	<i>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.</i>	

12/39	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Increase maintenance within all parks throughout the CB 2 district, in particular in Woodside at Crosson Green Park (Woodside / 69th), Steinman Triangle, Green space at 39th and 59th Street, and Green space at 41st Avenue at 66th Street. COVID-19 has increased the use of outdoor spaced and stressed resources of local parks staff.</i>
13/39	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Continue to support funds for six month seasonal associates and six month playground associates for CB 2 parks and playgrounds.</i>
14/39	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Horticulture maintenance program - funding for this program will provide staffing to maintain park landscapes, gardens, lawns and other horticultural amenities.</i>
16/39	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Increasing hours that park bathrooms are publicly available.</i>
24/39	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Provide funding for parks for increased security and trash pickup within CB2 to address quality of life issue.</i>
35/39	DPR	Plant new street trees	<i>Nearly an acre of new public space is being created under LIC Ramps in Dutch Kills that is being privately funded. Street trees are desired to compliment and add to the new public space.</i>

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
19/50	NYCEM	Other capital budget request for NYCEM	<i>Provide public charging for phones, e-mobility, and disaster preparedness thought out the CB 2 district.</i>	

Other Expense Requests

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10/39	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Allocate funds to land use committee at CB2 to hire a 3rd party independent land use expert on certain rezoning. CB2 would like to work with the Dept of City Planning on a comprehensive rezoning study and to have consultant services assist with rezoning proposals.</i>	
39/39	TLC	Other expense budget request for TLC	<i>Investigate and research potential taxi medallion loan forgiveness for in district residents from TLC and various ways to be implemented.</i>	

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/50	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Transfer ownership of existing DOE building and provide funding for adaptive reuse of structure, creating new performance and recreation space, as well as space for artists, makers, and other creatives and an environmental education center that would serve as a community hub during severe climate events. Community organizations are united in this request.</i>	
2/50	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Transfer ownership of existing DOT property and provide funding for resilient open public space. Community organizations are united in this request.</i>	
3/50	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Reconstruct Hunters Point Sewers to provide adequate service for new waterfront developments, existing homes and manufacturing companies in LIC Residential area. Complete the LIC amended drainage plan. (ADP) and implement the first phase of sewer upgrades.</i>	
4/50	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Reconstruct 61st Street from 39th Avenue to 37th Avenue including sewers and catch basins.</i>	61st Street 39th Avenue 39th Avenue
5/50	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>As a consequence of climate change, conduct a study on CSO outlets (sewage outflow and widen outlets.</i>	
6/50	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Conduct study of flooding conditions across CB 2 due to climate change, bounded as follows: western prolongation of Queens plaza north, Queens Blvd, northern property line of Sunnyside yards, woodside avenue, northern blvd, BQE,, New York connecting railroad, calamus avenue, Maurice avenue, Maspeth avenue, 49th Street, Maspeth Creek, Newtown Creek, east river.</i>	

7/50	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>Study feasibility of creating a bike/pedestrian Greenway and park amenities such as benches, water fountain, historical signage, way finding, etc. in blissville along review avenue between Borden and Laurel Hill(Kosciusko bridge0 and the Green point Ave Bridge</i>
8/50	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Wynwoode Streets from 65th Place to 60th Street, Laurel Hill to Tyler Avenue. Repair or construct new streets, sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads to prevent CHRONIC AND HAZARDOUS FLOODING.</i>
9/50	DHS	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless	<i>Provide fire safe charging for lithium-ion batteries used in micromobility devices in shelters throughout CB2.</i>
10/50	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>Create an LIRR station at Sunnyside yards.</i>
11/50	DOT	Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads	<i>Fix collapsed bulkhead at 29th Street, Dutch Kills</i>
12/50	DOT	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Reconstruct Winfield Industrial Streets from 69th Street to 72nd Drive, Queens Boulevard to Maurice Avenue. Repair or construct new streets, sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads to prevent chronic and hazardous flooding.</i>
13/50	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Request funds to create a bioswale on the east side of dutch kills turning basin at 29th Street.</i>
14/50	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Conduct a study for a new park, south of 47th Avenue in Sunnyside</i>

15/50	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Provide funding for green infrastructure for a bioswale at Bradley Avenue, between Borden Ave and Van Dam Street.</i>
16/50	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>Relocate and reopen the Court Square Library</i>
17/50	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>Comprehensive women's health services via Elmhurst Hospital include a birthing center</i>
18/50	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>Increase number of health care facilities due to COVID-19 and hospital closings in Western Queens within CB 2, expand primary care services to CB 2 area as part of the Caring Neighborhood Initiative.</i>
19/50	NYCEM	Other capital budget request for NYCEM	<i>Provide public charging for phones, e-mobility, and disaster preparedness thought out the CB 2 district.</i>
20/50	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<i>Establish a city sponsored food pantry in the CB 2 district in partnership with Sunnyside Community services and woodside on the move..</i>
21/50	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>Funding site acquisition for site for a new senior / community center in Hunters Point.Note: Replace Center formally in St. Mary's.</i>
22/50	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	<i>EDC-Acquire and cease the location known as Lake Vernon at 44-02 Vernon Blvd. CB2 is requesting to back fill the entire site. This is a stalled construction site that CB 2 is looking for the City to condemn and cease property to be appropriate developed to benefit the community.</i>
23/50	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>As a result of many complaints of people sleeping on park benches around Noonan Playground.CB 2 requests to, replace or modify benches with arms to discourage sleeping in the area next to the children's playground.</i>

24/50	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	<i>Additional Capital funding for NYC to replace broken irrigation systems on Jackson Avenue Medians in LIC.</i>
25/50	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Court Square Park revitalization to move the fountain and restore the park in front of the court house.</i>
26/50	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Improve access to electricity for permitted community events in Noonan Playground in Sunnyside. Arts and culture events providing free public programming, such as theatre and dance productions have limited options when electricity is needed for sound systems and the like.</i>
27/50	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Improve access to electricity for permitted community events in Windmuller Park in Woodside. Arts and culture events providing free public programming, such as theater and dance productions, have limited options when electricity is needed for sound systems and the like.</i>
28/50	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Improve access to electricity for permitted community events in Court Square Park in LIC from the street lamp at the Park. Free public programming have limited options when electricity is needed for sound systems and the like.</i>
29/50	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Request Park Department funding to refurbish veterans memorial square (Civil war Monument) parks property in Old Calvary Cemetery.</i>
30/50	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	<i>Improve Streetscape to attract and encourage commercial activity within the commercial corridor from 58th to 61st Street / Roosevelt Avenue, including Woodside Avenue. Improvements must include more accessible curb cuts so seniors and disabled residents may access the sidewalk safely. To preserve, support, and enhance, and repair, replace street lighting, sidewalks. Request to initiate neighborhood DOT Study of Roosevelt Ave Corridor.</i>

31/50	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Improve and upgrade transit in the district including upgrade and install elevators. CB 2 prioritizes 5 locations for accessibility for all public district wide capital improvements: Hunters Point 33rd Street, 40th Street, 52nd Street 69th Street</i>	
32/50	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Request funds to improve street lighting under LIRR overpasses as well as under the LIE and BQE overpasses within CB 2. Additional lighting survey needed for specific locations near 61st Street.</i>	
33/50	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Request full reconstruction of the service roads from Queens Blvd from 73rd Street to 48th Street.</i>	Queens Blvd 69th St 69th St
34/50	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Vernon Blvd at street end near 53rd Avenue as the roadway is collapsing. Provide public pedestrian waterfront access at a site similar to Brooklyn, right across Newtown Creek.</i>	Vernon Blvd 53rd Ave 53rd Ave
35/50	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Provide funding to reconstruct the Woodside Avenue Bridge over the LIRR to include sidewalks and replacement fencing</i>	
36/50	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>Expand the decking over Sunnyside yards for the purpose of improving pedestrian and cyclist safety.</i>	
37/50	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Create additional routes to improve frequency of buses</i>	
38/50	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Improve accessibility for us stations by creating bus shelters and ensuring buses have functional ramps.</i>	
39/50	DOT	Install Real Time Passenger Information signs	<i>Provide countdown clocks throughout the CB2 district.</i>	
40/50	DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps	<i>Request sidewalk installation on Hicks Drive between 63rd Street and 64th Street on south side</i>	Hicks Dr 63rd St 63rd St

41/50	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Hunters Point Streets. All side streets west of 11th Street, from 51st Avenue to 44th Drive.</i>
42/50	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	<i>Support funding for the reconstruction of the 51st Avenue pedestrian bridge over LIRR mainline.</i>
43/50	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Reconstruction of the 51st Street Pedestrian Bridge as outlined in Capital budget priority. Lighting is needed in the area immediately surrounding the bridge as well.</i>
44/50	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Capital funding for NYC DOT to implement cut throughs on Jackson Avenue Medians to allow more pedestrian crossings and safer conditions in the Court Square area.</i>
45/50	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Replace sidewalk pavers from 58th Street to 63rd St along Roosevelt Avenue corridor. 61st Street between Roosevelt Avenue and Woodside Avenue</i>
46/50	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>Complete an additional elementary school within the boundaries of Community Board 2 in the court square neighborhood.</i>
47/50	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Install additional public space lighting at the new part of Hunter's Point Park South, large areas are unlit at night in populated area and there will be new construction. Need lighting for safety purposes.</i>
48/50	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Replace flag pole and flag at triangle park at location of Van Dam Park at the base of Greenpoint Avenue bridge,</i>
49/50	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Redesign and construct sewers and catch basins to eliminate and prevent flooding. Locations include 58th Street to 69th Street. Tyler Avenue to Maurice Avenue to Laurel Hill Boulevard and Queens Boulevard</i>
50/50	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>Fund planting of new trees and replace missing street trees within CB 2. Sunnyside gardens Street Trees were severely damaged in recent hurricanes. Hug branches along Skillman Avenue and on mid blocks have damaged streets, sidewalks and cars.</i>

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/39	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>HPD request: To work with CB 2 to identify affordable housing at various locations in the district. Request HPD provide a neighborhood specific housing need survey to insure local affordable Metrix within CB 2</i>	
2/39	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Other homelessness prevention program request - Allocate funds for a study and creation of a comprehensive approach to address unhoused and shelters and the pathway from homelessness to shelter to supportive housing to housing. Engage shelters and unhoused to understand the needs for the district and how it intersects with overall affordable housing needs.</i>	
3/39	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	<i>Provide funding for immigrant services such as legal citizenship assistance and ESL. Support for community organizations such as Queens public Library, Sunnyside Community Services and Woodside on the Move to provide programs for immigrant services.</i>	
4/39	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	<i>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. R</i>	
5/39	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	<i>Increase funding to Inspect Storm sewers to repair and replace as need on Skillman Avenue from 43rd Street to 50th Street. Also, between Skillman Avenue and 39th Avenue on 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th and 48th Street, prioritizing Sunnyside Gardens and Wynoode Gardens.,</i>	
6/39	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Provide funds to Parks Department for an arborist evaluation of trees for safety followed by tree pruning, stump removal and repair of bulging sidewalks due to tree roots in Sunnyside, Wynwoode Gardens, and other areas in CB2. Recently, recurring storms are downing trees and branches, damaging homes and parked cars. .</i>	

7/39	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>CB2 ranks 56th out of 59 CB districts in tree canopy. Provide funding for new street trees within the CB 2 district.</i>
8/39	QL	Other expense budget request for QL	<i>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.</i>
9/39	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Include regular water quality measurements including dissolved oxygen test, water temperature, salinity, PH Levels Turbidity, and Bathymetric survey for waterfront projects. Water quality tests allow water quality to be measured as well as the depth of a water body and map the under water features This information is vital whether waterfront areas are suitable for maritime use or require remedial measures necessary to make it so..</i>
10/39	Other	Other expense budget request	<i>Allocate funds to land use committee at CB2 to hire a 3rd party independent land use expert on certain rezoning. CB2 would like to work with the Dept of City Planning on a comprehensive rezoning study and to have consultant services assist with rezoning proposals.</i>
11/39	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>Create pilot program for the 108th precinct to engage in the community working in partnership with local community providers when situations warrant it. Expand on City Pilot as seen in Brooklyn, addressing individuals with a variety of mental illness not with just uniform police but with mental health professionals. Other engagements could be traffic safety design specialist to evaluation post crash scene investigations to propose improvements..</i>
12/39	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Increase maintenance within all parks throughout the CB 2 district, in particular in Woodside at Crosson Green Park (Woodside / 69th), Steinman Triangle, Green space at 39th and 59th Street, and Green space at 41st Avenue at 66th Street. COVID-19 has increased the use of outdoor spaced and stressed resources of local parks staff.</i>
13/39	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Continue to support funds for six month seasonal associates and six month playground associates for CB 2 parks and playgrounds.</i>

14/39	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Horticulture maintenance program - funding for this program will provide staffing to maintain park landscapes, gardens, lawns and other horticultural amenities.</i>
15/39	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current uses or neighborhood character	<i>Study use of public land and public assets for reuse as a cultural and recreation centers, with focus on resiliency and sustainability.</i>
16/39	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Increasing hours that park bathrooms are publicly available.</i>
17/39	SBS	Support local, long-standing businesses	<i>Provide financial rent relief and job retention support to local small businesses (under 100 employees) effected by covid-19.</i>
18/39	DEP	Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments	<i>Investigate and test the persistent problem with lead in drinking water throughout the district, especially in schools, senior centers and other public facilities within CB 2.</i>
19/39	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Request agency make a community survey to gather aging population data in CB2 district. To be followed by Increase funds for DFTA to meet growing demands for day and home care programs for seniors, including Alzheimer's programs.</i>
20/39	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	<i>Provide funding to decrease isolation experienced by homebound seniors and persons with disabilities throughout Queens CB2 via remote social adult day services programs. Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place.</i>
21/39	NYPD	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	<i>Substance use specialist to address drug dealing around shelters within the CB 2 District.</i>
22/39	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services	<i>Continue to increase workforce development funding for summer youth employment program.</i>

23/39	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>Continue to increase funding to expand the existing successful Dept. of Youth and community development for community residents in the cornerstone and beacon program within the boundaries of CB 2, PS343</i>
24/39	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Provide funding for parks for increased security and trash pickup within CB2 to address quality of life issue.</i>
25/39	DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	<i>Conduct study of unmet needs for school supplies for local schools. This existing challenge is exacerbated by new asylum-seeking residents in the CB 2 district.</i>
26/39	DOE	Assign more teaching staff	<i>Hire more teaching staff to account for new asylum-seeking residents of the CB 2 district.</i>
27/39	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	<i>Study and improve the efficiency of the MTA's Access A Ride services for seniors and the disabled. This is in response to the comptrollers report, community needs and demand.</i>
28/39	DSNY	Provide or expand community composting programs	<i>Provide more trash and recycling receptacles to encourage clean streets with the CB2 district..</i>
29/39	NYPD	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	<i>Provide funds for more frequent truck traffic enforcement and other modes of transportation at 48th Street from Northern Blvd to Queens Blvd and 48th Street and Queens Blvd South to 54th Avenue. Proximity to highways, commercial and industrial areas which create high volume of truck traffic on 48th Street. Target zone on Skillman Ave from Roosevelt Avenue to 39th Street also on Review Avenue to Laurel Hill Blvd.</i>
30/39	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Increase funding NYCDOT to increase levels of manpower assigned to the pothole crews, and personnel to conduct traffic studies.</i>
31/39	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Expand public programming and activation of DOT-owned sites with access to piers, docks, and bulkheads. DOT has Public Space programs to access funding to enable activation of DOT owned sites by the waterfront.</i>

32/39	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Fund a comprehensive transportation study in LIC east of Sunnyside Yards with a focus on exploring ways to address the equitable and resource productive allocation of public streets.</i>
33/39	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth	<i>Feasibility study to rezone the Northern Boulevard Corridor to prioritize affordable housing, small businesses, and people-friendly amenities</i>
34/39	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth	<i>A detailed study to develop 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.</i>
35/39	DPR	Plant new street trees	<i>Nearly an acre of new public space is being created under LIC Ramps in Dutch Kills that is being privately funded. Street trees are desired to compliment and add to the new public space.</i>
36/39	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Continue funding NYCDOH bureau of pest control for rodent abatement, mosquito control and invasive species within CB 2.</i>
37/39	FDNY	Other expense budget request for FDNY	<i>Provide funding for the purchase of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to be distributed to community within the boundaries of CB 2.</i>
38/39	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>Fund increase Graffiti removal programs throughout CB 2.</i>
39/39	TLC	Other expense budget request for TLC	<i>Investigate and research potential taxi medallion loan forgiveness for in district residents from TLC and various ways to be implemented.</i>

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PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/50	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Transfer ownership of existing DOE building and provide funding for adaptive reuse of structure, creating new performance and recreation space, as well as space for artists, makers, and other creatives and an environmental education center that would serve as a community hub during severe climate events. Community organizations are united in this request.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
02/50	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Transfer ownership of existing DOT property and provide funding for resilient open public space. Community organizations are united in this request.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
03/50	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Reconstruct Hunters Point Sewers to provide adequate service for new waterfront developments, existing homes and manufacturing companies in LIC Residential area. Complete the LIC amended drainage plan. (ADP) and implement the first phase of sewer upgrades.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
04/50	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Reconstruct 61st Street from 39th Avenue to 37th Avenue including sewers and catch basins.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
05/50	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>As a consequence of climate change, conduct a study on CSO outlets (sewage outflow and widen outlets.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
06/50	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Conduct study of flooding conditions across CB 2 due to climate change, bounded as follows: western prolongation of Queens plaza north, Queens Blvd, northern property line of Sunnyside yards, woodside avenue, northern blvd, BQE,, New York connecting railroad, calamus avenue, Maurice avenue, Maspeth avenue, 49th Street, Maspeth Creek, Newtown Creek, east river.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
07/50	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>Study feasibility of creating a bike/pedestrian Greenway and park amenities such as benches, water fountain, historical signage, way finding, etc. in blissville along review avenue between Borden and Laurel Hill(Kosciusko bridge0 and the Green point Ave Bridge</i>	This location needs to be investigated by both DOT and DEP. Results may merit the initiation of a Capital project. We will advise upon completion of investigation.
08/50	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Wynwoode Streets from 65th Place to 60th Street, Laurel Hill to Tyler Avenue. Repair or construct new streets, sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads to prevent CHRONIC AND HAZARDOUS FLOODING.</i>	This location needs to be investigated by both DOT and DEP. Results may merit the initiation of a Capital project. We will advise upon completion of investigation.
09/50	DHS	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless	<i>Provide fire safe charging for lithium-ion batteries used in micromobility devices in shelters throughout CB2.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
10/50	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>Create an LIRR station at Sunnyside yards.</i>	Securing funding for this request is outside of EDC's jurisdiction; please contact the agency if you have any questions about the EDC budget process.

11/50	DOT	Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads	<i>Fix collapsed bulkhead at 29th Street, Dutch Kills</i>	This request falls under the property owner's responsibility and is not under the City's jurisdiction. Please withdraw this request from future submissions.
12/50	DOT	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Reconstruct Winfield Industrial Streets from 69th Street to 72nd Drive, Queens Boulevard to Maurice Avenue. Repair or construct new streets, sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads to prevent chronic and hazardous flooding.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
13/50	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Request funds to create a bioswale on the east side of dutch kills turning basin at 29th Street.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
14/50	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Conduct a study for a new park, south of 47th Avenue in Sunnyside</i>	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.
15/50	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Provide funding for green infrastructure for a bioswale at Bradley Avenue, between Borden Ave and Van Dam Street.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
16/50	QPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>Relocate and reopen the Court Square Library</i>	QBPL is actively looking for location space.
17/50	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>Comprehensive women's health services via Elmhurst Hospital include a birthing center</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
18/50	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>Increase number of health care facilities due to COVID-19 and hospital closings in Western Queens within CB 2, expand primary care services to CB 2 area as part of the Caring Neighborhood Initiative.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
19/50	OEM	Other capital budget request for NYCEM	<i>Provide public charging for phones, e-mobility, and disaster preparedness thought out the CB 2 district.</i>	OEM's mission is to plan and prepare for all types of emergencies both large and small. As the agency is responsible for emergency preparedness for the entire City of New York, we do not allocate funding to specific areas or community boards. However, we are happy to provide assistance to any group or organization that would like to take steps to better prepare their community.

20/50	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<i>Establish a city sponsored food pantry in the CB 2 district in partnership with Sunnyside Community services and woodside on the move..</i>	The Agency will continue to explore this request; please contact HRA's Office of Advocacy and Outreach for continued discussion.
21/50	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>Funding site acquisition for site for a new senior / community center in Hunters Point.Note: Replace Center formally in St. Mary's.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
22/50	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	<i>EDC-Acquire and cease the location known as Lake Vernon at 44-02 Vernon Blvd. CB2 is requesting to back fill the entire site. This is a stalled construction site that CB 2 is looking for the City to condemn and cease property to be appropriate developed to benefit the community.</i>	Securing funding for this request is outside of EDC's jurisdiction; please contact the agency if you have any questions about the EDC budget process.
23/50	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>As a result of many complaints of people sleeping on park benches around Noonan Playground.CB 2 requests to, replace or modify benches with arms to discourage sleeping in the area next to the children's playground.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway.
24/50	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	<i>Additional Capital funding for NYC to replace broken irrigation systems on Jackson Avenue Medians in LIC.</i>	This request is not recommended for funding.
25/50	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Court Square Park revitalization to move the fountain and restore the park in front of the court house.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway.
26/50	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Improve access to electricity for permitted community events in Noonan Playground in Sunnyside. Arts and culture events providing free public programming, such as theatre and dance productions have limited options when electricity is needed for sound systems and the like.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway.
27/50	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Improve access to electricity for permitted community events in Windmuller Park in Woodside. Arts and culture events providing free public programming, such as theater and dance productions, have limited options when electricity is needed for sound systems and the like.</i>	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.
28/50	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Improve access to electricity for permitted community events in Court Square Park in LIC from the street lamp at the Park. Free public programming have limited options when electricity is needed for sound systems and the like.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway.
29/50	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Request Park Department funding to refurbish veterans memorial square (Civil war Monument) parks property in Old Calvary Cemetery.</i>	This park/playground is not currently funded for capital renovations.

30/50	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	<i>Improve Streetscape to attract and encourage commercial activity within the commercial corridor from 58th to 61st Street / Roosevelt Avenue, including Woodside Avenue. Improvements must include more accessible curb cuts so seniors and disabled residents may access the sidewalk safely. To preserve, support, and enhance, and repair, replace street lighting, sidewalks. Request to initiate neighborhood DOT Study of Roosevelt Ave Corridor.</i>	Funds are unavailable for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President, Council/Assemblymember, or State Senator.
31/50	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Improve and upgrade transit in the district including upgrade and install elevators. CB 2 prioritizes 5 locations for accessibility for all public district wide capital improvements: Hunters Point 33rd Street, 40th Street, 52nd Street 69th Street</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
32/50	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Request funds to improve street lighting under LIRR overpasses as well as under the LIE and BQE overpasses within CB 2. Additional lighting survey needed for specific locations near 61st Street.</i>	We will submit lighting studies for these locations.
33/50	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Request full reconstruction of the service roads from Queens Blvd from 73rd Street to 48th Street.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the final design contract has been let.
34/50	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Vernon Blvd at street end near 53rd Avenue as the roadway is collapsing. Provide public pedestrian waterfront access at a site similar to Brooklyn, right across Newtown Creek.</i>	Project has been completed; please remove from future Budget Requests.
35/50	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Provide funding to reconstruct the Woodside Avenue Bridge over the LIRR to include sidewalks and replacement fencing</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
36/50	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>Expand the decking over Sunnyside yards for the purpose of improving pedestrian and cyclist safety.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
37/50	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Create additional routes to improve frequency of buses</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
38/50	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Improve accessibility for us stations by creating bus shelters and ensuing buses have functional ramps.</i>	Bus shelter site recommendations can be made by submitting the request to our franchises division. The appropriate request submission form can be located searching for (shelter) on www.nyc.gov/dot
39/50	DOT	Install Real Time Passenger Information signs	<i>Provide countdown clocks throughout the CB2 district.</i>	Funds are unavailable for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President, Council/Assemblymember, or State Senator.
40/50	DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps	<i>Request sidewalk installation on Hicks Drive between 63rd Street and 64th Street on south side</i>	Sidewalks are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

41/50	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Hunters Point Streets. All side streets west of 11th Street, from 51st Avenue to 44th Drive.</i>	This location needs to be investigated by both DOT and DEP. Results may merit the initiation of a Capital project. We will advise upon completion of investigation.
42/50	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	<i>Support funding for the reconstruction of the 51st Avenue pedestrian bridge over LIRR mainline.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
43/50	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Reconstruction of the 51st Street Pedestrian Bridge as outlined in Capital budget priority. Lighting is needed in the area immediately surrounding the bridge as well.</i>	We will submit lighting studies for these locations.
44/50	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Capital funding for NYC DOT to implement cut throughs on Jackson Avenue Medians to allow more pedestrian crossings and safer conditions in the Court Square area.</i>	Funds are unavailable for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President, Council/Assemblymember, or State Senator.
45/50	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Replace sidewalk pavers from 58th Street to 63rd St along Roosevelt Avenue corridor. 61st Street between Roosevelt Avenue and Woodside Avenue</i>	Standard sidewalk paving can only be replaced with distinct materials if the request is accompanied by adequate funding and a City Chartered organization enters into a Maintenance Agreement, agreeing to maintain the district's sidewalk.
46/50	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>Complete an additional elementary school within the boundaries of Community Board 2 in the court square neighborhood.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
47/50	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Install additional public space lighting at the new part of Hunter's Point Park South, large areas are unlit at night in populated area and there will be new construction. Need lighting for safety purposes.</i>	This park/playground is not currently funded for capital renovations.
48/50	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Replace flag pole and flag at triangle park at location of Van Dam Park at the base of Greenpoint Avenue bridge,</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
49/50	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Redesign and construct sewers and catch basins to eliminate and prevent flooding. Locations include 58th Street to 69th Street. Tyler Avenue to Maurice Avenue to Laurel Hill Boulevard and Queens Boulevard</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
50/50	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>Fund planting of new trees and replace missing street trees within CB 2. Sunnyside gardens Street Trees were severely damaged in recent hurricanes. Hug branches along Skillman Avenue and on mid blocks have damaged streets, sidewalks and cars.</i>	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.

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PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/39	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>HPD request: To work with CB 2 to identify affordable housing at various locations in the district. Request HPD provide a neighborhood specific housing need survey to insure local affordable Metrix within CB 2</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
02/39	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Other homelessness prevention program request - Allocate funds for a study and creation of a comprehensive approach to address unhoused and shelters and the pathway from homelessness to shelter to supportive housing to housing. Engage shelters and unhoused to understand the needs for the district and how it intersects with overall affordable housing needs.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
03/39	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	<i>Provide funding for immigrant services such as legal citizenship assistance and ESL. Support for community organizations such as Queens public Library, Sunnyside Community Services and Woodside on the Move to provide programs for immigrant services.</i>	HRA has improved employment and workforce development services including basic education, training, work experience, job search, placement and retention services. HRA works to not only keep people on the job, off the HRA caseload and help them move out of poverty.
04/39	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	<i>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. R</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
05/39	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	<i>Increase funding to Inspect Storm sewers to repair and replace as need on Skillman Avenue from 43rd Street to 50th Street. Also, between Skillman Avenue and 39th Avenue on 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th and 48th Street, prioritizing Sunnyside Gardens and Wynood Gardens.,</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
06/39	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Provide funds to Parks Department for an arborist evaluation of trees for safety followed by tree pruning, stump removal and repair of bulging sidewalks due to tree roots in Sunnyside, Wynwoode Gardens, and other areas in CB2. Recently, recurring storms are downing trees and branches, damaging homes and parked cars. .</i>	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
07/39	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>CB2 ranks 56th out of 59 CB districts in tree canopy. Provide funding for new street trees within the CB 2 district.</i>	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
08/39	QPL	Other expense budget request for QL	<i>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.</i>	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.

09/39	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Include regular water quality measurements including dissolved oxygen test, water temperature, salinity, PH Levels Turbidity, and Bathymetric survey for waterfront projects. Water quality tests allow water quality to be measured as well as the depth of a water body and map the under water features This information is vital whether waterfront areas are suitable for maritime use or require remedial measures necessary to make it so..</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
10/39	DCP	Other expense budget request	<i>Allocate funds to land use committee at CB2 to hire a 3rd party independent land use expert on certain rezoning. CB2 would like to work with the Dept of City Planning on a comprehensive rezoning study and to have consultant services assist with rezoning proposals.</i>	Please contact DCP's Borough Office to discuss this request.
11/39	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>Create pilot program for the 108th precinct to engage in the community working in partnership with local community providers when situations warrant it. Expand on City Pilot as seen in Brooklyn, addressing individuals with a variety of mental illness not with just uniform police but with mental health professionals. Other engagements could be traffic safety design specialist to evaluation post crash scene investigations to propose improvements..</i>	NYPD's total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the agency only after graduation of police classes from the Academy.
12/39	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Increase maintenance within all parks throughout the CB 2 district, in particular in Woodside at Crosson Green Park (Woodside / 69th), Steinman Triangle, Green space at 39th and 59th Street, and Green space at 41st Avenue at 66th Street. COVID-19 has increased the use of outdoor spaced and stressed resources of local parks staff.</i>	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
13/39	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Continue to support funds for six month seasonal associates and six month playground associates for CB 2 parks and playgrounds.</i>	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
14/39	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Horticulture maintenance program - funding for this program will provide staffing to maintain park landscapes, gardens, lawns and other horticultural amenities.</i>	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
15/39	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current uses or neighborhood character	<i>Study use of public land and public assets for reuse as a cultural and recreation centers, with focus on resiliency and sustainability.</i>	DCP supports this request and planning is underway.
16/39	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Increasing hours that park bathrooms are publicly available.</i>	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.

17/39	SBS	Support local, long-standing businesses	<i>Provide financial rent relief and job retention support to local small businesses (under 100 employees) effected by covid-19.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
18/39	DEP	Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments	<i>Investigate and test the persistent problem with lead in drinking water throughout the district, especially in schools, senior centers and other public facilities within CB 2.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
19/39	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Request agency make a community survey to gather aging population data in CB2 district. To be followed by Increase funds for DFTA to meet growing demands for day and home care programs for seniors, including Alzheimer's programs.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
20/39	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	<i>Provide funding to decrease isolation experienced by homebound seniors and persons with disabilities throughout Queens CB2 via remote social adult day services programs. Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
21/39	NYPD	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	<i>Substance use specialist to address drug dealing around shelters within the CB 2 District.</i>	NYPD's total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the agency only after graduation of police classes from the Academy.
22/39	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services	<i>Continue to increase workforce development funding for summer youth employment program.</i>	DYCD has increased funding in this service area.
23/39	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>Continue to increase funding to expand the existing successful Dept. of Youth and community development for community residents in the cornerstone and beacon program within the boundaries of CB 2, PS343</i>	DYCD has increased funding in this service area.
24/39	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Provide funding for parks for increased security and trash pickup within CB2 to address quality of life issue.</i>	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
25/39	DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	<i>Conduct study of unmet needs for school supplies for local schools. This existing challenge is exacerbated by new asylum-seeking residents in the CB 2 district.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
26/39	DOE	Assign more teaching staff	<i>Hire more teaching staff to account for new asylum-seeking residents of the CB 2 district.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
27/39	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	<i>Study and improve the efficiency of the MTA's Access A Ride services for seniors and the disabled. This is in response to the comptrollers report, community needs and demand.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

28/39	DSNY	Provide or expand community composting programs	<i>Provide more trash and recycling receptacles to encourage clean streets with the CB2 district..</i>	High-end litter baskets are sponsored by local elected officials, businesses, community groups, etc.
29/39	NYPD	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	<i>Provide funds for more frequent truck traffic enforcement and other modes of transportation at 48th Street from Northern Blvd to Queens Blvd and 48th Street and Queens Blvd South to 54th Avenue. Proximity to highways, commercial and industrial areas which create high volume of truck traffic on 48th Street. Target zone on Skillman Ave from Roosevelt Avenue to 39th Street also on Review Avenue to Laurel Hill Blvd.</i>	Each Patrol Borough enforces traffic laws as needed as a result of traffic conditions and community complaints.
30/39	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Increase funding NYCDOT to increase levels of manpower assigned to the pothole crews, and personnel to conduct traffic studies.</i>	Funding constraints preclude the hiring of additional personnel at this time.
31/39	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Expand public programming and activation of DOT-owned sites with access to piers, docks, and bulkheads. DOT has Public Space programs to access funding to enable activation of DOT owned sites by the waterfront.</i>	Please contact the Borough Commissioner with the specific location(s) of concern.
32/39	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Fund a comprehensive transportation study in LIC east of Sunnyside Yards with a focus on exploring ways to address the equitable and resource productive allocation of public streets.</i>	Please contact NYC EDC regarding this.
33/39	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth	<i>Feasibility study to rezone the Northern Boulevard Corridor to prioritize affordable housing, small businesses, and people-friendly amenities</i>	This request has been accommodated by an external entity.
34/39	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth	<i>A detailed study to develop 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.</i>	This request has been accommodated by an external entity.
35/39	DPR	Plant new street trees	<i>Nearly an acre of new public space is being created under LIC Ramps in Dutch Kills that is being privately funded. Street trees are desired to compliment and add to the new public space.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
36/39	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Continue funding NYCDOH bureau of pest control for rodent abatement, mosquito control and invasive species within CB 2.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
37/39	FDNY	Other expense budget request for FDNY	<i>Provide funding for the purchase of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to be distributed to community within the boundaries of CB 2.</i>	The FDNY Foundation provides funds to assist the Department in meeting these needs.

38/39	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>Fund increase Graffiti removal programs throughout CB 2.</i>	Inquiry needs to be directed elsewhere
39/39	LPC	Other expense budget request for TLC	<i>Investigate and research potential taxi medallion loan forgiveness for in district residents from TLC and various ways to be implemented.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.