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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) 2023. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from July to November, 2021.

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 FY23 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

Queens Community District 8

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
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
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
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
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
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.

New York City

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

Queens

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

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

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, CUNY Law School, 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 a 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 afterschool programs, summer youth employment, senior transportation and NORCs are needed. Twenty percent of the 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 shows the inequities that exist with so many students 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. Additionally, the Department of Design and Construction takes too much time to break ground and start library projects. Initial funding for the Hollis Branch Library was in 2012. Nevertheless, the project is not yet in the design stage. As time passes, the cost increases and additional funding becomes necessary to do the renovation.

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 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. Several of our bus routes have broken bus pads that require replacement. 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

FLOODING - The residents of Fresh Meadows, Utopia Estates, Hillcrest and Kew Gardens Hills are very concerned with the rising water table and flooding their homes due to an inadequate sewer system. In recent years, there have been many water main installations and upgrades; however, there have been very few sewer projects. For many years, we have requested installation of new sewer lines along Hillside Avenue. Hillside Avenue is a low lying area bordering Holliswood, Jamaica Estates, Jamaica Hill, Hollis, Queens Village and Briarwood. The only subway line that services our district, has been flooded many times after rainstorms. Many residents have no other means of getting into and home from Manhattan and Brooklyn. This also affects businesses along Hillside Avenue. Hillside Avenue from 195th Street to 197th Street is flooded after each rainfall; as a result, the street deteriorates. There is just nowhere for the water to go. This past September, locations on Utopia Parkway were flooded due Hurricane Ida.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Queens Community Board 8

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Other

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 Health Care and Human Services

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 many years that air conditioning 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 the families with young children who cannot sleep at night due to the heat? The last three fiscal years the responses given were 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? The residents of this shelter have been waiting a long time for this much needed accommodation and we look forward to a plan of action this fiscal year. Heat kills people.

Needs for Low Income NYs

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/40	DHS	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless	<i>Air conditioning is needed for the Briarwood Family Shelter. This can be achieved by upgrading the electrical system to facilitate window units. Cooling rooms are not sufficient. The residents should be afforded the same treatment as the staff who work in temperature controlled rooms.</i>	
7/40	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	<i>Funds needed for fit-out/interior construction of the 8,000 sq. ft. of community space within the T-Building at the Queens Hospital Center. Dunn Development is renovating the T-Building and has agreed to set aside this space for a community center that will provide services for all ages. This building will also comprise 206 housing units including: regular rental units, special needs units, middle income units and low income units.</i>	82-68 164th Street
36/40	DFTA	Other capital budget request for DFTA	<i>Tablets/iPads needed with internet access for seniors. This will prevent isolation during the pandemic as senior centers are closed. Seniors will benefit by participating through virtual programming.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/25	DOHMH	Provide more tuberculosis information and services	<i>Additional funds for COVID-19.</i>	
14/25	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	<i>Provide funding to create NORCs in Community Board 8.</i>	

16/25	DFTA	Increase transportation services capacity	<i>We have a multi-ethnic population. In recent years, we have seen an increase in people who identify as Asian. As such, the services provided for seniors need to meet that change. When services are not readily available for one ethnic group, transportation to neighboring centers that do is desirable. While the population is not necessarily homebound but the frail senior population does have issues with using mass transit. For those that are homebound, they need to interact with people from the outside world. This could possibly mean using technology to help them stay connected. They can participate in senior activities remotely (i.e. through Skype).</i>
18/25	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Enhance funding for senior services. Funds are needed to meet the demands for services. (408202018E)</i>

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Queens Community Board 8

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Other

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.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

No comments

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/40	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Upgrade the sound system for the auditorium of P.S. 26. Upgrade the electrical wiring for P.S.26Q for the installation of air conditioning in the auditorium, gymnasium and cafeteria. The school is used in the summer to house the P.S. 224 students who are developmentally disabled. They require temperature controlled environments as per the mandate for ADA compliance.</i>	
14/40	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	<i>Upgrade electrical wiring to 220 to support electrical needs of smart boards and air conditioners for P.S. 173.</i>	
18/40	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Upgrade electrical system, upgrade library and science lab at P.S. 173Q - The Fresh Meadow School.</i>	
22/40	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	<i>Convert former teacher's cafeteria into a classroom.</i>	
23/40	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Replace tables in cafeteria; replace auditorium seats; install auditorium wall padding and renovate outdoor wooded area.</i>	
26/40	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	<i>Upgrade school technology to use parent coordinator's office as a web-based resource at P.S. 178Q.</i>	
CS	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Provide tablet/iPads with internet access [WiFi] for all students who need it.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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6/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	<i>Increase funding for summer youth employment programs. Every year the percentage of funds allocated to meet the needs for the program has been diminished. The number of youth (in the age group of 14 to 24 years old) that qualify for summer youth employment has increased. The yearly funding to meet that need has fallen short.</i>
15/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>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.</i>

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Queens Community Board 8

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Other

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. This year has been particularly difficult as every day 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.

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. 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 an emergency. 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.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/40	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>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.</i>	
13/40	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	<i>Argus cameras are needed to assist in solving crime.</i>	
31/40	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	<i>Vehicle is designed with lifts and special wheelchairs to be used for individuals over 500 lbs.</i>	
32/40	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	<i>This is vehicle is used for disasters and treat individuals in one place.</i>	
33/40	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	<i>A rapid response vehicle (Sierra Pick-up Truck) is needed to respond ahead with a liaison. This is used for coordination purposes.</i>	
34/40	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	<i>A mobile command vehicle is needed for the Borough of Queens.</i>	
37/40	FDNY	Other capital budget request for FDNY	<i>Equip all fire houses with DeWalt Concrete Saws - The 9" DeWalt battery operated concrete saw is DCS690X2 this is a kit that includes charger and two 20 /60 flex volt 9-amp battery. We replaced the 9amp batteries with (2) 20volt/60volt max lithium ion 12-amp batteries for more run time.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>Additional officers are needed to address safety and quality of life issues.</i>	
2/25	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<i>Hire a mechanic to ensure that police vehicles are repaired in-house and back in service promptly.</i>	
19/25	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	<i>Increase funding for CPR Training Program and for the Fire & Life Safety Education Outreach</i>	

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.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

No comments

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. • 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.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
24/40	DEP	Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers	<i>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 and Keno Avenue) and on Salerno Avenue (Keno and Clio Streets)</i>	Salerno Avenue Keno Avenue Clio Street
25/40	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Purchase additional garbage trucks to ensure enough capacity for organics recycling.</i>	
40/40	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	<i>Equip DSNY Enforcement with portable cameras to can catch vehicles that illegally dumping.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/25	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Increase personnel for the maintenance of catch basins, sewers and water mains in CD8.</i>	
8/25	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Dedicated basket trucks are needed to empty street bins more frequently. This would improve the cleanliness of our streets. Hillside Avenue (Francis Lewis Boulevard to Queens Boulevard) Queens Boulevard (Hillside Avenue to Main Street) and Main Street. Routine center mall cleaning is also needed throughout the seasons. Additional funds should be allocated to ensure that all commercial areas receive the same frequency of service.</i>	
17/25	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	<i>Increase personnel for Sanitation Police to increase sanitation inspection in all categories and throughout the district.</i>	
24/25	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Funds to maintain the area along the Manton/Main street wall</i>	Main Street Manton Street Manton Street

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 is recommending Building Code Enforcement as a priority since it will protect homeowners, coop/condo owners and renters alike. To further support the request for Building Code Enforcement, the Borough of Queens has 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 Land Use

No comments

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 2014 was \$1353. In addition, there was an increase in the rent burden for all renters from 17.4% in 2000 to 31.7% in 2014. There was an even more drastic change for those renters who have low incomes. It changed from 35.4% in 2000 to 58.5% in 2014. Community Board 8 had a change in zoning along Hillside Avenue that will facilitate larger developments. We are in dire need of affordable units set aside to address the great number of our rent burdened residents.

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.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/25	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Hire a dedicated inspector for Queens Community Boards' half day inspections. The number of requests sent to the Queens Borough Office is much greater than any other office in the five boroughs. The Queens' Office had a part-time inspector that used to accompany the District Managers on site visits on a monthly basis. Unfortunately, this person went on sick leave and was never replaced. We are requesting that a new full-time inspector be hired as a replacement. (408202008E)</i>	120-55 Queens Boulevard, Queens, New York, NY

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, sinkholes and depressions caused by motorists and pedestrians. 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

Our community needs additional buses to service the growing population (i.e. Q76, Q30, Q20). The private bus lines were added to the Transit Authority fleet and still have no posted schedules (i.e. Q25, Q24 and Q65). This is a necessity for our seniors who are not technologically savvy and cannot use the MTA Bus Time App.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruction/trench restoration is needed to address street depression and sinkholes. 75th Avenue (186th St. to 188th St.) Avon Road (Chevy Chase St. to 188th St.) 181st Street (67th Ave. & 69th Ave.)</i>	
3/40	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>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</i>	
4/40	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>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. Hillside Avenue was resurfaced a few years ago. Installation of bus pads will prevent the newly resurfaced street from deteriorating.</i>	
12/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Goethals Ave is partially built. As one travels eastbound along Goethals Avenue, the road narrows. It was not not built to its fully mapped width and a portion of the street has vegetation instead of asphalt.</i>	Goethals Ave 168 Street 168 Street
16/40	DOT	Repair or construct new medians or bus pads	<i>Repair and/or create new concrete medians on Utopia Parkway. The medians are broken and many are at the same level as the roadway.</i>	Utopia Parkway 69th Avenue 69th Avenue
20/40	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>New sidewalk is needed on north side of Goethals Avenue from 168th Street to 170th Street. Area abuts NYC property. Sidewalk is needed for pedestrian safety.</i>	Goethals Avenue 168th Street 168th Street

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/25	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>DOT - Increase yearly asphalt allocation of highway resurfacing for Community District 8. (408202009E)</i>	
20/25	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>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.</i>	
22/25	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>Our community needs additional buses to service the growing population (i.e. Q76, Q30, Q20, Q88 - Express/Limited). The residents of Kew Gardens Hills would welcome the return of the Q74 to Vleighb Place. The private bus lines were added to the Transit Authority fleet and still have no posted schedules (i.e. Q25, Q24 and Q65). This is a necessity for our seniors who are not technology savvy and cannot use the MTA Bus Time App.</i>	
23/25	NYCTA	Expand subway service frequency or hours of operations	<i>We urge that the City explores the possibility of increasing service capacity along the F subway line. The trains are often at capacity when they reach the 169th Street station. The commuters at the subsequent subway stops are unable to board the train.</i>	

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 and Vleigh Playground 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.

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

Needs for Parks

See our most important issue above.

Needs for Cultural Services

No comments

Needs for Library Services

The Briarwood Branch Library must 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 is unsustainable.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/40	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>Create an annex for the Queens Public Library at Queens Hospital Center - 82-68 164th Street, Jamaica NY 11432</i>	
8/40	DPR	Provide new type and/or specific type of program	<i>State of Good Repair Program - This program will help renovate park sites with persistent paved surfaces, sidewalks, lawns and other horticultural amenities.</i>	
9/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Add a new aerator system at Captain Tilly Park for the goose pond. [Part of last year's tracking code 408202009C]</i>	165th Street Highland Avenue Highland Avenue
10/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate Flushing Meadow Corona Park and rebuild bridge over Flushing Creek at the south end of Willow Lake.</i>	
15/40	QL	Provide more or better equipment to a library (QL)	<i>Funds are needed for computers and smart boards for the conference rooms of the Queens Public Library at Hillcrest. [Part of last year's tracking code 408202018C]</i>	187-05 Union Turnpike.
17/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Convert Hoover Playground's concrete athletic field near 83rd Avenue to a turf field.</i>	
19/40	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>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. (408202024C)</i>	
21/40	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Build an environmental center in Flushing Meadow Corona Park. This center is needed to provide a variety of programs for the community.</i>	

27/40	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>Provide funds for the Hillcrest Library 's interior and exterior renovations. Partly funded by Councilman Rory Lancman more funds are needed.</i>	187-05 Union Turnpike
28/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate Vleigh Playground. The asphalt needs to be replaced. Additional lighting is needed. This park has not been upgraded for many years.</i>	
29/40	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>Six-yard packer truck needed for Parks in District 8.</i>	
30/40	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Funds needed for the acquisition of the Klein Farm for use as an agricultural and/or horticultural center.</i>	
35/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Redesign, address drainage and electrical issues at Briarwood Playground (JHS 217). Eliminate one basketball court and create a tennis court.</i>	
38/40	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>Crew cab, van, skid steer/bobcat and a gator are needed to assist in maintaining our parks.</i>	
39/40	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Utopia Playground - Higher fencing for the soccer field to prevent soccer balls from getting to neighboring properties. New safety surfacing for the playground.</i>	
CS	QL	Provide more or better equipment to a library (QL)	<i>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].</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Reconstruct Hoover/Manton Playground's basketball courts.</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Replace play equipment at Freedom Square Playground including swings. Equipment is old and needs to be replaced.</i>	

CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Additional seating in the Utopia Playground for Children, parents and spectators, especially in the basketball court area.</i>
CS	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>The Briarwood Library needs to be expanded and renovated to meet with the increase in demand.</i>
CS	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>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.</i>
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Renovate comfort station at Captain Tilly.</i>
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate Cunningham Park's Redwood Playground and 210th Street Playground. Create a third basketball court on 193rd Street at Cunningham Park</i>
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate the Hoover/Manton Playground. The project should include renovation of the playground and handball courts.</i>

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>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.</i>	

7/25	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>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.</i>	
10/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Horticultural Maintenance Program - Funding for this program will provide staffing to maintain park landscapes, gardens, lawns and other horticultural amenities.</i>	
11/25	DPR	Other park programming requests	<i>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...)</i>	
12/25	DPR	Other park programming requests	<i>Funding and maintenance of Brinkerhoff Memorial Cemetery. DCAS and DPR are in the process of acquiring this site for preservation through ULURP Application#: C180241 PCQ.</i>	69-65 182nd Street
21/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Provide an irrigation source for landscaped areas in Freedom Park.</i>	

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
1/40	DHS	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless	<i>Air conditioning is needed for the Briarwood Family Shelter. This can be achieved by upgrading the electrical system to facilitate window units. Cooling rooms are not sufficient. The residents should be afforded the same treatment as the staff who work in temperature controlled rooms.</i>	
2/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruction/trench restoration is needed to address street depression and sinkholes. 75th Avenue (186th St. to 188th St.) Avon Road (Chevy Chase St. to 188th St.) 181st Street (67th Ave. & 69th Ave.)</i>	
3/40	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>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</i>	
4/40	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>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. Hillside Avenue was resurfaced a few years ago. Installation of bus pads will prevent the newly resurfaced street from deteriorating.</i>	

5/40	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>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.</i>	
6/40	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>Create an annex for the Queens Public Library at Queens Hospital Center - 82-68 164th Street, Jamaica NY 11432</i>	
7/40	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	<i>Funds needed for fit-out/interior construction of the 8,000 sq. ft. of community space within the T-Building at the Queens Hospital Center. Dunn Development is renovating the T-Building and has agreed to set aside this space for a community center that will provide services for all ages. This building will also comprise 206 housing units including: regular rental units, special needs units, middle income units and low income units.</i>	82-68 164th Street
8/40	DPR	Provide new type and/or specific type of program	<i>State of Good Repair Program - This program will help renovate park sites with persistent paved surfaces, sidewalks, lawns and other horticultural amenities.</i>	
9/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Add a new aerator system at Captain Tilly Park for the goose pond. [Part of last year's tracking code 408202009C]</i>	165th Street Highland Avenue Highland Avenue
10/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate Flushing Meadow Corona Park and rebuild bridge over Flushing Creek at the south end of Willow Lake.</i>	

11/40	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Upgrade the sound system for the auditorium of P.S. 26. Upgrade the electrical wiring for P.S.26Q for the installation of air conditioning in the auditorium, gymnasium and cafeteria. The school is used in the summer to house the P.S. 224 students who are developmentally disabled. They require temperature controlled environments as per the mandate for ADA compliance.</i>	
12/40	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Goethals Ave is partially built. As one travels eastbound along Goethals Avenue, the road narrows. It was not not built to its fully mapped width and a portion of the street has vegetation instead of asphalt.</i>	Goethals Ave 168 Street 168 Street
13/40	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	<i>Argus cameras are needed to assist in solving crime.</i>	
14/40	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	<i>Upgrade electrical wiring to 220 to support electrical needs of smart boards and air conditioners for P.S. 173.</i>	
15/40	QL	Provide more or better equipment to a library (QL)	<i>Funds are needed for computers and smart boards for the conference rooms of the Queens Public Library at Hillcrest. [Part of last year's tracking code 408202018C]</i>	187-05 Union Turnpike.
16/40	DOT	Repair or construct new medians or bus pads	<i>Repair and/or create new concrete medians on Utopia Parkway. The medians are broken and many are at the same level as the roadway.</i>	Utopia Parkway 69th Avenue 69th Avenue
17/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Convert Hoover Playground's concrete athletic field near 83rd Avenue to a turf field.</i>	
18/40	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Upgrade electrical system, upgrade library and science lab at P.S. 173Q - The Fresh Meadow School.</i>	
19/40	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>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. (408202024C)</i>	

20/40	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>New sidewalk is needed on north side of Goethals Avenue from 168th Street to 170th Street. Area abuts NYC property. Sidewalk is needed for pedestrian safety.</i>	Goethals Avenue 168th Street 168th Street
21/40	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Build an environmental center in Flushing Meadow Corona Park. This center is needed to provide a variety of programs for the community.</i>	
22/40	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	<i>Convert former teacher's cafeteria into a classroom.</i>	
23/40	SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Replace tables in cafeteria; replace auditorium seats; install auditorium wall padding and renovate outdoor wooded area.</i>	
24/40	DEP	Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers	<i>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 and Keno Avenue) and on Salerno Avenue (Keno and Clio Streets)</i>	Salerno Avenue Keno Avenue Clio Street
25/40	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>Purchase additional garbage trucks to ensure enough capacity for organics recycling.</i>	
26/40	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	<i>Upgrade school technology to use parent coordinator's office as a web-based resource at P.S. 178Q.</i>	
27/40	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>Provide funds for the Hillcrest Library 's interior and exterior renovations. Partly funded by Councilman Rory Lancman more funds are needed.</i>	187-05 Union Turnpike
28/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate Vleigh Playground. The asphalt needs to be replaced. Additional lighting is needed. This park has not been upgraded for many years.</i>	
29/40	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>Six-yard packer truck needed for Parks in District 8.</i>	

30/40	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Funds needed for the acquisition of the Klein Farm for use as an agricultural and/or horticultural center.</i>
31/40	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	<i>Vehicle is designed with lifts and special wheelchairs to be used for individuals over 500 lbs.</i>
32/40	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	<i>This is vehicle is used for disasters and treat individuals in one place.</i>
33/40	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	<i>A rapid response vehicle (Sierra Pick-up Truck) is needed to respond ahead with a liaison. This is used for coordination purposes.</i>
34/40	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	<i>A mobile command vehicle is needed for the Borough of Queens.</i>
35/40	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Redesign, address drainage and electrical issues at Briarwood Playground (JHS 217). Eliminate one basketball court and create a tennis court.</i>
36/40	DFTA	Other capital budget request for DFTA	<i>Tablets/iPads needed with internet access for seniors. This will prevent isolation during the pandemic as senior centers are closed. Seniors will benefit by participating through virtual programming.</i>
37/40	FDNY	Other capital budget request for FDNY	<i>Equip all fire houses with DeWalt Concrete Saws - The 9" DeWalt battery operated concrete saw is DCS690X2 this is a kit that includes charger and two 20 /60 flex volt 9-amp battery. We replaced the 9amp batteries with (2) 20volt/60volt max lithium ion 12-amp batteries for more run time.</i>
38/40	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>Crew cab, van, skid steer/bobcat and a gator are needed to assist in maintaining our parks.</i>

39/40	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Utopia Playground - Higher fencing for the soccer field to prevent soccer balls from getting to neighboring properties. New safety surfacing for the playground.</i>
40/40	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	<i>Equip DSNY Enforcement with portable cameras to can catch vehicles that illegally dumping.</i>
CS	DOE	Other capital budget request for DOE	<i>Provide tablet/iPads with internet access [WiFi] for all students who need it.</i>
CS	QL	Provide more or better equipment to a library (QL)	<i>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].</i>
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Reconstruct Hoover/Manton Playground's basketball courts.</i>
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Replace play equipment at Freedom Square Playground including swings. Equipment is old and needs to be replaced.</i>
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Additional seating in the Utopia Playground for Children, parents and spectators, especially in the basketball court area.</i>
CS	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>The Briarwood Library needs to be expanded and renovated to meet with the increase in demand.</i>
CS	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>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.</i>
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Renovate comfort station at Captain Tilly.</i>

CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate Cunningham Park's Redwood Playground and 210th Street Playground. Create a third basketball court on 193rd Street at Cunningham Park</i>
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate the Hoover/Manton Playground. The project should include renovation of the playground and handball courts.</i>

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>Additional officers are needed to address safety and quality of life issues.</i>	
2/25	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	<i>Hire a mechanic to ensure that police vehicles are repaired in-house and back in service promptly.</i>	
3/25	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Increase personnel for the maintenance of catch basins, sewers and water mains in CD8.</i>	
4/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>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.</i>	
5/25	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Hire a dedicated inspector for Queens Community Boards' half day inspections. The number of requests sent to the Queens Borough Office is much greater than any other office in the five boroughs. The Queens' Office had a part-time inspector that used to accompany the District Managers on site visits on a monthly basis. Unfortunately, this person went on sick leave and was never replaced. We are requesting that a new full-time inspector be hired as a replacement. (408202008E)</i>	120-55 Queens Boulevard, Queens, New York, NY
6/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	<i>Increase funding for summer youth employment programs. Every year the percentage of funds allocated to meet the needs for the program has been diminished. The number of youth (in the age group of 14 to 24 years old) that qualify for summer youth employment has increased. The yearly funding to meet that need has fallen short.</i>	

7/25	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>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.</i>	
8/25	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	<i>Dedicated basket trucks are needed to empty street bins more frequently. This would improve the cleanliness of our streets. Hillside Avenue (Francis Lewis Boulevard to Queens Boulevard) Queens Boulevard (Hillside Avenue to Main Street) and Main Street. Routine center mall cleaning is also needed throughout the seasons. Additional funds should be allocated to ensure that all commercial areas receive the same frequency of service.</i>	
9/25	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>DOT - Increase yearly asphalt allocation of highway resurfacing for Community District 8. (408202009E)</i>	
10/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Horticultural Maintenance Program - Funding for this program will provide staffing to maintain park landscapes, gardens, lawns and other horticultural amenities.</i>	
11/25	DPR	Other park programming requests	<i>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...)</i>	
12/25	DPR	Other park programming requests	<i>Funding and maintenance of Brinkerhoff Memorial Cemetery. DCAS and DPR are in the process of acquiring this site for preservation through ULURP Application#: C180241 PCQ.</i>	69-65 182nd Street
13/25	DOHMH	Provide more tuberculosis information and services	<i>Additional funds for COVID-19.</i>	
14/25	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	<i>Provide funding to create NORCs in Community Board 8.</i>	

15/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>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.</i>
16/25	DFTA	Increase transportation services capacity	<i>We have a multi-ethnic population. In recent years, we have seen an increase in people who identify as Asian. As such, the services provided for seniors need to meet that change. When services are not readily available for one ethnic group, transportation to neighboring centers that do is desirable. While the population is not necessarily homebound but the frail senior population does have issues with using mass transit. For those that are homebound, they need to interact with people from the outside world. This could possibly mean using technology to help them stay connected. They can participate in senior activities remotely (i.e. through Skype).</i>
17/25	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	<i>Increase personnel for Sanitation Police to increase sanitation inspection in all categories and throughout the district.</i>
18/25	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Enhance funding for senior services. Funds are needed to meet the demands for services. (408202018E)</i>
19/25	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	<i>Increase funding for CPR Training Program and for the Fire & Life Safety Education Outreach</i>
20/25	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Increase arterial highway forces for cleaning areas adjacent to highways and assign additional personnel for maintenance. Community District 8 is bordered 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.</i>
21/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Provide an irrigation source for landscaped areas in Freedom Park.</i>

22/25	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>Our community needs additional buses to service the growing population (i.e. Q76, Q30, Q20, Q88 - Express/Limited). The residents of Kew Gardens Hills would welcome the return of the Q74 to Vleigh Place. The private bus lines were added to the Transit Authority fleet and still have no posted schedules (i.e. Q25, Q24 and Q65). This is a necessity for our seniors who are not technology savvy and cannot use the MTA Bus Time App.</i>	
23/25	NYCTA	Expand subway service frequency or hours of operations	<i>We urge that the City explores the possibility of increasing service capacity along the F subway line. The trains are often at capacity when they reach the 169th Street station. The commuters at the subsequent subway stops are unable to board the train.</i>	
24/25	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Funds to maintain the area along the Manton/Main street wall</i>	Main Street Manton Street Manton Street
25/25	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	<i>Increase funding for vacant lot cleaning.</i>	