

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

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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) 2022. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from August to November, 2020.

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 FY22 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.

### Disclaimer

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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 9

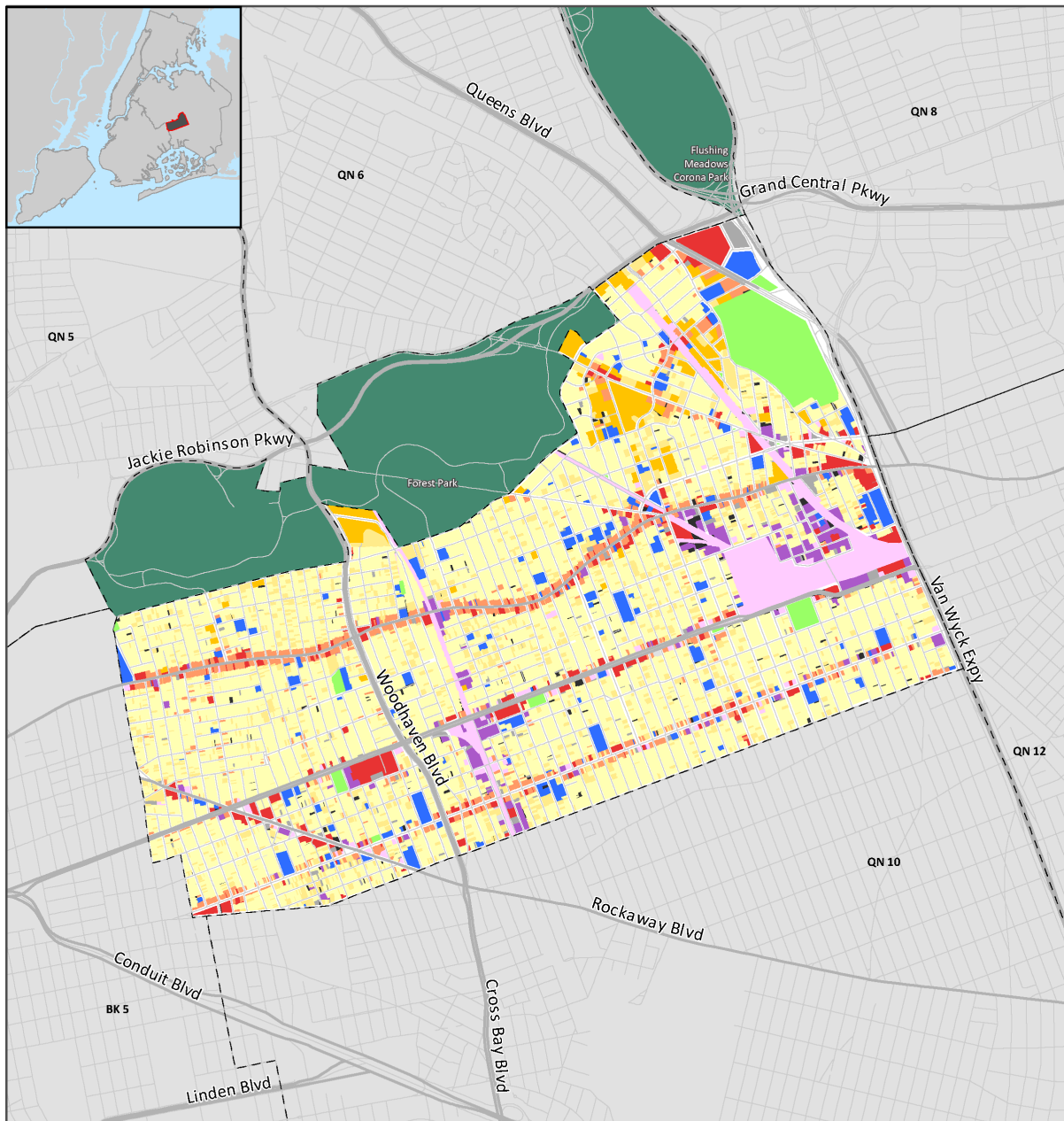
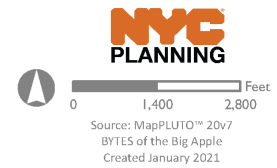
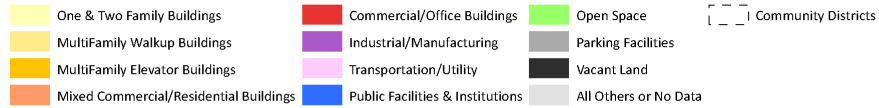
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## 2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

For the most up-to-date information about your Community District's built environment, socioeconomic, and demographic conditions, please visit NYC Department of City Planning's Community District Profiles tool at [communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov](https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov).

# Queens Community District 9 - Land Use



### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community Board No. 9 consists of four communities, Woodhaven, Ozone Park, Richmond Hill and Kew Gardens (WORK). Each is very distinct, yet all the residents have similar concerns and needs. Community Board No. 9 is truly a microcosm of the borough of Queens where our diversity is our strength. The Covid 19 pandemic, the uncertainty of additional waves of infection and the adverse impact on the economy is of great concern. Like many New Yorkers, the constituents of Community Board 9 want safe streets, great schools, senior services, economic opportunity for local businesses, mobile rapid Covid testing in our communities and access to quality parks and recreation. Additionally, we must take care of our most vulnerable citizens. During this pandemic poverty, homelessness, hunger and mental health issues have increased. It is important to fund programs that will assist these individuals as they struggle through difficult times.

Many City agencies have experienced severe budget cuts and they are struggling each day to deliver essential services. NYPD, Sanitation, Transportation, Parks and Department of Education are being asked to do more with less. Community Board 9 is still facing the construction of a community-based jail in Kew Gardens, a problematic hotel that is a haven for criminal activity and operational homeless shelter in Ozone Park. These facilities will impact our infrastructure and ability to deliver city services.

Community Board 9 requests that the 102<sup>nd</sup> Police Precinct be considered for additional officers to combat the rise in crime and keep the growing diverse population of residents safe. We ask that Department of Sanitation's budget be restored so they can service litter baskets, address illegal dumping and keep local streets clean. The City must ensure that DOT has the resources to continue paving our streets and conduct traffic studies.

Our educators, students and parents continue to adjust to the new remote educational model. They must be provided with the technology and equipment to succeed in the virtual classroom. School Safety protocols should be followed daily and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be readily available to all.

We owe our seniors a great debt of gratitude. We have an important responsibility to ensure they have access to effective programs. Seniors also need technology and equipment so they participate in programs or seminars that are offered remotely. Our senior centers should be fully funded and equipped to protect their members while providing important services.

Community Board 9 has strong retail corridors comprised of small business owners. These businesses have been financially destroyed during that pandemic. However, through true grit and determination businesses are making a comeback. The City must provide grants, low interest loans, consulting services and clear guidelines to get these business back on solid ground. It is equally important that we make these retail corridors clean, attractive and safe for customers. We encourage a Green Streets program along Woodhaven Boulevard and improve lighting along Jamaica and Liberty Avenues.

During the pandemic, our parks provided a much-needed outlet for residents. Forest Park is an incredible asset to the borough of Queens. Community Board 9 requests that funding be allocated for pruning, fencing and more Park Enforcement Patrol officers for Forest Park. Additionally, we need Forestry continue their effective pruning schedule of trees that adorn our residential streets.

Libraries provide access to technology, information and are a great gathering place for residents of all ages. It's a place to access computers, it is all-inclusive, safe and friendly environment, and a unique forum for social networking and reading groups. We request that the Woodhaven and Richmond Hill Libraries remain fully funded and the projects move forward in a timely manner. A multi-cultural Community Center would be a welcomed edition to the Community Board 9 community. We hope to work with the Queens Economic Development Corporation and interested non-for-profits to make this a reality.

Although we aware that the economic outlook FY2022 is bleak, our budget priority Capital and Expense Priority List targets many of the community needs and concerns. Community Board 9 respectfully calls on our esteemed elected officials to consider each request during their budget deliberations.



## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Queens Community Board 9

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The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Crime and public safety**

Criminal activity is increasing in our district. These crimes include but are not limited to shootings, assaults, drugs, sex trafficking and drug trafficking. The Umbrella Hotel has been a hotbed for criminal activity forcing out local police precinct post a police car 24/7 at the locations. We need a coordinated multi agency approach to stop this blight on the community. Our police do an outstanding job but they need the resources, personnel and community support to keep our streets safe.

#### **Health care services**

The Covid 19 pandemic and the uncertainty of additional waves of infection is of great concern. Community Board 9 requests that elected officials and health care facilities work together to ensure there adequate number of hotel beds, life saving equipment and personnel to deal with another possible outbreak. Additionally, we would welcome an increase in rapid mobile testing sites in our community when hotspot are identified.

#### **Schools**

Our educators, students and parents continue to adjust to the new remote educational model. They must be provided with the technology and equipment to succeed in the virtual classroom. School Safety protocols should be followed daily and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be readily available to all.

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

### HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Queens Community Board 9

##### Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

##### **Programs, services or facilities for seniors (incl. remote programming)**

Maintaining physical fitness, eating right, etc. is a very important issue and is essential to living a healthy and happy long life. Adults in CB9Q are more likely to eat fruits and vegetables compared to adults citywide. Current Smokers rank 26th compared to East Flatbush who rank 59th. 1 or more 12oz sugary drink per day (cb9Q) 33% of residents ranks 19th. 93% of CB9Q residents has at least one serving of fruits or vegetables per day. Physical activity in the last 30 Days. Cb9Q residents ranks 76%. Obesity can lead to serious health problems such as diabetes and heart disease. At 24% the rate of obesity in CB9Q is three times the rate in Stuyvesant Town and Turtle Bay. Alcohol related hospitalization (per 100, 000 adults) cb9Q has 773 hospitalizations re;. Drug related hospitalizations in CB9Q is 315.

##### Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

In CB9Q one in five adults has no health insurance and one in Eight go without medial care. 21% have no Health Insurance. 12% went without needed medical care. 8.2% had late or no prenatal care. During the Covid pandemic we had a few 'hot spots' identified in our community. We want to see an improved outreach, and more rapid mobile testing sites. Additionally, all our schools, hospitals, agencies should have access to PPE supplies, including handsantizers and cleaning disenfectants.

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

We currently have two thriving Senior Centers one in Kew Gardens and one in Ozone Park. They are in need of programs such as: computer programs and new computers. Need for progams for immigrants & seniors in general to learn new skills. We have a Senior Center in Ozone Park Address: 103-02 101st Avenue Ozone Park, NY 11416 the Center in Kew Gardens Address: 88-02 Kew Gardens Rd. Kew Gardens, Ny 11415

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

No comments

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

The Human Resources Administration is dedicated to fighting poverty and income inequality with essential programs that help families and individuals with economic and social service needs. Constituents can apply or recertify for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits online and check if you are eligible for Cash Assistance and many other programs at New York City's front door for benefit access, ACCESS HRA.

## Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

| Priority | Agency | Request  | Explanation  | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|----------|
| 1/23     | HHC    | <b>Other health care facilities requests</b>   | <i>HHC Hospitals should have PPE supplies for all administrators, doctors, nurses and patients</i>   |          |
| 2/23     | DOHMH  | <b>Other programs to address public health issues requests</b>   | <i>Increase information sharing with members of the community, city agencies and Community Boards to encourage testing and the adoption of the "core four" actions to prevent Covid</i>  |          |
| 11/23    | DFTA   | <b>Enhance educational and recreational programs</b>   | <i>Our seniors deserve programs that improve the mental, physical, financial and emotional health. It is importation we increase funding to programs that will greatly improve the quality of life of our senior population.</i>   |          |
| 14/23    | DOHMH  | <b>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment</b>                                     | <i>In this technologically advance environment and the use of various social media platforms can cause stress and anxiety in our children and young adults. There should access to mental health programs to help individuals cope with stress and depression.</i>   |          |
| 15/23    | DOHMH  | <b>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment</b>                                     | <i>Many veterans return to civilian life that require mental health support. Issues can be dealing with PTSD, substance abuse or difficulties returning to civilian life. It is important that we have programs to help our veteran population.</i>  |          |
| 17/23    | HRA    | <b>Provide social services for domestic violence survivors (legal services, counseling, referral to supportive services, etc.)</b> | <i>Domestic violence does not discriminate. Anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion or gender can be a victim – or perpetrator – of domestic violence. It can happen to people who are married, living together or who are dating. It affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels. We need programs to help these victims</i> |          |

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

### **Queens Community Board 9**

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

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

Students of all backgrounds, including learning and physical disabilities should have access to a quality education. Every effort should be made to ensure that each school has the ability and resources to our special needs children.

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#### Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

##### **Needs for Youth Education**

PS 90 Requests an indoor Gym . We need Adequate finding for Universal Pre-K Programs in all Public Elementary Schools as well as home based Pre K. We need to ensure that all who apply for Pre- k have enough seats for all. CB9Q continues to advocate for increased funding to Our Beacon Program at JHS 210 and to fund all Beacon programs in NYC. Beacon program provide students with homework help, test preparation, recreation, Physical Fitness, nutritional programs, etc. CB9Q is also in desperate need for the construction of new schools in District 27,28 & 24 as many of our children who live in the district go to schools in Dist 24. Our board needs more School Crossing Guards. There are very dangerous conditions at our schools during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. Many people have no regard for traffic rules and there is chaos when irresponsible drivers, etc. speed and don't abide my traffic laws For our growing Communiities there is: 1) complete absence of any complete community center to serve the needs of Indo-Caribbean and South Asian children and families. 2) Lack of legal affordable housing options 3) Not enough youth and academic programs for children from ages 6-18 especially when the drop out rate at high sch total disregard for our children & residents safety.

##### **Needs for Youth and Child Welfare**

- 1) Construct Community center to serve the needs of Indo-Caribbean, South Asian Children and families.
- 2) Expand youth and academic programs for children from ages 6-18 especially when the drop out rate at high school is about 50%

## Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

| Priority | Agency | Request                                      | Explanation   | Location                                   |
|----------|--------|--|---|--|
| 1/20     | DOE    | <b>Other capital budget request for DOE</b>  | <i>Principal is requesting 250 Chrome Books for students to ensure access to technology for remote learning</i>   | 89-30 114th St,<br>Richmond Hill, NY 11418 |
| 2/20     | SCA    | <b>Renovate other site component</b>         | <i>Principal has requested new library for students. This will allow for additional educational and enrichment programs</i>   | 8552 85th St,<br>Woodhaven, NY 11421       |
| 5/20     | SCA    | <b>Provide technology upgrade</b>            | <i>Tiegerman High School serves the needs of preschool and school age children with severe language and autism spectrum disorders. Laptop computers will teachers to utilize technology to enhance their successful program</i>             | 87-25 136th St,<br>Richmond Hill, NY 11418 |
| 6/20     | DYCD   | <b>Other capital budget request for DYCD</b> | <i>DYCD assists local community to construct a new community center with indoor pool in Richmond Hill and Ozone Park where none exist. This is a heavy populated community with very limited activities and service for local residents</i> |  |

## Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

| Priority | Agency | Request   | Explanation  | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--|----------|
| 12/23    | DYCD   | <b>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</b> | <i>Continue to fund Beacon Program at Middle School 210 and expand to other district schools. The Beacon Program provides educational, sports and mentoring opportunities outside normal classroom hours. Funding should be maintained or increased.</i> |          |
| 13/23    | DOE    | <b>Other educational programs requests</b>  | <i>Students of all backgrounds, including learning and physical disabilities should have access to a quality education. Every effort should be made to ensure that each school has the ability and resources to our special needs children.</i>          |          |

## **PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### **Queens Community Board 9**

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

##### **Crime prevention programs**

Our Precinct- the 102nd does a great job in keeping our district safe and it is imperative to maintain our safety and the quality of life and this will thrive with the addition of additional Police Officers. Increasing Funding for Domestic Violence Prevention Programs is essential in educating the public and to provide programs that help Families.

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

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

Increase Resources for domestic violence prevention programs as this is a serious issue and incidents are on the rise.

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

Need to contact the agencies to see exactly know where this is needed.

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## Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

| Priority | Agency | Request  | Explanation  | Location                            |
|----------|--------|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| 7/20     | NYPD   | <b>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</b>                      | <i>The parking lot adjacent to the 102nd Precinct building needs to be resurfaced and repair. This will provide adequate parking for police office and free up street parking in front of residential property</i> | 87 118 Street, Queens, New York, NY |
| 11/20    | NYPD   | <b>Provide surveillance cameras</b>                                      | <i>Request the installation of Argus surveillance cameras at problematic or high crime locations.</i>  |                                     |
| 17/20    | FDNY   | <b>Other capital budget request for FDNY</b>                             | <i>These ambulances used by FDNY are designed with lifts and special wheel chairs to be used for individuals over 500 pounds</i>   |                                     |
| 19/20    | FDNY   | <b>Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances</b> | <i>To be used by FDNY for disasters to shelter and treat individuals in one place</i>  |                                     |
| 20/20    | FDNY   | <b>Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances</b> | <i>This FDNY equipment is used to respond ahead with a liaison coordinator</i>   |                                     |

## Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

| Priority | Agency | Request                                     | Explanation  | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--|----------|
| 16/23    | NYPD   | <b>Assign additional uniformed officers</b> | <i>We must receive our fair share of Police Officers. Our district will be home to high-rise community jail and also includes Queens Borough Hall, Forest Park, and a number of churches, synagogues and temples that are in need of constant attention.</i> |          |
| 18/23    | NYPD   | <b>Assign additional crossing guards</b>    | <i>Assign Additional School Crossing Guards. Assign additional school crossing guards in all schools in Community Board 9.</i>   |          |

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

### Queens Community Board 9

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

##### **Sewer capacity**

It is imperative that we have Sewers that are at full capacity and able to avoid over flowing water & flooding.

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

##### **Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection**

We need Catch basins that will help to keep water flowing properly. Maintain and clean catch basins on a regular basis.

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

The Department of Sanitation experienced severe budget cuts and are being asked to do more with less. However, the Community Board has witness the adverse impact of these cuts to delivery of sanitation services. We are asking the funding be restores to litter basket service, cleaning services, center mall service, vacant lot cleaning weekly recycling, curbside organic collection, curbside E-waste pick-up and daily public school collection. These programs are vitally important to the cleanliness of or neighborhoods.



## Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

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

## Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

| Priority | Agency | Request  | Explanation   | Location |
|----------|--------|--|---|----------|
| 3/23     | DSNY   | <b>Other garbage collection and recycling requests</b>                                 | <i>Maintaining and increasing litter basket service</i>   |          |
| 4/23     | DSNY   | <b>Other expense budget request for DSNY</b>   | <i>Maintaining and increasing MLP services to address illegal drop off and dump out conditions</i>  |          |
| 5/23     | DSNY   | <b>Other cleaning requests</b>   | <i>Maintaining and cleaning center median cleaning</i>  |          |
| 6/23     | DSNY   | <b>Increase vacant lot cleaning</b>  | <i>Maintaining and increasing funding levels for vacant lot cleaning</i>  |          |
| 7/23     | DSNY   | <b>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up</b>                              | <i>Maintaining curbside recycling program</i>   |          |
| 8/23     | DSNY   | <b>Provide or expand NYC organics collection program</b>                               | <i>Resuming the curbside organics collection program</i>  |          |
| 9/23     | DSNY   | <b>Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal</b>               | <i>Restore the Curbside E-Waste collection program</i>  |          |
| 10/23    | DSNY   | <b>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions</b> | <i>Continuation of funds for school truck services, assistance to schools to maximize recycling and assist schools comply with collection schedules</i> |          |

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

### Queens Community Board 9

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

##### **Land use and zoning**

Community Board 9 wants to strengthen its partnership with NYC City Planning. There must be a mutual respect for the ULURP process and the important role community boards play in the decision making process. Some large scale developments can have a beneficial impact and others can have negative effects on the district. Consequently, it is imperative that the process remain transparent, fair and scrupulous.

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

##### **Needs for Land Use**

Queens Community District 9 is very concerned with NYC "Affordable Housing". It seems that many residents are unable to reach their dream of home ownership as prices of Homes, Condo's etc. are out of reach for many.

##### **Needs for Housing**

No comments

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

No comments

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**Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use**

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

**Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use**

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Queens Community Board 9

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Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility.

**Accessibility (ADA related compliance and infrastructure enhancements)**

Accessibility (crowded or obstructed sidewalks and other public thoroughfares)

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Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility.

**Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

The Department of Transportation's Select Bus Service (SBS) has been a controversial issue in CB9Q as residents are upset that DOT has not listened to their constituents and have reconfigured where people get on buses, i.e. middle median on Woodhaven Blvd. Routes would reconfigure lanes and eliminate left turns at major intersections as well as install bus stops in the median of Woodhaven Boulevard, which opponents fear will create unsafe conditions along the corridor and interrupt flow of traffic. Local Elected officials, i.e. State Sen. Joe Addabbo (D-Howard Beach), State Assemblyman Mike Miller (D-Woodhaven), and the Woodhaven Residents' Block Association, the Business Improvement District, the Greater Woodhaven Development Corporation, and a Task Force for a Better Woodhaven gathered on Woodhaven Blvd to express their frustrations and concerns regarding the SBS Plan.

**Needs for Transit Services**

No comments

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## Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

| Priority | Agency | Request  | Explanation   | Location                                      |
|----------|--------|--|---|---|
| 9/20     | DOT    | <b>Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps</b> | <i>Funding for new contract to replace or repair damaged curbs in residential and commercial areas in Woodhaven, Ozone Park, Richmond Hill and Kew Gardens</i>  |   |
| 10/20    | DOT    | <b>Upgrade or create new greenways</b>                   | <i>Incorporate Greenstreets Program on Woodhaven Blvd. Additional tree plantings on Woodhaven Blvd. from Myrtle Ave. to 103 Ave. and gardens where appropriate.</i>   | Woodhaven<br>Blvd Myrtle<br>Ave Myrtle<br>Ave |
| 12/20    | DOT    | <b>Repair or provide new street lights</b>               | <i>New lighting on Jamaica Ave from 86th St to Elderts Lane. Better lighting on all sidewalks is needed in Forest Park. There are too many dark areas where pedestrians become targets for theft, assault, and etc.</i> |   |

## Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

| Priority | Agency | Request  | Explanation  | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|----------|
| 19/23    | DOT    | <b>Add street signage or wayfinding elements</b> | <i>Welcome Signs for Community Board 9. Signs for Woodhaven, Ozone Park, Richmond Hill, and Kew Gardens.</i> |          |

## **PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **Queens Community Board 9**

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

##### **Community board resources (offices, staff and equipment)**

Community Boards are the front lines of dealing with a variety of community issues. It is important that each board has the resources to achieve its purpose to encourage and facilitate the participation of citizens within City government within their communities, and the efficient and effective organization of agencies that deliver municipal services in local communities and boroughs.

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

##### **Needs for Parks**

Please see previous page.

##### **Needs for Cultural Services**

No comments

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

Increase funding for Libraries and expand weekend service at Richmond Hill, Woodhaven and all Libraries in Community Board 9 Queens.

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

Increase operating Budget of Community Boards. We are requesting an increase to \$250,000 a portion of which will be used to upgrade and maintain our Computer System, Complaint system, fund website, a postage increase and to provide technical support for these functions. In addition to record and support live streaming of our meetings.

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## Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

| Priority | Agency | Request  | Explanation  | Location  |
|----------|--------|--|--|---|
| 3/20     | QL     | <b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</b>                     | <i>Richmond Hill Library was scheduled to be renovated by Queens Library. Over \$16 million was allocated, Now DDC is charged with managing the project. More money will be required to fully fund this important community project</i>  | 118-14 Hillside Avenue, Richmond Hill, NY 11418 |
| 4/20     | DPR    | <b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>  | <i>Maurice Park needs a full restoration. Constituents have requested resurfacing, new playground equipment, and new basketball and handball courts. Council member Adams allocated \$850K, however additional funding is required</i>   | 106th Street and Atlantic Avenue                |
| 8/20     | DPR    | <b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>  | <i>Phil Rizzuto Park - Repair and replace existing Ball Fields, installation of a new Track, replace water fountain, install bleacher seating, install adult exercise equipment and construct a stage area for events and performances. This Park is utilized by many residents who use the ball fields for numerous sports activities (i.e. Cricket, baseball, football, soccer etc.) The current field is in poor condition and is need of immediate renovation. The installation of a Track will enhance the parks usage.</i> |   |
| 13/20    | DPR    | <b>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</b>                            | <i>Install Handicapped Accessible Bathroom at the Visitors Center -Forest Park. This is located at the corner of W. Main Drive and Woodhaven Blvd.</i>   | W Main Dr and Woodhaven Blvd                    |
| 14/20    | DPR    | <b>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b> | <i>The Trust for Public Land is working with Friends of the QueensWay, community members, and the City and State of New York to create the QueensWay. This elevated pedestrian and bicycle pathway would connect the communities of Rego Park, Forest Hills, Richmond Hill, Glendale, Woodhaven, and Ozone Park. This would provide much needed public green space, recreation areas, opportunities for safe alternative commuting, and community spaces to celebrate the cultural diversity of Queens.</i>                      |   |
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#### Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

| Priority | Agency | Request  | Explanation   | Location      |
|----------|--------|--|---|---------------|
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| 23/23 | DPR | <b>Provide better park maintenance</b>                      | <i>Fund Maintenance Workers &amp; Equipment. Maintenance workers are funded for eight months only. During the winter they are laid off. When they return they have a backlog of winter work, i.e. painting, cement work, repairs etc., that can be done during the winter.</i>  |

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## **6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS**

### **Other Capital Requests**

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

### **Other Expense Requests**

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

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### Capital Budget Requests

| Priority | Agency | Request   | Explanation   | Location  |
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| 1/20     | DOE    | <b>Other capital budget request for DOE</b>   | <i>Principal is requesting 250 Chrome Books for students to ensure access to technology for remote learning</i>   | 89-30 114th St,<br>Richmond Hill, NY<br>11418         |
| 2/20     | SCA    | <b>Renovate other site component</b>  | <i>Principal has requested new library for students. This will allow for additional educational and enrichment programs</i>   | 8552 85th St,<br>Woodhaven, NY 11421                  |
| 3/20     | QL     | <b>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</b>                    | <i>Richmond Hill Library was scheduled to be renovated by Queens Library. Over \$16 million was allocated, Now DDC is charged with managing the project. More money will be required to fully fund this important community project</i>     | 118-14 Hillside Avenue,<br>Richmond Hill, NY<br>11418 |
| 4/20     | DPR    | <b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b> | <i>Maurice Park needs a full restoration. Constituents have requested resurfacing, new playground equipment, and new basketball and handball courts. Council member Adams allocated \$850K, however additional funding is required</i>      | 106th Street and Atlantic Avenue                      |
| 5/20     | SCA    | <b>Provide technology upgrade</b>   | <i>Tiegerman High School serves the needs of preschool and school age children with severe language and autism spectrum disorders. Laptop computers will teachers to utilize technology to enhance their successful program</i>             | 87-25 136th St,<br>Richmond Hill, NY<br>11418         |
| 6/20     | DYCD   | <b>Other capital budget request for DYCD</b>  | <i>DYCD assists local community to construct a new community center with indoor pool in Richmond Hill and Ozone Park where none exist. This is a heavy populated community with very limited activities and service for local residents</i> |   |
| 7/20     | NYPD   | <b>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</b>                                       | <i>The parking lot adjacent to the 102nd Precinct building needs to be resurfaced and repair. This will provide adequate parking for police office and free up street parking in front of residential property</i>                          | 87 118 Street,<br>Queens,<br>New York, NY             |

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| 8/20  | DPR  | <b>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</b>  | <i>Phil Rizzuto Park - Repair and replace existing Ball Fields, installation of a new Track, replace water fountain, install bleacher seating, install adult exercise equipment and construct a stage area for events and performances. This Park is utilized by many residents who use the ball fields for numerous sports activities (i.e. Cricket, baseball, football, soccer etc.) The current field is in poor condition and is need of immediate renovation. The installation of a Track will enhance the parks usage.</i> |                                      |
| 9/20  | DOT  | <b>Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps</b>                                   | <i>Funding for new contract to replace or repair damaged curbs in residential and commercial areas in Woodhaven, Ozone Park, Richmond Hill and Kew Gardens</i>   |                                      |
| 10/20 | DOT  | <b>Upgrade or create new greenways</b>   | <i>Incorporate Greenstreets Program on Woodhaven Blvd. Additional tree plantings on Woodhaven Blvd. from Myrtle Ave. to 103 Ave. and gardens where appropriate.</i>  | Woodhaven Blvd Myrtle Ave Myrtle Ave |
| 11/20 | NYPD | <b>Provide surveillance cameras</b>  | <i>Request the installation of Argus surveillance cameras at problematic or high crime locations.</i>  |                                      |
| 12/20 | DOT  | <b>Repair or provide new street lights</b>   | <i>New lighting on Jamaica Ave from 86th St to Elderts Lane. Better lighting on all sidewalks is needed in Forest Park. There are too many dark areas where pedestrians become targets for theft, assault, and etc.</i>  |                                      |
| 13/20 | DPR  | <b>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</b>                            | <i>Install Handicapped Accessible Bathroom at the Visitors Center -Forest Park. This is located at the corner of W. Main Drive and Woodhaven Blvd.</i>   | W Main Dr and Woodhaven Blvd         |
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| 17/20 | FDNY | <b>Other capital budget request for FDNY</b>  | <i>These ambulances used by FDNY are designed with lifts and special wheel chairs to be used for individuals over 500 pounds</i>  |
| 18/20 | DPR  | <b>New equipment for maintenance</b>  | <i>Secure New Equipment for Forest Park Maintenance Workers. Secure Crew Cub Dump Truck with Plow &amp; Salt Spreader.</i>  |
| 19/20 | FDNY | <b>Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances</b>                  | <i>To be used by FDNY for disasters to shelter and treat individuals in one place</i>   |
| 20/20 | FDNY | <b>Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances</b>                  | <i>This FDNY equipment is used to respond ahead with a liaison coordinator</i>  |
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## Expense Budget Requests

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| 1/23     | HHC    | <b>Other health care facilities requests</b>   | <i>HHC Hospitals should have PPE supplies for all administrators, doctors, nurses and patients</i>  |          |
| 2/23     | DOHMH  | <b>Other programs to address public health issues requests</b>                         | <i>Increase information sharing with members of the community, city agencies and Community Boards to encourage testing and the adoption of the "core four" actions to prevent Covid</i> |          |
| 3/23     | DSNY   | <b>Other garbage collection and recycling requests</b>                                 | <i>Maintaining and increasing litter basket service</i>   |          |
| 4/23     | DSNY   | <b>Other expense budget request for DSNY</b>   | <i>Maintaining and increasing MLP services to address illegal drop off and dump out conditions</i>  |          |
| 5/23     | DSNY   | <b>Other cleaning requests</b>   | <i>Maintaining and cleaning center median cleaning</i>  |          |
| 6/23     | DSNY   | <b>Increase vacant lot cleaning</b>  | <i>Maintaining and increasing funding levels for vacant lot cleaning</i>  |          |
| 7/23     | DSNY   | <b>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up</b>                              | <i>Maintaining curbside recycling program</i>   |          |
| 8/23     | DSNY   | <b>Provide or expand NYC organics collection program</b>                               | <i>Resuming the curbside organics collection program</i>  |          |
| 9/23     | DSNY   | <b>Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal</b>               | <i>Restore the Curbside E-Waste collection program</i>  |          |
| 10/23    | DSNY   | <b>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions</b> | <i>Continuation of funds for school truck services, assistance to schools to maximize recycling and assist schools comply with collection schedules</i>                                 |          |

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| 11/23 | DFTA  | <b>Enhance educational and recreational programs</b>   | <i>Our seniors deserve programs that improve the mental, physical, financial and emotional health. It is importation we increase funding to programs that will greatly improve the quality of life of our senior population.</i>   |
| 12/23 | DYCD  | <b>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</b>                              | <i>Continue to fund Beacon Program at Middle School 210 and expand to other district schools. The Beacon Program provides educational, sports and mentoring opportunities outside normal classroom hours. Funding should be maintained or increased.</i>   |
| 13/23 | DOE   | <b>Other educational programs requests</b>   | <i>Students of all backgrounds, including learning and physical disabilities should have access to a quality education. Every effort should be made to ensure that each school has the ability and resources to our special needs children.</i>  |
| 14/23 | DOHMH | <b>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment</b>                                     | <i>In this technologically advance environment and the use of various social media platforms can cause stress and anxiety in our children and young adults. There should access to mental health programs to help individuals cope with stress and depression.</i>   |
| 15/23 | DOHMH | <b>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment</b>                                     | <i>Many veterans return to civilian life that require mental health support. Issues can be dealing with PTSD, substance abuse or difficulties returning to civilian life. It is important that we have programs to help our veteran population.</i>  |
| 16/23 | NYPD  | <b>Assign additional uniformed officers</b>  | <i>We must receive our fair share of Police Officers. Our district will be home to high-rise community jail and also includes Queens Borough Hall, Forest Park, and a number of churches, synagogues and temples that are in need of constant attention.</i>   |
| 17/23 | HRA   | <b>Provide social services for domestic violence survivors (legal services, counseling, referral to supportive services, etc.)</b> | <i>Domestic violence does not discriminate. Anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion or gender can be a victim – or perpetrator – of domestic violence. It can happen to people who are married, living together or who are dating. It affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels. We need programs to help these victims</i> |

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| 18/23 | NYPD | <b>Assign additional crossing guards</b>   | <i>Assign Additional School Crossing Guards. Assign additional school crossing guards in all schools in Community Board 9.</i>  |               |
| 19/23 | DOT  | <b>Add street signage or wayfinding elements</b>                                     | <i>Welcome Signs for Community Board 9. Signs for Woodhaven, Ozone Park, Richmond Hill, and Kew Gardens.</i>  |               |
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