

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

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2027

**Queens Community  
District  
8**

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# INTRODUCTION

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

## HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

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

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

### **1. Overarching Community District Needs**

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

### **2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs**

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

### **3. Community Board Budget Requests**

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

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

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

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

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## 1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

Queens Community Board 8

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## 2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

## New York City

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

## Queens

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

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

## Queens Community District 8

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
<b>AGE</b>							
Total population	151,107	100.00	161,402	100.00	10,295	6.8	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	30,996	20.5	32,754	20.3	1,758	5.7	-0.2
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>							
Total population	151,107	100.0	161,402	100.0	10,295	6.8	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	25,621	17.0	29,486	18.3	3,865	15.1	1.3
White non-Hispanic	52,871	35.0	44,302	27.4	-8,569	-16.2	-7.6
Black non-Hispanic	19,107	12.6	18,682	11.6	-425	-2.2	-1.0
Asian non-Hispanic	47,039	31.1	60,413	37.4	13,374	28.4	6.3
Some other race, non-Hispanic	1,908	1.3	3,200	2.0	1,292	67.7	0.7
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	4,561	3.0	5,319	3.3	758	16.6	0.3
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>							
Total housing units	56,863	100.0	59,385	100.0	2,522	4.4	0.0
Occupied housing units	54,331	95.5	56,623	95.3	2,292	4.2	-0.2
Vacant housing units	2,532	4.5	2,762	4.7	230	9.1	0.2

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

### Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community Board 8, Queens is bounded by the Long Island Expressway to the north, Hillside Avenue to the south, Van Wyck Expressway to the west and the Clearview Expressway to the east. It includes the communities of Briarwood, Flushing Suburban, Flushing Heights, Fresh Meadows, Hillcrest, Hillcrest Estates, Holliswood, Jamaica Estates, Jamaica Hills, Kew Gardens Hills, Utopia and West Cunningham Park. It also includes parts of Hollis and Queens Village (north of Hillside Avenue). These communities are overwhelmingly residential with several commercial strips. There were over 160,000 residents counted during the 2020 Census who reside in Community District 8. There has been a moderate but steady increase in population. Our residents are mostly middle income, multi-ethnic, multi-racial individuals who own their own homes, condos and co-ops or are renters. The residences consist of one and two-family homes, garden apartments, large apartment buildings such as the Fresh Meadows Development, co-ops such as Electchester, Hilltop Village and Parkway Village. Our district also houses the New York City Housing Authority complex - Pomonok. It is important to understand that our population, as counted by the census, does not accurately represent the need for services in our district. Queens College, St. John's University and Lander College for Men are located within our borders. Thousands of students who are not counted by the US Census reside in our community while attending college/university from the months of August through May. Hillside Avenue is also a major transportation hub. Thousands of residents come from eastern Queens and Long Island to board the E and F train to Manhattan. The services that we receive should reflect the needs of these individuals along with those of our permanent residents. Community Board 8 residents are concerned with quality of life issues, upgrading the infrastructure, personal safety and security, education and maintaining their fair share of City services.

**TRANSPORTATION** - Many of our roads are in poor condition. We continue to request an increase in asphalt allocation for street resurfacing. Some of our roads are sinking and need to be reconstructed. To this end, we are asking for increased funding for trench restoration. We request stand-alone funding for curb installation and replacement. There is a backlog of necessary curb repair and curb installation for over a decade. Currently, DOT replaces curbs only when the adjoining sidewalk is repaired. Homeowners choose to wait for DOT contractors to do the work instead of repairing their own sidewalks within 45 days of receiving the notice of violation. This is the only way to ensure that DOT replaces broken curbing. As a result, sidewalks remain damaged for a longer period of time and the danger to pedestrians is also prolonged. In addition, this will cost the City additional funds in case of lawsuits due to negligence.

**BUILDINGS** - Much of Community Board 8's housing stock is residential with many one-family and two-family dwellings. Additional Buildings Department inspectors are necessary to enforce existing regulations and address quality of life violations. DOB introduced the Development Challenge Process initiative many years ago. Additional plan examiners are needed to review and respond to these challenges and the many requests that we receive for audits. More plan examiners would eliminate the self-certification by architects and engineers. We receive our share of illegal conversion and illegal occupancy complaints. The lack of affordable, regulated housing is the root cause of the prevalence of illegal apartments. There are very few rent stabilized apartments within Community District 8.

**SANITATION** - Although Community Board 8 has relatively clean streets, we have issues that need attention. With the steady increase in population, our superintendent must receive the support necessary to address our sanitation issues:

- The paved center malls require year-round cleaning and more frequent seasonal weed-control.
- Retain the five day-a-week pick-ups at public schools and extra pick-ups at the Pomonok Houses.
- Sanitation Police are needed for night patrol to discourage illegal dumping especially on abandoned properties and entrances to and exits to Grand Central Parkway, Clearview Expressway, Long Island Expressway and Van Wyck Expressway.

- Additional agents for Sanitation Code Enforcement are needed to address the quality-of-life complaints that we receive. While the enforcement issues for residential properties are addressed, we noticed that enforcement of our commercial strips is insufficient (i.e. Hillside Avenue and Main Street). While we do not want to stifle business by fining our small business owners, some of them are repeat offenders who show a total disregard for the community. The issuance of a violation is the only way to receive cooperation.

- Community Board 8 continues to support dedicated baskets for our commercial areas. We must be provided with seven-day service to ensure the cleanliness of our commercial strips. The Adopt-a-Basket program must be better promoted to encourage public and private sector partnerships. This should be promoted through public service announcements on television and radio.

SENIORS/YOUTH/EDUCATION/LIBRARIES - A civilization is best judged by the way it treats its most vulnerable members (seniors and youth). There has been a marked increase in the youth population in CB8 and such an increase demands additional services. Increased funding for after school programs, summer youth employment, senior transportation and NORCs are needed.

Twenty percent of our population is under 18 years of age. Our schools must have the necessary equipment (smart boards, computers, iPads, etc.) for our students to compete. The pandemic showed the inequities that exists with so many students that were unable to fully participate remotely due to the lack of equipment and internet connections. In today's world, our libraries have become multimedia centers that provide access to computers and the internet for adults and children. They serve thousands of New Americans and English learners who do not have access to home computers and/or the internet. It is vital that additional funds be provided to our libraries so that they may be open seven days a week and have up to date software and hardware for our residents.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Queens Community Board 8

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Parks and open space**

PARKS - One of the most attractive characteristic of Community Board 8 is its suburban nature. Our residents value the many parks and playgrounds that we have within our borders. All of them are heavily used and, as such, they must be well maintained. The quality of our parks and park facilities is one of the most important issues facing our district. Community District 8 is fortunate to be home to many parks and numerous playgrounds. This is in addition to over 50 greenstreets. All of these park facilities require regular maintenance. There is always a need for new irrigation systems, updated playground equipment and safety resurfacing on a rolling basis. Our major parks: Cunningham Park, Captain Tilly Park, and Flushing Meadows Corona Park are used by thousands of our residents, those of neighboring districts and Nassau County. Our parks host major events such as an annual performance of the Philharmonic Orchestra attended by thousands of people. For many, our parks and playgrounds are the destination for families with children who have staycations. Some of our smaller parks/playgrounds such as Hoover/Manton Playground and Vleigh Playground, Playground Seventy-Five are in need of upgraded play equipment and/or safety resurfacing. We must keep our parks well maintained and safe havens for all our residents. To this end, funding for parks personnel and park facilities is a must.

#### **Street conditions (roadway maintenance)**

STREET CONDITION - Many of our roads are in need of trench restoration. Each passing car, delivery truck and New York City bus add pressure to the roads and undermine the streets. We asked for funding for trench restoration for several locations which have been on our list for many years. Goethals Avenue needs to be reconstructed. It is half built with vegetation growing on half of the road. This road abuts St. John's University which services close to 20,000 students. Several of our roads are bus routes. They have broken bus pads that require replacement. For instance, a plethora of NYC Transit buses (i.e. Q36, Q43, Q77, Q76, Q1, etc.) and Nassau buses traverse Hillside Avenue. These items have also been on our list for many years.

#### **Street flooding**

SANITATION - Community Board 8 has many center medians along its major thorough fare that are not properly maintained on a consistent basis. They are located along Hillside Avenue, Francis Lewis Boulevard, Union Turnpike, Queens Boulevard, Main Street, 164th Street, etc. Each year, we must request weeding and debris removal from these medians. Months pass before they are addressed. To make matters worse, the contract to spray them with herbicide has been suspended for several years which makes weed removal more difficult. This has been compounded by the reduction of funds and head count for the Lot Cleaning Unit that maintains them. With the return to organics collection, we noticed an increase in missed collection of regular garbage collection. The Leventhal Agreement that assigns responsibility for maintenance must be revisited. Medians that have grass and trees fall under the purview of the Department of Parks and Recreation. The concrete part of the median falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation. Concrete medians that have trees fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Sanitation; unfortunately, this agency is not properly equipped to address weeds growing out of tree pits. Unless, they have a special division that has the funds, equipment, and the training to properly maintain these medians, we will continue to have these issues in our communities. Community Board 8 supports one percent of the overall New York City budget to go to the Department of Parks and Recreation. If these funds are added, maybe the responsibility to maintain all center medians may be better handled by that agency which has the equipment and experience to maintain tree pits/vegetation along center medians.

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

### HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Queens Community Board 8

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

###### **Other - Write In (Required)**

Community Board 8 supports funding for the expansion of access to primary healthcare services for those within CD8. We endorse the new paradigm of healthcare, not just sick care, which must include the traditional care provided by physicians and midlevel health providers plus efforts to encourage healthy living. Some examples would be: nutritional education, programs for smoking cessation, exercise as part of one's routine and many others. Special emphasis must be placed on managing chronic diseases. Care managers should be utilized to ensure that individuals receive transdisciplinary health care with a goal toward controlling chronic disease, prevention of acute incidents, emergency room visits, hospitalization and optimizing independence. In today's world, we must also encourage every adult and eligible child to receive COVID-19 vaccinations and subsequent boosters.

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

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

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

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

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###### **Needs for Older NYs**

According to the US Census of 2020 our population continues to increase. We understand that there are many benefits to seniors aging in place: 1) Keeping a familiar environment 2) Fostering community continuity 3) Maintaining their social networks 4) Strengthening of family ties 5) Fostering both their physical and mental wellbeing. We do not have any NORCs for our residents who reside in apartment buildings nor NORCs (WOW) for our 1-2 family residences within our district. We want our seniors to remain in their neighborhoods and the NORCs facilitate the desire of many seniors to age in place. These are done through the multi-faceted services that they provide.

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

Community Board 8 has one family shelter in Briarwood and it is in dire need of air conditioning. The Briarwood shelter, when built was considered the model shelter for the City of New York. Unfortunately, this model shelter only has air conditioning in the areas where the staff works. There is no air conditioning where the residents sleep. We have asked for almost two decades for air

conditioning to be provided for these families with children. The response received in FY 2016 was that DHS provides a cooling room in every shelter. When not available, the residents are given the location of other cooling rooms. How does that help families with young children who cannot sleep at night due to the heat? The agency later responded three years in a row that further study was necessary. Keep in mind that when we originally requested this in Fiscal Year 2010, the response was that this was being studied. How long does it take to study this before action is taken? This fiscal year, the agency stated that they can address this alternatively. How is that being addressed? In addition, the agency stated that providers can request new needs, these are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Why should the providers be the ones to decide whether air conditioning is a need for these clients, while their offices are air conditioned? The residents of this shelter have been waiting a long time for this much needed accommodation, and we look forward to a real plan of action in Fiscal Year 2027. Heat kills people.

### **Needs for Low Income NYs**

No comments

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## HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DHS	1 / 1	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DFTA	1 / 3	Increase Transportation services capacity
DFTA	2 / 3	Other senior center program requests
DFTA	3 / 3	Enhance NORC programs and health services
DOHMH	1 / 2	Rat Mitigation
DOHMH	2 / 2	Infectious Disease Prevention

# **YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE**

## **Queens Community Board 8**

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

#### **After school programs**

In today's world it is often vital that both parents have jobs to make ends meet. The two major problems that arise are access to affordable preschool child care and enough after-school programs to meet the needs of these parents. One in five youth in Community District 8 from kindergarten through 8th grade is obese. It is vital to provide athletic opportunities both in and out of schools to lower this outrageous number. We support the retention and expansion of Gifted and Talented Programs in our schools.

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

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

### **CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Title</b>
SCA	1 / 5	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school
SCA	2 / 5	Provide technology upgrade
SCA	3 / 5	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school
SCA	4 / 5	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school
SCA	5 / 5	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school

### **EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Title</b>
DYCD	1 / 2	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program
DYCD	2 / 2	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)

# PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

## Queens Community Board 8

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

#### **Other - Write In (Required)**

Additional Equipment, Vehicle Maintenance and Additional Police Officers --- Please see explanation under Needs for Public Safety and Needs for Emergency Services.

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

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

We would greatly benefit from additional police officers, as every summer, many officers are reassigned from our precinct to beach duty. In recent years, a certain number of our officers has been assigned to do tasks normally assigned to corrections officers at Rikers Island and lock-up in Queens Courts. This leaves a shortage of officers to address safety and quality of life issues in our district.

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

About 20% of individuals who reside in Community District 8 are obese; hence, we must have the proper equipment to address their needs, such as two bariatric ambulances with lifts and special wheelchairs for the Borough of Queens. We would also greatly benefit from a mobile emergency response vehicle (MERV), a rapid response vehicle and a mobile command vehicle for the borough. The MERV is to be used to shelter and treat individuals in one place in case of a disaster. The rapid response vehicle is needed to respond ahead with a liaison to coordinate during emergencies. The ability to enhance or reestablish communication and coordination during emergency incidents is a must. It is best to be prepared by having the right equipment, as we do not know when emergencies or disasters will occur.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
FDNY	1 / 6	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations
FDNY	2 / 6	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances
FDNY	3 / 6	Life-sized Mannequins
FDNY	4 / 6	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances
FDNY	5 / 6	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances
FDNY	6 / 6	FDNY Trailers
NYPD	1 / 2	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras
NYPD	2 / 2	Technology Upgrade

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYPD	1 / 1	Hire additional uniformed officers

# CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

## Queens Community Board 8

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

#### **Water runoff and flooding**

Community Board 8Q's Sanitation & DEP Committee, in conjunction with the Area Chairs, have identified water runoff and flooding as the most important Core Infrastructure and City Services needed for CB8Q. In recent years, we have seen a surge of storms that have placed a great burden on our sewer system resulting in flooded streets. We have experienced serious flooding to our resident's and commercial establishment's basements and ponding of water on our streets throughout the Community District.

Some storms have created flooding where residents had to abandon their cars and take refuge on the roofs of their vehicles. Flooding is a threat to both human life and property. Ponding is increasingly a public health concern given the West Nile Virus and the possibility of future transmission of the Zika Virus. Given the trend toward warming climates, other mosquito transmitted viruses currently found further south may be an issue a few decades into the future. We choose water runoff and flooding as our most important issue; however, these are interrelated challenges that contribute to the city's capacity to handle increased rainfall.

Furthermore, we have several locations where water does not dissipate several days after regular rainfall. These locations have been on our list for capital funding for many years with no action taken by the Department of Environmental Protection to alleviate the problem.

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

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

SANITATION - Although Community Board 8 has relatively clean streets, we have issues that need attention. With the steady increase in population, our superintendent must receive the support necessary to address our sanitation issues. The paved center malls require year-round cleaning and more frequent seasonal weed-control. We must at least retain the five day-a-week pick-ups at public schools and extra pick-ups at the Pomonok Houses. Sanitation Police are needed for night patrol to discourage illegal dumping especially on abandoned properties and entrances to and exits to Grand Central Parkway, Clearview Expressway, Long Island Expressway and Van Wyck Expressway. In addition, there should be movable/portable cameras to catch illegal dumping. Additional agents for Sanitation Code Enforcement are needed to address the quality of life complaints that we receive. While we do not want to stifle business by fining our small business owners, some of them are repeat offenders who show a total disregard for the community. The issuance of a violation is the only way to receive cooperation. Community Board 8 continues to support dedicated baskets for our commercial areas. While the enforcement issues for residential properties are addressed, we noticed that enforcement of our commercial strips is insufficient (i.e. Hillside Avenue), especially due to the onslaught of illegal food vendor who litter and leave their cardboards and crates behind at the end of the day.

We must be provided with seven-day service to ensure the cleanliness of our commercial strips. The Adopt-a-Basket program must be better promoted to encourage public and private sector partnerships. This should be promoted through public service announcements on television and radio.

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

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

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	1 / 1	Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers
DSNY	1 / 2	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment
DSNY	2 / 2	Other capital budget request for DSNY

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	1 / 1	Clean catch basins
DSNY	1 / 6	Increase vacant lot cleaning
DSNY	2 / 6	Provide more frequent litter basket collection
DSNY	3 / 6	Weeds Removal Contract
DSNY	4 / 6	Other enforcement requests
DSNY	5 / 6	Other expense budget request for DSNY
DSNY	6 / 6	Other cleaning requests

# HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

## Queens Community Board 8

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

#### **Building code and/or zoning enforcement**

The Building/Housing Committee recommended a few years ago that Building Code Enforcement be a top priority since it will protect homeowners, coop/condo owners and renters alike. To further support this request for Building Code Enforcement, in recent years the Borough of Queens has had the second highest number of requests for code enforcement in the City making it vital that additional code enforcement be provided to Queens.

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

#### **Needs for Housing**

There is a need for affordable housing in Community District 8. There is a significant percentage of renters within our district who are rent burdened. According to the NYU Furman's Annual "State of the City's Housing and Neighborhoods," our median monthly rent in 2022 was \$1780. In addition, 26.0% of renter households in our community district were severely rent burdened (spent more than 50% of household income on rent). We are in dire need of affordable units set aside to address the great number of our rent burdened residents.

As of 2022, the homeownership rate in our district was 49.1%, which is higher than the citywide share of 32.7%; however, prices of residential properties have increased 74% since 2009, as per the Furman Annual "State of the City's Housing and Neighborhoods." This may negatively affect the ability of our residents to become property owners in the future.

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

Our commercial strips could use a facelift by improving cleanliness and adding streetscape. We support giving small business owners incentives to improve their businesses located within our community district. We welcome the establishment of Business Improvement Districts to help revitalize our commercial strips.

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

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

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYCHA	1 / 1	Fund Community Center Repairs

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOB	1 / 1	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)

# TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

## Queens Community Board 8

### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

#### **Roadway maintenance**

In looking at the traffic and transportation infrastructure in CB8, the Transportation Committee recognized that street maintenance is our highest priority. Our roadways are deteriorating. many have become hazardous to motorists, cyclist and pedestrians. Many of our streets have serious potholes, sinkholes and street depressions caused by motorists. Many of our streets have serious potholes, sinkholes and depressions caused by inadequate repairs after street excavations. Patchwork repairs are the norm where what is needed is a comprehensive plan to improve and maintain our streets and roadways. In addition, damage caused by oversized trucks and heavy vehicles on non-commercial streets have resulted in significant deterioration to the roadbeds and their substructure. The results of this have been the breaking of subterranean pipes which has caused street collapses. In our district resurfacing has raised roadbeds and reduced curbs on streets, center islands and malls. This causes surface water to overflow the sidewalks during heavy storms, curbs and properties in our community. Our City must focus on improving the streets and roads in Queens and stop deferring their maintenance. These improvements are sorely needed and can be visible proof to residents of Queens that our tax dollars are being used to improve our infrastructure and their quality of life.

### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

In addition to the stated needs for street resurfacing, sidewalk construction and street reconstruction, there has not been any funds allocated for separate curb repair in over a decade. When curbs are broken, this condition creates a trip hazard. This makes the City liable for tort claims. Water collects where there are missing curbs and ultimately undermines sidewalks. Pedestrian and traffic safety are items of concern, as well. We request adequate funding for the installation of stop signs, traffic lights, traffic signs and cameras.

#### **Needs for Transit Services**

The Metropolitan Transit Authority must revisit some of the changes following the implementation of the Bus Network Redesign. Local buses are now stopping at 188th Street and Union Turnpike blocking the intersection and causing traffic delays. The QM1 Express Bus Stop was eliminated at 75th Avenue and 188th Street. It currently stops at Union Turnpike and Chevy Chase Street then at 73rd Avenue and 188th Street, which is a very long walk. The 188th Street block between Union Turnpike and 73rd Avenue is equivalent to five to six city blocks. In addition, there must be posted bus schedules on all routes, which is a necessity for our seniors who are not technologically savvy and those who cannot use the MTA Bus Time App.

## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

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

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 7	Add Lighting to Pedesdrian Bridge
DOT	2 / 7	Reconstruct streets
DOT	3 / 7	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps
DOT	4 / 7	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps
DOT	5 / 7	Reconstruct streets
DOT	6 / 7	Repair or construct medians, or other street assets
DOT	7 / 7	Upgrade or create new plazas
NYCTA	1 / 1	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 4	Other traffic improvement requests
DOT	2 / 4	Other expense budget request for DOT

# PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## Queens Community Board 8

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

#### **Quality of parks and park facilities**

One of the most attractive characteristic of Community Board 8 is its suburban nature. Our residents value the many parks and playgrounds that we have within our borders. All of them are heavily used and, as such, they must be well maintained. The quality of our parks and park facilities is one of the most important issues facing our district. Community District 8 is fortunate to be home to many parks and numerous playgrounds. This is in addition to over 50 greenstreets. All of these park facilities require regular maintenance. There is always a need for new irrigation systems, updated playground equipment and safety resurfacing on a rolling basis. Our major parks: Cunningham Park, Captain Tilly Park, and Flushing Meadows Corona Park are used by thousands of our residents, those of neighboring districts and Nassau County. Our parks host major events such as an annual performance of the Philharmonic Orchestra attended by thousands of people. For many, our parks and playgrounds are the destination for families with children who have staycations. Some of our smaller parks/playgrounds such as Hoover/Manton Playground, Vleigh Playground, Playground Seventy-Five are in need of upgraded play equipment and/or safety resurfacing. We must keep our parks well maintained and safe havens for all our residents. To this end, we support one percent of the general New York City budget set aside for the Department of Parks and Recreation to meet these demands.

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

#### **Needs for Parks**

See our most important issue above.

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

The Briarwood Branch Library must to be able to meet the needs of its residents. All the libraries would benefit from additional computers, books, bandwidth and bilingual materials due to the increase in our New American population. This would assist in their desire and ability to speak and write English.

#### **Needs for Community Boards**

We are requesting that the Office of Management and Budget Increase Community Board funding to facilitate merit raises, to keep our technology current and to maintain staffing levels. It is imperative to have well trained and experienced staff for the smooth operation of our Community Board office. In the past, the Community Boards have seen their budgets fluctuate. When this occurs, the staff believes that their jobs are insecure, they look for other opportunities. Once new staff is hired, this means that many working hours are now devoted to training. These hours could be better spent working to address the community's concerns. The COVID-19 pandemic showed that we must have hybrid meetings to reach most community members and make government more accessible. This adds to our technology cost. At present, to hold a hybrid meeting we must hire outside IT professionals in addition to paying for our meeting room rental. This costs our Board about \$600 more per meeting, which was unsustainable.

## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DPR	1 / 14	Tennis Court Renovation
DPR	2 / 14	Renovate P.S. 154 Playground
DPR	3 / 14	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	4 / 14	Other capital budget request for DPR
DPR	5 / 14	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	6 / 14	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements
DPR	7 / 14	Pickle Ball Courts
DPR	8 / 14	New equipment for maintenance
DPR	9 / 14	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park
DPR	10 / 14	Hoover-Manton Upgrade
DPR	11 / 14	New trees and tree pits
DPR	12 / 14	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	13 / 14	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	14 / 14	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
QL	1 / 1	Provide more or better equipment to a library
DPR	CS	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park
DPR	CS	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	CS	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	CS	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
QL	CS	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library
QL	CS	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library
QL	CS	Provide more or better equipment to a library

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DPR	1 / 6	Other park maintenance and safety requests
DPR	2 / 6	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

DPR	3 / 6	Other park programming requests
DPR	4 / 6	Other park maintenance and safety requests
DPR	5 / 6	Other park programming requests
DPR	6 / 6	Other park maintenance and safety requests

## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

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

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	3 / 4	Painting of DOT Infrastructure
DOT	4 / 4	Painting of DOT Infrastructure

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

#### Department for Homeless Services (DHS)

<b>1 of 1</b>	<b>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</b>	<b>DHS</b>
Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless		
Location: 134th Street Air conditioning is needed for the Briarwood Family Shelter. This can be achieved by upgrading the electrical system to facilitate window units. Electrical upgrades should be done automatically and not require a capital funding request from the Community Board. Cooling rooms are not sufficient. The residents should be afforded the same treatment as the staff who work in temperature controlled rooms.		

#### Fire Department of New York (FDNY)

<b>1 of 6</b>	<b>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</b>	<b>FDNY</b>
Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations		
Provide the funds to complete all work orders from the fire houses within Community District 8 and add cameras. Install security cameras/system at every fire house in Community District 8 to prevent vandalism and theft. Engine 298 - Ladder 127 - 153-11 Hillside Avenue Engine 299 - Ladder 152 - 61-20 Utopia Parkway Engine 315 - Ladder 125 - 159-06 Union Turnpike. It has come to our attention that our fire houses have been vandalized and electronics were stolen.		
<b>2 of 6</b>	<b>Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances</b>	<b>FDNY</b>
Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances		
Purchase MERV (Mobile Emergency Response Vehicle) This vehicle is used during disasters to treat individuals in one place.		
<b>3 of 6</b>	<b>Life-sized Mannequins</b>	<b>FDNY</b>
Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests		
New life-sized mannequins [for the whole department] are needed for efficient training of firefighters. The mannequins are over several decades old and are outdated.		
<b>4 of 6</b>	<b>Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances</b>	<b>FDNY</b>
Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances		
Two bariatrics ambulances - vehicle is designed with lifts and special wheelchairs to be used for individuals over 500 lbs.		
<b>5 of 6</b>	<b>Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances</b>	<b>FDNY</b>
Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances		
A mobile command vehicle and a rapid response vehicle (Sierra Pick-up Truck) is needed to respond ahead with a liaison. This is used for coordination purposes for the Borough of Queens		
<b>6 of 6</b>	<b>FDNY Trailers</b>	<b>FDNY</b>
Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests		
Two (2) FDNY Trailers are needed which are dedicated to the Borough of Queens.		

#### New York Police Department (NYPD)

**1 of 2 Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras**

NYPD

Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras

Argus cameras are needed to assist in solving crime. There has been about 50% increase in crime within our district according to the Compstat report. Suggested locations: Pomonok Area, 188th Street and Horace Harding Expressway, Main Street Wall (Manton Street and 84th Avenue)

**2 of 2 Technology Upgrade**

NYPD

Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

Funding for a robust IT infrastructure for the NYPD.

**School Construction Authority****1 of 5 Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school**

SCA

Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school

Construct a design lab/classroom for woodworking and engineering classes at JHS 217, as per the design at Thomas Edison H.S. Construct a lab for Artificial Intelligence projects. Add AC units in the auditorium and gymnasium

**2 of 5 Provide technology upgrade**

SCA

Provide technology upgrade

Upgrade electrical wiring to 220 to support electrical needs of smart boards and air conditioners for P.S. 173. Electrical upgrades should be done automatically by the agency and they should not wait for capital funding requests by the Community Board.

**3 of 5 Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school**

SCA

Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school

Replace temporary mini building located in the school yard with a permanent building for M.S. 217.

**4 of 5 Renovate or upgrade an elementary school**

SCA

Renovate or upgrade an elementary school

Replace tables in cafeteria; replace auditorium seats; install auditorium wall padding and renovate outdoor wooded area at P.S.26Q.

**5 of 5 Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school**

SCA

Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school

Upgrade school technology to use parent coordinator's office as a web-based resource at P.S. 178Q.

**Queens Library (QL)****1 of 1 Provide more or better equipment to a library**

QL

Provide more or better equipment to a library

Funds are needed for smart boards for the conference rooms of the Queens Public Library at Hillcrest.

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

QL

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

The Briarwood Library needs to be expanded and renovated to meet with the increase in demand.

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

QL

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

We continue to support funding for the rehabilitation of the Hollis Branch Library. Funds are also needed for upgrading equipment, increasing bandwidth to accommodate additional computers and for additional books.

**CS Provide more or better equipment to a library**

QL

Provide more or better equipment to a library

Funds are needed for computers and smart boards for the conference rooms. Pomonok Branch - 158-21 Jewel Avenue [State Senator Toby Stavisky will fund this technology upgrade].

**Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)****1 of 1 Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers**

DEP

Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers

Location: Salerno Avenue - Keno Avenue & Keno Avenue

There is a ponding issue at this location. The street becomes icy during the winter. The ponding is conducive to breeding mosquitoes during the warm weather. Como Avenue (Pinto Street and Keno Avenue), on Salerno Avenue (Keno and Clio Streets) and Highland Avenue (from Kingston Place to Dalny Road), 185th Street off 69th Ave - dead end.

**Department of Sanitation (DSNY)****1 of 2 Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment**

DSNY

Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment

Purchase additional garbage trucks to ensure enough capacity for organics recycling.

**2 of 2 Other capital budget request for DSNY**

DSNY

Other capital budget request for DSNY

Equip DSNY Enforcement with portable cameras to can catch vehicles that illegally dumping.

**New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)****1 of 1 Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.**

NYCTA

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

Construct a Briarwood subway station elevator extension from the mezzanine to platform for full access for people with disabilities.

**Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)****1 of 14 Tennis Court Renovation**

DPR

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

The existing Tennis Courts flood, have cracks, need new nets and new tennis court resurfacing. The existing courts do not meet tennis courts safety standards as per the NYC parks.

**2 of 14 Renovate P.S. 154 Playground**

DPR

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

Location: 75th Avenue - 160th Street & 162nd Street

Play equipment is damaged and appears unsafe for playing. Surfaces are rusty and have missing parts with screws visible that pose a hazard to small children.

**3 of 14 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)** DPR

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

Redesign, address drainage and electrical issues at Briarwood Playground (JHS 217). Eliminate one basketball court and create a tennis court.

**4 of 14 Other capital budget request for DPR** DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

Provide mobile/temporary bathrooms near ball fields in southern section of Flushing Meadows Corona Park. Needed for the youth and adults who use the Park, especially during large events.

**5 of 14 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)** DPR

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

Renovate Vleigh Playground. The asphalt needs to be replaced. Additional lighting is needed. This park has not been upgraded for many years.

**6 of 14 Other requests for park, building, or access improvements** DPR

Other requests for park, building, or access improvements

Funds needed for the acquisition of the Klein Farm for use as an agricultural and/or horticultural center.

**7 of 14 Pickle Ball Courts** DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

Utopia Playground - Replace soccer field with pickle ball courts. There is a growing need for pickle ball courts in the community.

**8 of 14 New equipment for maintenance** DPR

New equipment for maintenance

Funds are needed to purchase a packer (small garbage trucks), pick-up truck, and gator. to assist in maintaining our parks.

**9 of 14 Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park** DPR

Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

Renovate the park's building to include tempered glass windows. Add security system. The building is not secured. It was broken into in 2022 and the agency lost valuable equipment for maintenance.

**10 of 14 Hoover-Manton Upgrade** DPR

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

Install modern day play equipment, adult exercise equipment, lighting and add more benches.

**11 of 14 New trees and tree pits** DPR

Other capital budget request for DPR

Location: Manton Street - Main Street & 140th Street  
Trees are needed for an area that is barren.

<b>12 of 14</b>	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	DPR
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)		

Cunningham Park. - Add benches.

<b>13 of 14</b>	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	DPR
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)		

Renovate Cunningham Park's Ballfields #11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17 to address drainage issues and add new benches.

<b>14 of 14</b>	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	DPR
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)		

Rehabilitate Flushing Meadow Corona Park and rebuild bridge over Flushing Creek at the south end of Willow Lake.

<b>CS</b>	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</b>	DPR
Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park		

Replace play equipment at Freedom Square Playground including swings. Equipment is old and needs to be replaced.

<b>CS</b>	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	DPR
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)		

Additional seating in the Utopia Playground for Children, parents and spectators, especially inthe basketball court area.

<b>CS</b>	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	DPR
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)		

Renovate the Hoover/Manton Playground. The project should include renovation of the playground and handball courts.

<b>CS</b>	<b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>	DPR
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)		

Location: 165th Street - Highland Avenue & Highland Avenue  
Reconstruct pond. Add a new aerator system at Captain Tilly Park for the goose pond. [Part of FY 2023 tracking code 408202009C] Build new cement borders and/or add pavers,

## New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)

<b>1 of 1</b>	<b>Fund Community Center Repairs</b>	NYCHA
Other capital budget request for NYCHA		

Funding to repair community center that are located in NYCHA Housing. These centers have programming funded by DYCD.

## Department of Transportation (DOT)

<b>1 of 7</b>	<b>Add Lighting to Pedesdrian Bridge</b>	DOT
Repair or provide new street lights		

Lighting is needed on pedestrian bridge over the Van Wyck Expressway for safety.

**2 of 7 Reconstruct streets**

DOT

Reconstruct streets

Reconstruction/trench restoration is needed to address street depression and sinkholes. 75th Avenue (186th St. to 188th St.) 181st Street (67th Ave. & 69th Ave.) Goethals Ave (168th Street to 170th Street) Asphalt pedestrian pathway of 73rd Terrace (136th to 137th Streets)

**3 of 7 Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps**

DOT

Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps

Stand alone funding (separate from sidewalks) is needed to address the curb repair backlog for all locations within Community Board 8. Installation of new sidewalk and curbs: A) 170th Street (Goethals Ave and Union Turnpike) B) 171st Street (65th Avenue and 67th Avenue) C) Utopia Parkway (73rd Avenue to Horace Harding Expressway including center medians) D) Queens Blvd medians (84th Drive to 87th Avenue) E) Goethals Avenue (northside) from 168th Street to 170th Street F) East side of 185th Street from 67th Ave H) 199th Street from Peck Ave to Union Tpke.

**4 of 7 Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps**

DOT

Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps

Install and/or repair bus pads. CB8 requested replacement of the cracked and broken bus pads since 2005. A) 188th Street & Union Turnpike B) 188th Street from Union Turnpike to 73rd Avenue C) Hillside Avenue (westbound lane) from Francis Lewis Boulevard to 205th Street. Hillside Avenue is the route for about 10 bus lines. The lack of bus pads makes it necessary for numerous requests for repairs of hummocks each year. Install bus pads to prevent the street from deteriorating.

**5 of 7 Reconstruct streets**

DOT

Reconstruct streets

Location: Goethals Ave - 168 Street & 168 Street

Goethals Ave is partially built. As one travels eastbound along Goethals Avenue, the road narrows. It was not built to its fully mapped width and a portion of the street has vegetation instead of asphalt.

**6 of 7 Repair or construct medians, or other street assets**

DOT

Repair or construct medians, or other street assets

Location: Utopia Parkway - 69th Avenue & 69th Avenue

Repair and/or create new concrete medians on Utopia Parkway. The medians are broken and many are at the same level as the roadway.

**7 of 7 Upgrade or create new plazas**

DOT

Upgrade or create new plazas

Fund renovation of the Queens Boulevard Promenade bet. 84th Drive and 87th Avenue. Replace and/or repair perimeter fence. A number of the 100-year old trees have been lost to storms, fences and art ornaments have been damaged due to car accidents; benches have become worn out and unusable. The promenade has fallen behind the level of investment that the commercial district has made.

## EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

### New York Police Department (NYPD)

**1 of 1 Hire additional uniformed officers**

NYPD

Hire additional uniformed officers

Additional officers are needed to address safety and quality of life issues. Funds for overtime is also needed. Funds are needed to increase police presence and visibility to deter crime.

### Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

**1 of 1 Clean catch basins**  
Clean catch basins

DEP

Increase personnel for the maintenance of catch basins, sewers and water mains in CD8.

## Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

**1 of 6 Other park maintenance and safety requests**  
Other park maintenance and safety requests

DPR

Fund /purchase of potable water trucks to water Million Trees NYC newly planted trees and Green Street gardens planted throughout CD8. Fund a Green Streets beautification program for (69th Avenue, 67th Avenue and 64th Avenue) center island malls in Fresh Meadows. In addition. The Department must consult on annual basis with the community about their plans.

**2 of 6 Forestry services, including street tree maintenance**  
Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

DPR

Assign additional personnel to Parks and Forestry for street tree maintenance. Much funding has gone to planting new trees. With new trees the need for maintenance increases. It takes too long to have tree stumps removed. They pose a trip hazard to residents and liability for the City. No funding was allocated for FY 2021 and that is unacceptable.

**3 of 6 Other park programming requests**  
Other park programming requests

DPR

Increase funding for DPR's enforcement personnel. Community Board 8 has many parks, playgrounds and sitting areas. Maintaining the safety of these areas of refuge for our residents is paramount. Personnel is needed to enforce infractions in the parks (i.e. dog walkers in restricted areas, smokers, etc...)

**4 of 6 Other park maintenance and safety requests**  
Other park maintenance and safety requests

DPR

Horticultural Maintenance Program - Funding for this program will provide staffing to maintain park landscapes, gardens, lawns and other horticultural amenities.

**5 of 6 Other park programming requests**  
Other park programming requests

DPR

Funding for maintenance of Brinkerhoff Memorial Cemetery. This site was acquired by DPR. We need funding to maintain and restore the 77 tombstones.

**6 of 6 Other park maintenance and safety requests**  
Other park maintenance and safety requests

DPR

Provide an irrigation source for landscaped areas in Freedom Park.

## Department of Buildings (DOB)

**1 of 1 Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)**  
Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)

DOB

Hire additional inspectors to address OSHA issues and a Buildings Marshall for Airbnb.

## Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)

**1 of 2 Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program**

DYCD

Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program

Maintain funding for summer youth employment programs.

**2 of 2 Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)**

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

Increase funding for Beacon Programs and any other after school programs in CD8. Funds need to increase to meet the growing need in the community.

**Department for the Aging (DFTA)****1 of 3 Increase Transportation services capacity**

DFTA

Other senior center program requests

Increase funding for car service for older adults.

**2 of 3 Other senior center program requests**

DFTA

Other senior center program requests

Enhance funding for senior services. Funds are needed to meet the demands for services. (408202018E)

**3 of 3 Enhance NORC programs and health services**

DFTA

Enhance NORC programs and health services

Provide funding to create NORCs in Community Board 8.

**Department of Transportation (DOT)****1 of 4 Other traffic improvement requests**

DOT

Other traffic improvement requests

Increase arterial highway forces for cleaning areas adjacent to highways and assign additional personnel for maintenance. Community District 8 is boarded by several arterial highways (LIE, GCP, Van Wyck and Clearview Expressway). These areas are often full of litter. They are only cleaned by DOT every three or four weeks. Cleaning is needed at least on a weekly basis.

**2 of 4 Other expense budget request for DOT**

DOT

Other expense budget request for DOT

DOT - Increase yearly asphalt allocation of highway resurfacing for Community District 8. (408202009E)

**3 of 4 Painting of DOT Infrastructure**

DOT

Other expense request for DOT

Location: Main Street - Manton Street &amp; 84th Road

DOT Property is not being maintained. Main Street Wall requires painting.

**4 of 4 Painting of DOT Infrastructure**

DOT

Other expense request for DOT

DOT Infrastructure is not being maintained. The perimeter fence of the Queens Boulevard Promenade needs to be painted.

**Department of Sanitation (DSNY)**

**1 of 6 Increase vacant lot cleaning** DSNY

Increase vacant lot cleaning

Increase funding for staffing of the Vacant Lot Unit. Due to lack of funding for adequate staffing, concrete center medians were not adequately maintained.

**2 of 6 Provide more frequent litter basket collection** DSNY

Provide more frequent litter basket collection

Dedicated basket trucks are needed to empty street bins more frequently. Additional funds should be allocated to ensure that all commercial areas receive the same frequency of service.

**3 of 6 Weeds Removal Contract** DSNY

Other cleaning requests

Funding for contract to spray weeds with non-toxic herbicide to assist with the maintenance of concrete center medians by the lot cleaning unit. These medians have been poorly maintained since the end of the prior spraying contract.

**4 of 6 Other enforcement requests** DSNY

Other enforcement requests

Increase personnel for Sanitation Police to increase sanitation inspection in all categories and throughout the district.

**5 of 6 Other expense budget request for DSNY** DSNY

Other expense budget request for DSNY

Funds to maintain the new plaza over the Van Wyck Expressway on Queens Boulevard and add waste baskets.

**6 of 6 Other cleaning requests** DSNY

Other cleaning requests

Location: Main Street - Manton Street & Manton Street

Funds to maintain the area along the Manton/Main street wall

## Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

**1 of 2 Rat Mitigation** DOHMH

Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations

Execute an extermination program to eliminate the nest of rodents from 83rd Avenue between Manton Street and Queens Blvd. in Briarwood.

**2 of 2 Infectious Disease Prevention** DOHMH

Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning

Additional funds for the prevention of all infectious diseases.