

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 Staten Island Community Board 2's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019*. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November 2017.

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:

a) 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.

b) 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.

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY19 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.

LETTER FROM THE COMMUNITY BOARD

Staten Island Community Board 2's District is approximately 24 square miles in area and consists of single and two-family homes, townhouses, duplexes, housing projects, several six-story apartment complexes, co-ops and garden apartments spread across many small towns situated within the middle section of Staten Island. The towns that fall under the jurisdiction of Community Board 2 are: Arrochar, Bloomfield, Bullshead, Dongan Hills, Emerson Hills, Grant City, Grasmere, Lighthouse Hill, Manor Heights, Midland Beach, New Dorp, New Springville, Old Town, Richmondtown, Springville, South Beach, Todt Hill, Travis, and Willowbrook. Each town is proud of its unique qualities and individual characteristics, which residents strive to maintain.

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1. Community Board Information

Staten Island Community Board 2

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District Manager: Mrs. Debra A. Derrico

2. Community District Profile

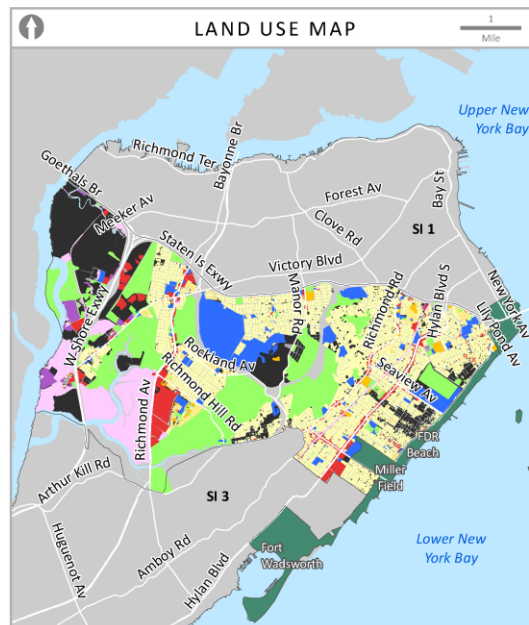
Visit the Community District Profiles to view data, maps, and other resources describing New York City's 59 community districts at: <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/>

Staten Island Community District 2



Neighborhoods¹: Arrochar, Bloomfield, Bulls Head, Chelsea, Concord, Dongan Hills, Egbertville, Emerson Hill, Grant City, Grasmere, Heartland Village, Lighthouse Hill, Manor Heights, Midland Beach, New Dorp, New Dorp Beach, New Springville, Old Town, South Beach, Todt Hill, Travis, Willowbrook

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
127,071	132,003	+4%
2011-2015 Estimate ⁴		133,508
Square Miles		21.3
Population Density		6,197/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Staten Island Community Board 2 in 2017:

1. Street flooding
2. Traffic
3. Transit (buses & subways)

To learn more, please read [Staten Island CD 2's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2018](#).

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	29,825	30%
Multifamily Walk-up	531	3%
Multifamily Elevator	20	1%
Mixed Use	309	<1%
Commercial	790	5%
Industrial	87	1%
Transportation/Utility	127	7%
Public/Institutional	186	10%
Open Space	219	26%
Parking	172	<1%
Vacant	2,365	17%
Other	54	<1%

[Click here for a more detailed land use map of Staten Island CD 2](#)

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	42
Public Libraries	3
Hospitals and Clinics	22
Parks	25
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Staten Island CD 2	Staten Island
45%	46%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Staten Island CD 2	Citywide Target
68%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Staten Island CD 2	Staten Island
41	43 minutes
minutes	NYC
	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Staten Island CD 2	Staten Island
14%	11%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Staten Island CD 2	Staten Island
6.4	6.5
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

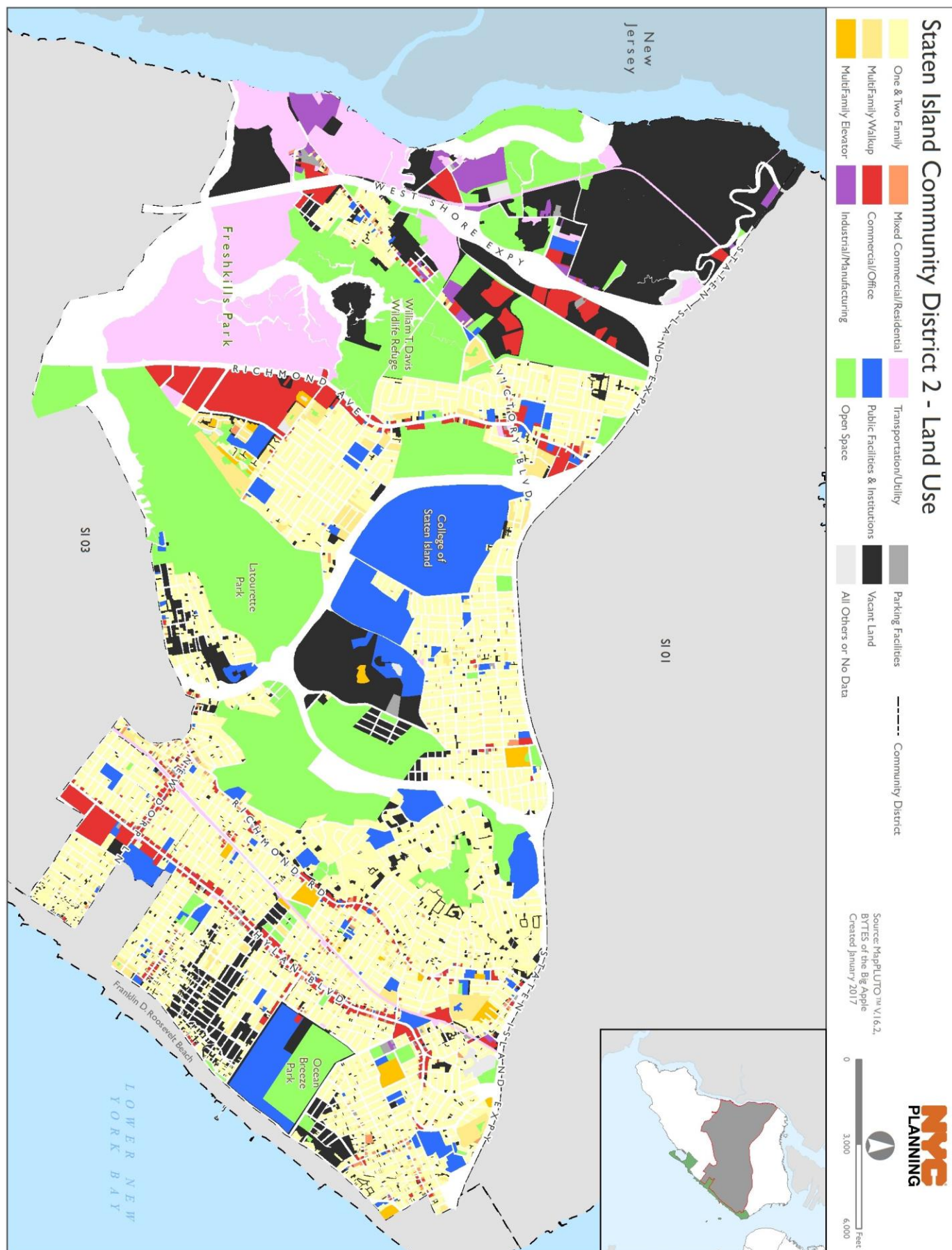
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Staten Island CD 2	Staten Island
32%	31%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Staten Island CD 2	Staten Island
6.2%	6.9%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2011 to 2015	NYC
	9.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Staten Island CD 2	Staten Island
14%	16%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	21%

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2011-2015 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Community Board 2 has many prevailing needs that impact the quality of life of our community residents and our businesses. Our geographic district encompasses Willowbrook, Todt Hill, Dongan Hills, Midland Beach, New Dorp, Arrochar, Old Town, Grasmere, Manor Heights, Bloomfield, Chelsea, Travis, Richmondtown, Heartland Village, New Springville, Bulls Head and Lighthouse Hill. Staten Island is primarily made up of one and two-family houses and many thriving businesses. Each town is proud of its unique qualities and individual characteristics which residents strive to maintain. The stability of our district depends greatly on the viability of its commercial sectors and housing stock.

Our growing aging population requires more funding and more services for our seniors. There are 1.5 million seniors that live in the 5 boroughs. Advocates project that 1 in 5 New Yorker's will be over the age of 65 in 2030. Staten Island is also projected to have the largest aging population in New York City by 2030. As the population ages, we need to be able to provide services to ensure the safety and well-being of our senior population.

The developmental trends within District 2 will help address these issues. The former Farm Colony will provide much needed senior-targeted housing and create a new district that compliments and enhances the surrounding community. This residential community, located on Brielle Avenue, will contain approximately 350 residential units, 17,000 square feet of commercial space, as well as a central green space and accessory parking. The Sea View Senior Living Center will create much needed senior-housing and provide quality care for many of the area residents. This center will be used for both assisted living and non-assisted services and a community center for our senior population.

The increase in substance abuse on Staten Island is a major issue and now considered an "epidemic". Staten Island has the highest rate of illegal drug use in the city. At the same time, we have the lowest amount of treatment facilities and services to help combat this issue. Thus, there is a great need for more treatment services in our borough. It is imperative that we have increased education about the harmful effects of drug use and this education must begin on the elementary school level.

Community Board 2 is fortunate to have concerned, energetic and devoted citizens who work actively to maintain the stability of our area. Our board has supported, assisted and participated in these activities and will continue to do so for the betterment of our district. We will continue to petition for improvements and services that our district is entitled to receive.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Staten Island Community Board 2 are:

- *Senior services*
- *Traffic*
- *Other/Drug Epidemic*

Traffic congestion and mobility continues to be one of the district's top problem. As the population continues to grow, our ability to move on and off throughout the Island has become difficult at best, and at times nearly impossible. The majority of our roadways consist of two-lane country roads (one lane in each direction) with an antiquated traffic signal system that needs to be upgraded.

Staten Island is underserved by public transportation. By increasing public transportation options, particularly by expanding city-wide Ferry service, the commute time would likely improve. Over 73 % of Staten Island residents require 60 minutes or more to commute to work. In 2015 Mayor de Blasio proposed five new fast-ferry lines to connect outer-boroughs to Manhattan. The plan was called the "5-Borough Ferry Plan," but Staten Island, the fifth borough was left out. Community Board 2 is requesting Ferry Service from St. George to Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. The connection between two great boroughs, which are currently separated by a \$17 toll, could provide incalculable benefits to the residents and economies of these two boroughs.

Changes must be made to make travel on the already over-burdened Staten Island and West Shore Expressways to make it less crowded and easier to traverse for drivers.

The New York State Department of Transportation plans a Mobility Improvement Project on the West Shore Expressway of Staten Island (NYSDOT PIN X096.33) Southbound, between Victory Boulevard and Muldoon Avenue. According to NYSDOT, their plan will alleviate an area of congestion along the southbound West Shore Expressway between the Victory Boulevard entrance ramp and the Muldoon/Arden Avenue exit ramp. This location experiences heavy weaving congestion caused by an insufficient acceleration lane length from the Victory Boulevard entrance ramp and lack of local service roads crossing Fresh Kills. Community Board 2's Traffic and Transportation Committee reviewed the plans and feel the present plans will just create another "choke point" of traffic. This project was designed before the planned 855,000 square-foot Amazon Fulfillment Center, that will employ 2,250 people, and before IKEA, the Swedish furniture giant also planned to open a 975,000-square-foot warehouse distribution center on a 1,089,000 square-foot parcel of land in the Matrix Global Logistics Park, IKEA will create another 300 jobs. When the Matrix Global Logistics Park is fully leased, it will employ more than 4,000 people. Plus, the Nicotra Group is constructing a 330,000 square foot Century Office Building on Staten Island's Teleport Campus adjacent to the West Shore Expressway. This project will create another 2,500 jobs. These huge construction projects will create more vehicles and trucks traversing the West Shore Expressway. The West Shore section of Staten Island has been called the 'jobs coast' because it continues to attract major corporations in the area. With total respect for the expertise the engineers possess, we would like NYS DOT to go back to the drawing board and consider improving the West Shore Expressway North of Victory Boulevard by adding additional lanes in each direction to accommodate the rapid development and growth of the area.

As you know, the HOV lane allows cars with three or more passengers to travel in the lane between Victory Boulevard and the Verrazano Narrows Bridge. Community Board 2 expressed our support to New York State Department of Transportation for extending the lane all the way west to the Goethals Bridge. We are certain that extending the HOV lane all the way to the Goethals Bridge would reduce congestion and improve mobility.

Senior Services There are 1.5 million seniors that live in the 5 boroughs and advocates project that 1 in 5 New Yorkers will be over 65 in 2030. Staten Island is also projected to have the greatest senior population in New York City by 2030. Mayor De Blasio had proposed \$257.3 million for New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA) in his preliminary budget for the fiscal year 2016, which was \$23.4 million less than previous years' adopted budget. This is because of a one-time City Council allocation of \$20.6 million for senior services two years ago. However, more funding is needed to address the increase in the aging population. As the population ages, we need to be able to provide services to ensure

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

that resources are available to give our seniors the quality of life they deserve. Elder abuse protection, housing, health care, senior centers and many other support systems must be enhanced and continued to meet the needs of our growing senior population. And, as the senior population grows, additional and appropriate placement of services is needed. Although Governor Cuomo provided a redesign of \$2 billion in spending on long-term care for the elderly and disabled, there remains a gap in services that would provide services as well as housing for seniors and developmentally disabled.

Therefore, we do not only need an increase in services, but we need to push for Managed Long-term Care companies to better evaluate client's needs so they can be placed in the appropriate care setting. Guidelines should look for criteria that evaluate medical, psychological, and social needs. However, some social adult-day care centers remain unregulated by the city or state, which does not address the medical and social needs of our elderly and disabled. There need to be proper regulations implemented to protect the vulnerability of our seniors. There are 288 registered Social Adult Day Care centers in New York City, 12 registered in Staten Island. These programs are funded through Medicaid, thru Managed Long-term Care companies (MLTC). (Managed Long-term care (MLTC) is a system that streamlines the delivery of long-term services to people who are chronically ill or disabled and who wish to stay in their homes and communities). The New York City Department for the Aging enforces the standards from a 1994 State Office of the Aging standard. DFTA can impose fines for the agencies that are breaking rules. However, there is no enforcement of these fines. Social Adult-Day Care Centers remain unregulated by the city or state, which does not address the medical and social needs of our elderly and disabled. There need to be proper regulations implemented to protect the vulnerability of our seniors.

We need to create a regulatory program with DFTA to have direct authority over-site of Adult Day Care. Seniors should be placed in facilities that serve their required needs, not just placed in "pop-up" daycare centers which in truth are real "babysitting" services for our seniors. Guidelines should look for criteria that evaluate medical, psychological, and social needs.

Drug Epidemic Staten Island has the highest opioid overdose rate in New York City, according to the New York City Department of Health data, and the second-highest rate of heroin overdose deaths per 100,000 residents. Due to the widespread of substance abuse among our youth, there needs to be programs and interventions that reduce the prevalence of substance abuse and prevent the escalation of substance abuse behaviors among our youth. The request again this year is to have each high school and intermediate school assigned a Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Specialist (SAPIS). We are grateful that schools Chancellor Carmen Farina has awarded Staten Island twenty-four SAPIS counselors. However, it is simply not enough to help combat the ever-growing drug epidemic here on Staten Island. There are 75 public schools, from Pre-K through high school.

Since Staten Island has the lowest amount of treatment facilities and services to combat the drug epidemic, there is an even greater need for more treatment services in the borough.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Programs, services or facilities for seniors

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Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers

The need of services for our seniors are pertinent due to the increase in the elderly population. Although Governor Cuomo provided a redesign of \$2 billion in spending on long-term care for the elderly and disabled, there remains a gap in services that would provide services as well as housing for seniors and developmentally disabled. There are 288 registered social adult day care centers in New York City, 12 registered in Staten Island. These programs are funded through Medicaid, thru MLTC's. DFTA enforces the standards from a 1994 State Office of the Aging standard. DFTA can impose fines for the agencies that are breaking rules. However, there is no enforcement of these fines. We need to create a regulatory program with DFTA to have direct authority oversight of Adult Day Care. Seniors should be placed in facilities that serve their required needs, not just placed in "pop-up" daycare centers which in truth are real "babysitting" services for our seniors.

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Health Care and Human Services

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/16	HHC	<i>Provide a new or expanded health care facility</i>	<i>Fund the development of a Staten Island Health and Wellness Campus on the grounds of Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home, which would also include housing and services for seniors and the disabled.</i>	<i>Seaview Rehabilitation Center 460 Brielle Avenue</i>
4/16	DFTA	<i>Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors</i>	<i>Restore funding to the Staten Island Inter-Agency Council. The SIIAC was the sole resource for persons in need of information and referral services for seniors, SIAAC offered seminars on pertinent topics such as Medicare, housing etc. The SIIAC initiated, monitored and evaluated programs for the elderly and fostered cooperation and referral among its member organizations.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
CS	DFTA	<i>Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors</i>	<i>There are vacant buildings on the campus of Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home, which could be used for additional housing and services for the elderly and disabled. There are over 40 buildings and less than half are currently being used.</i>	<i>Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation 460 Brielle Avenue</i>

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/27	DOHMH	<i>Reduce rat populations</i>	<i>There has been thousands of rat sightings on Staten Island in recent years. However Staten Island is not part of Mayor Bill de Blasio's \$32 million plan to cut down on the rodent infestation problem. So far this year, the city has received over 400 complaints regarding rat sightings on Staten Island. As we all know, Rats have the potential to spread a wide variety of diseases. They tend to live in environments such as drains, sewers, and rubbish where germs can be found. These germs can then be spread wherever rats go by way of their fur, feet, urine or droppings. The main diseases of concern are Weils disease. Rats can also damage property by gnawing at wood, lead and soft metals, electrical wiring, water pipes, and drainage systems.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
19/27	DFTA	<i>Other services for homebound older adults programs</i>	<i>Provide additional funding to Meals on Wheels of Staten Island. They currently serve over three-quarters of a million meals per year to Staten Island homebound residents.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

Approximately 48,000 students on Staten Island are eligible for an Individualized Education Program (IEP) yet due to the shortage of special education services in Staten Island schools, and the lack of on-site providers, parents are given Related Service Authorization (RSA) vouchers, which places the burden on parents to find a provider, coordinate services, and transport their child or children to the provider. Roughly 27% of the eligible students did not utilize their RSA vouchers and receive the services they need and are entitled to because of the burden placed on the parent to find providers who have availability. According to New York Public Advocate, Leticia James, "the RSA voucher program does not work for students, parents, or schools, and is leading to the neglect of students with disabilities. It is essential for the New York City Department of Education to re-evaluate its reliance on RSA vouchers and find a way to provide for all students." In addition to re-evaluating the RSA voucher programs, Community Board 2 would like to request an increase in IEP program specialized teachers in our district schools,

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Staten Island has the highest opioid overdose rate in New York City, according to city Health Department data, and the second-highest rate of heroin overdose deaths per 100,000 residents. Due to the widespread of substance abuse among our youth, there needs to be programs and interventions that reduce the prevalence of substance abuse and prevent the escalation of substance abuse behaviors among our youth. The request again this year is to have each high school and intermediate school assigned a Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Specialist (SAPIS). We are grateful that schools Chancellor Carmen Farina has awarded Staten Island twenty-four SAPIS counselors. However, however, it is simply not enough to help combat the ever-growing drug epidemic here on Staten Island. There are 75 public schools, from Pre-K through high school.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

Approximately 48,000 students on Staten Island are eligible for an Individualized Education Program (IEP) yet due to the shortage of special education services in Staten Island schools, parents are given Related Service Authorization (RSA) vouchers and are responsible for finding a service provider themselves. Roughly 12,000, or 1/3rd of the eligible students did not utilize their RSA vouchers and receive the services they need and are entitled to. According to New York Public Advocate, Leticia James, "the RSA voucher program does not work for students, parents, or schools, and is leading to the neglect of students with disabilities. It is essential for the DOE to re-evaluate its reliance on RSA vouchers and find a way to provide for all students" In addition to re-evaluating the RSA voucher programs, Community Board 2 would like to request an increase in IEP program specialized teachers in district schools.

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Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/16	SCA	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>Construct Bridge Preparatory Charter School, the first school for dyslexic youngsters in grade 2 to 4 on Staten Island, one of Borough President James Oddo's key priorities.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
7/16	SCA	<i>Renovate interior building component</i>	<i>Erect an aquatic center on the ground of Michael J. Petrides High School with the \$50 million in capital money already allocated by the city for the indoor swimming pool on Staten Island</i>	<i>Michael J. Petrides High School 715 Ocean Terrace</i>
8/16	SCA	<i>Provide technology upgrade</i>	<i>Provide funding for security cameras at Staten Island Technical High. It is the only public high school on the island that doesn't have them.</i>	<i>Staten Is. Technical High School 485 Clawson Street</i>
9/16	SCA	<i>Renovate interior building component</i>	<i>The New Dorp High School east gymnasium requires an upgrade. The upgrade would include painting, refinishing the floor, repairing light fixtures, and installing a digital scoreboard and collapsible bleachers.</i>	<i>New Dorp High School 465 New Dorp Lane</i>
10/16	SCA	<i>Renovate exterior building component</i>	<i>The New Dorp High School baseball field is in need of a renovation and installation of a turf surface. Because NDHS is so close to the water, the grounds are abused by the weather and it makes it impossible to maintain the grass.</i>	<i>New Dorp High School 465 New Dorp Lane</i>
CS	SCA	<i>Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school</i>	<i>Install air-conditioning units in all public schools on Staten Island. Most high schools and elementary schools have air-conditioners, but few intermediate schools are air-conditioned. As early as late spring into early summer, classroom temperatures rise as high as in the upper 90's. This is unacceptable working conditions for our teachers, as well as students.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/27	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Provide a Narcan kit for the entire staff of every Staten Island High School.	New Dorp High School 465 New Dorp Lane
2/27	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Provide training for the entire staff of every Staten Island High School on how to administer Naloxone, a medication that reverses overdoses from opioids such as heroin.	New Dorp High School 465 New Dorp Lane
3/27	DOE	Assign more teaching staff	Assign a Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Specialist (SAPIS) to every Staten Island High School to reduce the prevalence of substance abuse and prevent the escalation of substance abuse behaviors among our Staten Island youth.	Community Wide
4/27	DOE	Assign more teaching staff	Provide funding to support a 6-hour school aide who can assist SAPIS workers in New Dorp High School and every High School in Staten Island in terms of locating students, following up with students, communicating with staff and students, directing students to supports that are available, and to organize and plan presentations/supports from community based agencies on Staten Island. (Schools are often asked to participate in research projects associated with drug and alcohol abuse, so this individual can also organize these efforts which will free up the SAPIS worker to serve students.)	New Dorp High School 465 New Dorp Lane
7/27	DOE	Improve school safety	Provide School Safety Agents within Staten Island Technical High School.	Staten Island Technical High 485 Clawson Street
8/27	DOE	Assign more teaching staff	Hire additional on-site support staff to provide services, such as speech therapists, mental health counselors, or occupational therapists, physical therapy, and/or Special Education Teacher Support Services to assist students with disabilities in Staten Island schools.	Community Wide
16/27	DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	Provide funding to train teachers in recognizing and discouraging bullying behavior, as well as signs of victimization starting at kindergarten.	Community Wide
17/27	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Expand Borough President James Oddo's "Too Good For Drugs" program to include pre-K to high school curriculum that includes anti-drug promotion.	Community Wide
22/27	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	Provide funding to expand the Summer Youth Employment Program.	Community Wide

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Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Crime prevention programs

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

The opioid epidemic continues to escalate in Staten Island. There has been an increase in the number of drugged driving incidents. There is only one Drug Recognition Agent for all of Staten Island. We need to increase the number of these special agents in Staten Island who are specially trained and certified to recognize and identify drugged drivers. This will make our roads safer and enhance prosecution in drug cases.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/16	FDNY	<i>Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances</i>	<i>Provide funding for new ambulances with power-lift capability.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
CS	NYPD	<i>Provide surveillance cameras</i>	<i>Funding the installation of Argus Cameras at the locations listed below will improve the safety of the select areas and help minimize drug activity; Sand Lane and Olympia Boulevard; Midland Avenue and Patterson Avenue; Lamport Boulevard; Richmond Road and Four Corners Road. We continue to support the purchase of additional Argus cameras and expanding technology on Staten Island. We have ten cameras on line and fifteen in place that are not on line.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/27	NYPD	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>Assign additional Drug Recognition Experts. There is only one DRE Agent for all of Staten Island. Staten Island has had an increased number of drugged driving incidents.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
6/27	NYPD	<i>Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)</i>	<i>Provide funding to hire additional narcotic officers to help combat the drug epidemic plaguing Staten Island. A large percentage of Staten Island arrests are for heroin use. Our borough is experiencing a tremendous opioid use epidemic and many people have died this past year. Our borough has a great need for additional Narcotic Officers to combat drug use and sales.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
13/27	NYPD	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>Hire additional NYPD Police Officers to effectively address the crime within our borough.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
15/27	NYPD	<i>Assign additional crossing guards</i>	<i>Assign additional Crossing Guard for PS 60, Alice Austen R60</i>	<i>PS 60 55 Merrill Avenue</i>
18/27	NYPD	<i>Assign additional school safety officers</i>	<i>We need additional School Safety Officers to adequately staff our many schools.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Water runoff and flooding

Many sites within the West Shore are encumbered by tidal and fresh water wetland issues, as well as poor drainage systems and a lack of sewers. Advocating and securing the City of New York's commitment to install proper drainage systems and sewers is imperative to the successful operation of all businesses in the area. Lack of adequate drainage and standing water remain pervasive and recurrent problems. To date, property owners have not been able to even get septic tanks due to the proximity of the protected wetlands to some property. While one industrial business in the area does own its own sewage treatment plant, the others do not, and this may therefore be another option to explore. Property owners and community stakeholders agree that installing sewers in the West Shore will enhance curb appeal, increase property value, attract new tenants to vacant land, and assist the industrial businesses to better serve their customers. The West Shore may also be a candidate for the City of New York's upcoming street storm water pilot projects that enhance storm water catchment and reduce impact on combined sewage overflows (CSOs). The streets within the West Shore are ideal candidates for these pilot projects because: many streets are routinely flooded during storm events due to the large number of wetlands and tributaries surrounding a very low-lying system; many of the streets do not have sidewalks, trees, or other infrastructures that would need to be installed for a pilot program; therefore no retrofitting is required. Any minor retrofitting that would be necessary would not have a significant impact given that the roads are not currently over-utilized; and many of the roads and sites lack current street drainage infrastructure, and are therefore solid candidates for storm water run-off reduction strategies that could reduce capital costs for future road infrastructure development.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

There is a critical need for infrastructure improvements which includes a new sanitary sewer pump station, new sanitary sewers feeding the pump station as well as storm sewers and storm-water management- possibly including a Bluebelt-like storm water management system to work with the existing wetlands in the area. There is a great need for catch basins to be cleaned out regularly to prevent blockage and pollutants from entering our stormwater drainage system.



Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Supporting Materials:

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) found in the Appendix into a browser.



[Travis Avenue Flooding between Victory Blvd and South Ave](#)

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	DEP	Build new, expand or repair storm sewers	DEP needs to address the flooding that occurs due to streets built below grade level. The streets that have unlevel or low grade levels are the cause for many flood complaints. Multiple sites along Graham Avenue (i.e. Merrill Avenue and Graham Avenue; Graham Avenue between Victory Boulevard and Speedwell Avenue; Victory Boulevard- on the corner of Graham Avenue)	Community Wide
CS	DEP	Build new, expand or repair sanitary sewers	Provide additional funding for the installation of sanitary sewers in areas where septic systems still exist.	Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/27	DEP	Address air quality issues	CB2 would like the DEP to monitor excessive engine idling. An hour of automobile idling burns approximately one-fifth of a gallon of gas and releases nearly 4 pounds of CO2 into the air. Excessive amounts of CO2 in the atmosphere can contribute to asthma, difficulty in breathing, decreased lung function, exacerbate cardiovascular problems and lead to chronic bronchitis.	College of Staten Island 2800 Victory Boulevard Block 2040, Lot 1



Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Small Business services/support

In February 2015, Mayor de Blasio launched a \$27 million initiative to help small business owners. Community Board 2 would like Staten Island to get its fair share of these funds. We want to ensure our small business owners have the resources and support they need to thrive. In 2006, when Fairway Market opened in Red Hook Brooklyn, they received a SBS matching training grant to provide training for assistant managers to further their opportunities within the company. Community Board 2 would like this grant offered to Staten Island when Fairway Market opens at the Staten Island Mall.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

The NYC Economic Development Corporation has developed an Industrial Business Improvement District within the proposed “Green Zone” on the West Shore of Staten Island. The West Shore was designated as an Opportunity Zone and further designated within the same boundaries of the proposed, larger Green Zone on the West Shore of Staten Island. Over time, the WS-IBID plans to grow into one of the most successful and sustainable industrial corridors in the tri-state area. Public infrastructure improvements, including the installation of sewers, drainage improvements, and roads need fixing. Without these upgrades, the West Shore Industrial Business Improvement District will not be able to sustain a current business, nor will the district be able to grow and attract new business over time. Many streets in the Green Zone are in dire need of improvement. It is specifically requested that New York City Department of Environmental Protection provide a scope for a ten-year plan that phases in the necessary sewage pump station(s) sanitary sewers and storm sewer necessary to carry out the development goals of the NYCEDC based on current approved Drainage Plans of DEP. Should it be determined that there is a further benefit to implement Drainage Plan modifications to include Bluebelt-type stormwater management to carry out the Mayor’s green infrastructure goals, we could suggest streets that should be included in the plans. Many of the current businesses and developable/re-developable sites are tucked away on small winding roads that are one-way and often dead-end into wetland areas or waterfront street ends. Local access is extremely limited, and the network of roads could be more conducive to industrial growth. The current matrix of streets represents a significant disincentive to businesses looking to locate in the proposed Green Zone and ongoing challenges to current owners trying to conduct business. The current road conditions must be improved so that customers, delivery trucks, employees, and visitors can safely enter, exit, and travel within the district. One instructive example is Chelsea Road, the portion of Chelsea Road that intersects with South Avenue must be made safer; currently, it is a dangerous “S” curve, which causes frequent accidents between large trucks and cars because it is nearly impossible to see around the bend and/or navigate the curve. Moreover, Chelsea Road needs to be widened to accommodate the flatbed trucks, buses, and other large vehicles traveling through the industrial area on a daily basis. Without infrastructure improvements to streets like Chelsea Road, and others within the district, the West Shore will not be able to grow to its potential. Many sites on the West Shore are encumbered by tidal and freshwater wetland issues, as well as poor drainage systems and a lack of sewers. Advocating and securing the City of New York’s commitment to install proper drainage systems and sewers is imperative to the successful operation of all businesses in the area. Lack of adequate drainage and standing water remain pervasive and recurrent problems. To date, property owners have not been able to even get septic tanks due to the proximity of the protected wetlands to some property. While one industrial business in the area does own its own sewage treatment plant, the others do not, and this may, therefore, be another option to explore. Property owners and community stakeholders agree that installing sewers in the West Shore will enhance curb appeal, increase property value, attract new tenants to vacant land, and assist the industrial businesses to better serve their customers. The West Shore may also be a candidate for the City of New York’s upcoming street stormwater pilot projects that enhance stormwater catchment and reduce the impact of combined sewage overflows (CSOs). The streets within the West Shore are ideal candidates for these pilot projects because many streets are routinely flooded during storm events due to the large number of wetlands and tributaries surrounding a very low-lying system; many of the streets do not have sidewalks, trees, or other infrastructures that would need to be installed for a pilot program; therefore no retrofitting is required. Any minor retrofitting that would be necessary would not have a significant impact given that the roads are not currently over-utilized, and many of the roads and sites lack current street drainage infrastructure and are



Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

therefore solid candidates for stormwater run-off reduction. As the West Shore looks to the future, it is imperative that current business owners cease to be encumbered by the tidal, freshwater wetland, and sewage/drainage issues. The uncertainty of the impact by and on the wetlands represents a significant development/redevelopment risk. Community Board 2 and the West Shore Community believes that there is an opportunity to work with City State and regulatory agencies.

Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	EDC	<i>Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront</i>	<i>Provide funding for additional ferry service from Staten Island to Midtown Manhattan.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Ferries

It is imperative that commuters ease the already overburdened Staten Island roads and travel more expediently by water. OMB approved a cost limitation of \$6million for the purchase of ferries for the expansion of the East River Ferry Service citywide. The service will consist of 5 new ferry routes and Staten Island, the borough which heavily depends on ferry transportation, has not received additional service. In this realm, Borough President James Oddo has introduced a unique idea to make the commute to Manhattan easier for Staten Island residents. He suggested the possibility of creating another stop or 2 in Manhattan-one at 34 Street and another near South Street. The obstacle is piers can't accommodate the size of the SI Ferry. We support the BP's idea and DOT's launching of the feasibility study. Community Board 2 is requesting Ferry Service from St. George to Bay Ridge Brooklyn. The connection between two great boroughs, which are currently separated by a \$17 toll could provide incalculable benefits to the residents and economies of these two boroughs. Staten Island is underserved by public transportation. By increasing public transportation options, particularly by expanding city-wide Ferry service, commute time would likely improve. Over 73 % of Staten Island residents require 60 minutes or more to commute to work.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Traffic congestion continues to be the district's top problem and as the population continues to grow, our ability to move on and off throughout the Island has become difficult at best, and at times nearly impossible. Our roadways consists of two-lane country roads (one lane in each direction) with an antiquated traffic signal system that needs to be upgraded. We need to address present and future traffic congestion and reliability problems, which are expected to worsen in the future. New York State Department of Transportation has an upcoming Mobility Improvement Project on the West Shore Expressway of Staten Island (NYSDOT PIN X096.33) Southbound between Victory Boulevard and Muldoon Avenue. According to NYSDOT's plan, an area of congestion along the southbound West Shore Expressway between the Victory Boulevard entrance ramp and the Muldoon/Arden Avenue exit ramp will be alleviated. This location experiences heavy weaving congestion caused by an insufficient acceleration lane length from the Victory Boulevard entrance ramp and the lack of a local service road crossing Fresh Kills. Community Board 2 thinks the present plans will just be creating another "choke point" of traffic. With total respect for the expertise the engineers possess, we suggested that NYSDOT add an additional lane in each direction and a shoulder lane. The HOV lane extension project which was completed last year allows cars with three or more passengers to travel in the lane between Victory Boulevard and the Verrazano Bridge. Community Board 2 to expressed our support to NYSDOT for extending the lane all the way west to the Goethals Bridge. We are certain that extending the HOV lane all the way to the Goethals Bridge would reduce congestion and improve mobility. Changes must be made to make travel on the already over-burdened Staten Island Expressway less crowded and easier to traverse for drivers. Community Board 2 is requesting Ferry Service from St. George to Bay Ridge Brooklyn. The connection between two great boroughs, which are currently separated by a \$17 toll and an hour or more commute would provide incalculable benefits to the residents and economies of these two boroughs.



Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

MTA is more than \$14 billion short in its \$32 billion capital program for 2015-2019. This impacts the quality of transit services for Staten Islanders. According to a recent audit by NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, express buses missed their scheduled departure times more than 30% of the time. It also found that commuters wait 6-28 minutes after scheduled departure time for the next available bus. This is unacceptable as the increase in bus fares should demand better service. In addition, the MTA needs to update its procedure for inspecting wheelchair lifts. Without standardized procedures, wheelchair lifts may not function, prohibiting disabled riders from using particular buses and delaying riders. The West Shore of Staten Island has the potential as the Island's Business Hub. A West Shore Light Rail system could provide a reliable and attractive travel choice for Staten Island residents located in South Shore and Mid-Island communities. The light rail is an electric system able to operate single or multiple car train sets along shore or exclusive rights-of-way. The WSLR would extend New Jersey Transit's Hudson-Bergen Light Rail system (HBLRT) over the Bayonne Bridge and into western and southern portions of Staten Island and connect to SIRTOA service at the Richmond Valley Station. The benefits of Light Rail are: Trips are diverted from congested roadways, saves travel time, improves reliability, and increases property values near stations. SIEDC estimates that the area will be home to 65,000 new residents by 2030.



Transportation

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/16	DOT	Expand the frequency or hours of operation of ferries	Community Board 2 is requesting Ferry Service from St. George to Bay Ridge Brooklyn. The connection between two great boroughs, which are currently separated by a \$17 toll and an hour commute would provide incalculable benefits to the residents and economies of these two	ST GEORGE FERRY
5/16	DOT	Reconstruct streets	The portion of Chelsea Road that intersects with South Avenue must be made safer; currently, it is a dangerous S curve, which can cause accidents between large trucks and cars because it is nearly impossible to see around the bend and/or navigate the curve.	Chelsea Road South Avenue
6/16	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Chelsea Road needs to be widened to accommodate the flatbed trucks, buses, and other large vehicles traveling through the industrial area on a daily basis. Without infrastructure improvements to streets like Chelsea Road, and others within the district, the West Shore section of Staten Island will not be able to grow to its potential.	Chelsea Road
CS	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Community Board 2 supports Councilmember Steven Matteo's proposal to elevate a flood-prone stretch of Travis Avenue from Mulberry Avenue to Victory Boulevard to prevent the flooding that occurs when water from heavy rainstorms falls on the 375-acre nature preserve and collects on the road which causes very dangerous driving conditions. We desperately need to make Travis Avenue a safer roadway. This endeavor may be costly, but in the end, it will be cost effective, as wear and tear repairs will not be needed as frequently, and it will make for safer driving conditions.	Community Wide
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Request funding to extend Father Capodanno Boulevard from Midland Beach to at least Ebbits Street. This would allow motorists to continue on Father Capodanno Boulevard to alleviate congestion on Hylan Boulevard from Midland Avenue to Ebbitts Street. An alternate route is needed to help alleviate congestion for our residents.	Father Capodanno Blvd Midland Beach Ebbitts St
CS	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	Sidewalks need to be installed on city-owned property where there are none in order to maintain the safety of pedestrians. Sidewalks should be a top priority for Staten Island since it is a main form of transportation due to the lack of a subway system.	Community Wide
CS	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	We need to open up the road system in Fresh Kills Park, which would connect Richmond Avenue to the West Shore Expressway through Nascent Park. The plan includes a four-lane road that would stem from the Yukon Avenue intersection at Richmond Avenue and traverse the East Park. In addition to easing traffic in the surrounding community, it would also help those who actually want to use the park.	Fresh Kills Park

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Transportation

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Build a 13.1-mile public transit system with stops from Richmond Valley to Elm Park. It would carry commuters to the Bayonne Bridge and connect with New Jersey Transit's Hudson Bergen Light Rail Line, which lead to PATH trains into Manhattan.	Community Wide
CS	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Improve Richmond Road from Todt Hill Road to Amboy Road (HWRER99)	Richmond Road Todt Hill Road Amboy Road
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Implement roadway reconstruction on Manor Road between Brielle Avenue and Rockland Avenue to eliminate hazardous curves.	Manor Road Brielle Avenue Rockland Avenue
CS	DOT	Repair or construct new medians or bus pads	Install lighting and small concrete islands where bus riders can stand and wait safely for the bus, Some bus stops are located in a wooded, dark, or desolate area. This proposes as a safety issue and puts commuters at risk of being struck by a moving vehicle that does not see the commuter. It also puts the commuter at risk of contracting West Nile Virus or tick bites. We cannot leave our commuters so vulnerable. To name a few of the bus stops, we have listed areas below. Stop ID #: 201369- Rockland Avenue/ Meisner Avenue Stop ID #: 201370 and 201463- Rockland Ave./ Nevada Ave. Stop ID #: 2	Community Wide
CS	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Community Board 2 supports Council Member Matteo's request for additional left-turn signals. Left-turn signals will make a positive impact for safer driving.	Community Wide

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/27	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Conduct a traffic study during peak hours on Victory Boulevard at the entrance of the College of Staten Island	College of Staten Island 2800 Victory Boulevard Block 2040, Lot 1
12/27	DOT	Address traffic congestion	Conduct a traffic study at the intersection of Christopher Lane during peak weekday and weekend hours.	Christopher Lane Richmond Ave Victory Blvd
23/27	DOT	Other traffic improvements requests	Traffic Signal Priority (TSP) has been introduced on buses traveling on Victory Boulevard. Buses in Staten Island are already fitted with emitters to trigger their approach at traffic signals for intersection priority. This should be expanded to other routes to make transit travel faster. Increasing communications between the buses and their schedules can help to reduce bus bunching (offering priority only when needed) and improve schedule adherence, particularly important for users connecting to ferry service.	Community Wide



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Park access and park facility access

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

We would like an increase in funding for seasonal staffing at the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation. Seasonal staff assist in general maintenance work, including lawn mowing, edging, seeding, snow removal, cultivating, fertilizing, sod laying and hedge trimming, sweeping and raking of litter and emptying of receptacles. As we have mentioned previously, litter is an ongoing issue and seasonal staff can reduce the amount of litter. Seasonal staff is also responsible for cleaning and maintaining facilities including comfort stations and are responsible for performing safety checks on facilities and equipment.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

City funding for libraries has been cut by nearly 20% over the past decade and library staff has been reduced by more than 1,000 workers. The NYPL libraries within CB2 (Staten Island) are used extensively. The community relies on them to provide essential library services, as well as educational programs and community space. Many of the library locations are in need of critical upgrades, including mechanical systems, bathrooms, roofs, facades, and ADA upgrades. The three library systems are seeking a restoration of \$65 million in expense funding and the inclusion \$1.4 billion in the City's 10-Year Capital Strategy. This capital funding is needed for renovations, critical maintenance, elevator replacement when necessary, heating and cooling systems, ADA compliance and technology upgrades. The funding is essential, as the libraries are especially important to low and moderate income residents who depend on the libraries for access to books, internet access, job search, and film, while also acting as a quiet place to read, do homework, or other work. Currently, the operational funding enables our libraries to be a stable and consistent resource for all New Yorkers, opening their doors at minimum six days per week and offering high-quality and diverse programming. We seek to increase operating funding for our libraries to expand to 7-day services. Currently, only 15 of the city's libraries are open 7 days a week. Increased funding will ensure that at least one branch in every Council District is open 7 days. This is particularly important at this time, when more people than ever rely on library services, from early literacy to ESOL classes for immigrants and story times for homeless families.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/16	NYPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Provide funding to equip libraries with security cameras inside and out to ensure these "safe havens" remain secure.	Community Wide
12/16	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Reconfigure Naples Playground to allow the construction of a comfort station.	Naples Playground Targee St, Stanwich St. Rome Ave
14/16	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Construct a comfort station in Dongan Hills Park	Dongan Hills Park 386 Dongan Hills Avenue
15/16	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Construct a comfort station in Naples Playground	Naples Park Targee St, Stanwich St. Rome Ave
CS	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	We continue to support our request for funding for a new roof for the New Dorp Branch of New York Public Library.	309 New Dorp Lane
CS	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Increase the borough of Staten Islands baseline budget for the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation to \$100 million.	Community Wide
CS	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Community Board 2 continues to support the request to open up the road system in Fresh Kills Park, which would connect Richmond Avenue to the West Shore Expressway through Nascent Park. The plan includes a four-lane road that would stem from the Yukon Avenue intersection at Richmond Avenue and traverse the East Park. This would help ease traffic in the surrounding community.	Fresh Kills Park
CS	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Construct Tennis Courts at the Ocean Breeze Indoor Athletic Facility. Willowbrook Park's tennis courts have been closed for many years. We would like the department to fund the installation of a tennis bubble at the Ocean Breeze Track and Field Athletic Complex so that our residents and visitors could enjoy this popular sport year-round.	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate Willowbrook Park with new apparatus such as ramped play equipment, universally acceptable swings, and charcoal barbecue grills. Willowbrook Park's Carousel, picnic grounds, and ballfield attract many families and an upgrade would enhance one of Staten Island's most popular Greenbelt parks.	Willowbrook Park 1 Eton Place

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Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
20/27	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Community Board 2 is requesting additional funding to hire additional personnel for tree pruning. It is important to maintain trees to keep the people around it safe. A dead branch can fall from a tree at any time, endangering nearby people, buildings, and power lines.	Community Wide
21/27	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	Community Board 2 is requesting additional funding to hire additional personnel to remove the backlogged thousands of open tree stumps. Tree stumps are dangerous, especially for children and our senior population. They also attract pests and critters.	Community Wide
24/27	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	The high attendance of visitors to the programs at the Greenbelt Recreation Center shows a need for an expansion of the recreation Center to include additional programs and extended hours. We also support the hiring of additional personnel.	Greenbelt Recreation Center
25/27	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Continue to fund our cultural establishments: Staten Island Zoo, Snug Harbor, and Historic Richmond Town so every Staten Island resident has access to arts and culture.	Community Wide
26/27	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Increase funding to hire additional library staff to accommodate the increase in attendance. City funding for libraries has been cut by nearly 20% over the past decade and library staff has been reduced by more than 1,000 workers. At the same time, program and class attendance has increased 87% in Staten Island. According to NYPL, libraries in CB2 had 247,470 visits in FY2015. Libraries receive more visits than all local sports teams and city-owned cultural institutions combined.	Community Wide
27/27	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Provide additional funding for security staffing (PEP) officers. This would ensure the safety of visitors to our	Community Wide

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
16/16	NYPD	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	<i>Deploy a traffic agent at the intersection of Christopher Lane on Monday - Friday from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.</i>	<i>Christopher Lane Richmond Avenue Victory Blvd</i>
CS	DOE	<i>Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>Provide funding for additional automated external defibrillator (AED), a portable electronic device that not only detects dangerous arrhythmia (irregular heartbeat), but can treat it by defibrillation (electrical jolt to the heart to re-establish a normal heart rhythm). Provide funding that so that AEDs would be available at all ballfields and high schools throughout Staten Island. More accessible AEDs will save more lives.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/27	DOE	<i>Other youth workforce development requests</i>	<i>Provide funding for Careers and Technical Education (CTE). CTE Schools are an overlooked and under-funded part of the school system. CTE Programs in NYC are clustered in the very industries most at risk of facing shortages. CTE schools have enormous potential to help fill a pipeline of skilled workers in job titles from healthcare professionals and airline mechanics to carpenters and opticians. We need to prepare young people for higher education and careers. As baby boomers begin to retire in large numbers, we face the prospect of serious worker shortages in high-impact economic sectors like health care and construction. By 2025, we will have a shortage of 500,000 nurses.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Staten Island Community Board 2 Capital Requests

Staten Island Community Board 2 submitted 16 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/16	DOT	<i>Expand the frequency or hours of operation of ferries</i>	<i>Community Board 2 is requesting Ferry Service from St. George to Bay Ridge Brooklyn. The connection between two great boroughs, which are currently separated by a \$17 toll and an hour commute would provide incalculable benefits to the residents and economies of these two boroughs.</i>	<i>ST GEORGE FERRY</i>	
2/16	HHC	<i>Provide a new or expanded health care facility</i>	<i>Fund the development of a Staten Island Health and Wellness Campus on the grounds of Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home, which would also include housing and services for seniors and the disabled.</i>	<i>Seaview Rehabilitation Center 460 Brielle Avenue</i>	<i>Borough President Jame S. Oddo</i>
3/16	SCA	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>Construct Bridge Preparatory Charter School, the first school for dyslexic youngsters in grade 2 to 4 on Staten Island, one of Borough President James Oddo's key priorities.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Borough President James S. Oddo</i>
4/16	DFTA	<i>Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors</i>	<i>Restore funding to the Staten Island Inter-Agency Council. The SIIAC was the sole resource for persons in need of information and referral services for seniors, SIAAC offered seminars on pertinent topics such as Medicare, housing etc. The SIIAC initiated, monitored and evaluated programs for the elderly and fostered cooperation and referral among its member organizations.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
5/16	DOT	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>The portion of Chelsea Road that intersects with South Avenue must be made safer; currently, it is a dangerous S curve, which can cause accidents between large trucks and cars because it is nearly impossible to see around the bend and/or navigate the curve.</i>	<i>Chelsea Road South Avenue</i>	
6/16	DOT	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Chelsea Road needs to be widened to accommodate the flatbed trucks, buses, and other large vehicles traveling through the industrial area on a daily basis. Without infrastructure improvements to streets like Chelsea Road, and others within the district, the West Shore section of Staten Island will not be able to grow to its potential.</i>	<i>Chelsea Road</i>	
7/16	SCA	<i>Renovate interior building component</i>	<i>Erect an aquatic center on the ground of Michael J. Petrides High School with the \$50 million in capital money already allocated by the city for the indoor swimming pool on Staten Island</i>	<i>Michael J. Petrides High School 715 Ocean Terrace</i>	<i>Borough President James S. Oddo</i>
8/16	SCA	<i>Provide technology upgrade</i>	<i>Provide funding for security cameras at Staten Island Technical High. It is the only public high school on the island that doesn't have them.</i>	<i>Staten Is. Technical High School 485 Clawson Street</i>	

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
9/16	SCA	Renovate interior building component	The New Dorp High School east gymnasium requires an upgrade. The upgrade would include painting, refinishing the floor, repairing light fixtures, and installing a digital scoreboard and collapsible bleachers.	New Dorp High School 465 New Dorp Lane	
10/16	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	The New Dorp High School baseball field is in need of a renovation and installation of a turf surface. Because NDHS is so close to the water, the grounds are abused by the weather and it makes it impossible to maintain the grass.	New Dorp High School 465 New Dorp Lane	
11/16	NYPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Provide funding to equip libraries with security cameras inside and out to ensure these "safe havens" remain secure.	Community Wide	
12/16	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Reconfigure Naples Playground to allow the construction of a comfort station.	Naples Playground Targee St, Stanwich St. Rome Ave	
13/16	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	Provide funding for new ambulances with power-lift capability.	Community Wide	
14/16	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Construct a comfort station in Dongan Hills Park	Dongan Hills Park 386 Dongan Hills Avenue	
15/16	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Construct a comfort station in Naples Playground	Naples Park Targee St, Stanwich St. Rome Ave	
16/16	NYPD	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Deploy a traffic agent at the intersection of Christopher Lane on Monday - Friday from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.	Christopher Lane Richmond Avenue Victory Blvd	
CS	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Construct Tennis Courts at the Ocean Breeze Indoor Athletic Facility. Willowbrook Park's tennis courts have been closed for many years. We would like the department to fund the installation of a tennis bubble at the Ocean Breeze Track and Field Athletic Complex so that our residents and visitors could enjoy this popular sport year-round.	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex	

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CS	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Renovate Willowbrook Park with new apparatus such as ramped play equipment, universally acceptable swings, and charcoal barbecue grills. Willowbrook Park's Carousel, picnic grounds, and ballfield attract many families and an upgrade would enhance one of Staten Island's most popular Greenbelt parks.</i>	<i>Willowbrook Park 1 Eton Place</i>	
CS	DOT	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Improve Richmond Road from Todt Hill Road to Amboy Road (HWRER99)</i>	<i>Richmond Road Todt Hill Road Amboy Road</i>	
CS	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>We continue to support our request for funding for a new roof for the New Dorp Branch of New York Public Library.</i>	<i>309 New Dorp Lane</i>	
CS	DOT	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Community Board 2 supports Councilmember Steven Matteo's proposal to elevate a flood-prone stretch of Travis Avenue from Mulberry Avenue to Victory Boulevard to prevent the flooding that occurs when water from heavy rainstorms falls on the 375-acre nature preserve and collects on the road which causes very dangerous driving conditions. We desperately need to make Travis Avenue a safer roadway. This endeavor may be costly, but in the end, it will be cost effective, as wear and tear repairs will not be needed as frequently, and it will make for safer driving conditions.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Council Member Steven Matteo</i>
CS	DEP	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>DEP needs to address the flooding that occurs due to streets built below grade level. The streets that have unlevel or low grade levels are the cause for many flood complaints. Multiple sites along Graham Avenue (i.e. Merrill Avenue and Graham Avenue; Graham Avenue between Victory Boulevard and Speedwell Avenue; Victory Boulevard- on the corner of Graham Avenue)</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
CS	DOT	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Request funding to extend Father Capodanno Boulevard from Midland Beach to at least Ebbits Street. This would allow motorists to continue on Father Capodanno Boulevard to alleviate congestion on Hylan Boulevard from Midland Avenue to Ebbitts Street. An alternate route is needed to help alleviate congestion for our residents.</i>	<i>Father Capodanno Blvd Midland Beach Ebbitts St</i>	

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CS	SCA	<i>Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school</i>	<i>Install air-conditioning units in all public schools on Staten Island. Most high schools and elementary schools have air-conditioners, but few intermediate schools are air-conditioned. As early as late spring into early summer, classroom temperatures rise as high as in the upper 90's. This is unacceptable working conditions for our teachers, as well as students.</i>	Community Wide	
CS	DPR	<i>Provide better park maintenance</i>	<i>Increase the borough of Staten Islands baseline budget for the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation to \$100 million.</i>	Community Wide	
CS	DOT	<i>Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps</i>	<i>Sidewalks need to be installed on city-owned property where there are none in order to maintain the safety of pedestrians. Sidewalks should be a top priority for Staten Island since it is a main form of transportation due to the lack of a subway system.</i>	Community Wide	
CS	DFTA	<i>Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors</i>	<i>There are vacant buildings on the campus of Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home, which could be used for additional housing and services for the elderly and disabled. There are over 40 buildings and less than half are currently being used.</i>	Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation 460 Brielle Avenue	Borough President James Oddo
CS	NYCTA	<i>Other transit infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Build a 13.1-mile public transit system with stops from Richmond Valley to Elm Park. It would carry commuters to the Bayonne Bridge and connect with New Jersey Transit's Hudson Bergen Light Rail Line, which lead to PATH trains into Manhattan.</i>	Community Wide	
CS	DOT	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	<i>Community Board 2 supports Council Member Matteo's request for additional left-turn signals. Left-turn signals will make a positive impact for safer driving.</i>	Community Wide	
CS	DPR	<i>Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Community Board 2 continues to support the request to open up the road system in Fresh Kills Park, which would connect Richmond Avenue to the West Shore Expressway through Nascent Park. The plan includes a four-lane road that would stem from the Yukon Avenue intersection at Richmond Avenue and traverse the East Park. This would help ease traffic in the surrounding community.</i>	Fresh Kills Park	Borough President James S. Oddo; Council Member Steven Matteo

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CS	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Funding the installation of Argus Cameras at the locations listed below will improve the safety of the select areas and help minimize drug activity; Sand Lane and Olympia Boulevard; Midland Avenue and Patterson Avenue; Lamport Boulevard; Richmond Road and Four Corners Road. We continue to support the purchase of additional Argus cameras and expanding technology on Staten Island. We have ten cameras on line and fifteen in place that are not on line.	Community Wide	
CS	DEP	Build new, expand or repair sanitary sewers	Provide additional funding for the installation of sanitary sewers in areas where septic systems still exist.	Community Wide	
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Implement roadway reconstruction on Manor Road between Brielle Avenue and Rockland Avenue to eliminate hazardous curves.	Manor Road Brielle Avenue Rockland Avenue	
CS	EDC	Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Provide funding for additional ferry service from Staten Island to Midtown Manhattan.	Community Wide	
CS	DOT	Repair or construct new medians or bus pads	Install lighting and small concrete islands where bus riders can stand and wait safely for the bus, Some bus stops are located in a wooded, dark, or desolate area. This proposes as a safety issue and puts commuters at risk of being struck by a moving vehicle that does not see the commuter. It also puts the commuter at risk of contracting West Nile Virus or tick bites. We cannot leave our commuters so vulnerable. To name a few of the bus stops, we have listed areas below. Stop ID #: 201369- Rockland Avenue/ Meisner Avenue Stop ID #: 201370 and 201463- Rockland Ave,/ Nevada Ave. Stop ID #: 2	Community Wide	
CS	DOE	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	Provide funding for additional automated external defibrillator (AED), a portable electronic device that not only detects dangerous arrhythmia (irregular heartbeat), but can treat it by defibrillation (electrical jolt to the heart to re-establish a normal heart rhythm). Provide funding that so that AEDs would be available at all ballfields and high schools throughout Staten Island. More accessible AEDs will save more lives.	Community Wide	Council Member Steven Matteo, District 50; Council Member Debi Rose, District 49

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CS	DOT	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>We need to open up the road system in Fresh Kills Park, which would connect Richmond Avenue to the West Shore Expressway through Nascent Park. The plan includes a four-lane road that would stem from the Yukon Avenue intersection at Richmond Avenue and traverse the East Park. In addition to easing traffic in the surrounding community, it would also help those who actually want to use the park.</i>	<i>Fresh Kills Park</i>	<i>Borough President James S. Oddo; Council Member Steven Matteo</i>

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1/27	DOE	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>Provide a Narcan kit for the entire staff of every Staten Island High School.</i>	<i>New Dorp High School 465 New Dorp Lane</i>	
2/27	DOE	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>Provide training for the entire staff of every Staten Island High School on how to administer Naloxone, a medication that reverses overdoses from opioids such as heroin.</i>	<i>New Dorp High School 465 New Dorp Lane</i>	
3/27	DOE	<i>Assign more teaching staff</i>	<i>Assign a Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Specialist (SAPIS) to every Staten Island High School to reduce the prevalence of substance abuse and prevent the escalation of substance abuse behaviors among our Staten Island youth.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
4/27	DOE	<i>Assign more teaching staff</i>	<i>Provide funding to support a 6-hour school aide who can assist SAPIS workers in New Dorp High School and every High School in Staten Island in terms of locating students, following up with students, communicating with staff and students, directing students to supports that are available, and to organize and plan presentations/supports from community based agencies on Staten Island. (Schools are often asked to participate in research projects associated with drug and alcohol abuse, so this individual can also organize these efforts which will free up the SAPIS worker to serve students.)</i>	<i>New Dorp High School 465 New Dorp Lane</i>	
5/27	NYPD	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>Assign additional Drug Recognition Experts. There is only one DRE Agent for all of Staten Island. Staten Island has had an increased number of drugged driving incidents.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
6/27	NYPD	<i>Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)</i>	<i>Provide funding to hire additional narcotic officers to help combat the drug epidemic plaguing Staten Island. A large percentage of Staten Island arrests are for heroin use. Our borough is experiencing a tremendous opioid use epidemic and many people have died this past year. Our borough has a great need for additional Narcotic Officers to combat drug use and sales.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
7/27	DOE	<i>Improve school safety</i>	<i>Provide School Safety Agents within Staten Island Technical High School.</i>	<i>Staten Island Technical High School 485 Clawson Street</i>	
8/27	DOE	<i>Assign more teaching staff</i>	<i>Hire additional on-site support staff to provide services, such as speech therapists, mental health counselors, or occupational therapists, physical therapy, and/or Special Education Teacher Support Services to assist students with disabilities in Staten Island schools.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	

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9/27	DOE	Other youth workforce development requests	Provide funding for Careers and Technical Education (CTE). CTE Schools are an overlooked and under-funded part of the school system. CTE Programs in NYC are clustered in the very industries most at risk of facing shortages. CTE schools have enormous potential to help fill a pipeline of skilled workers in job titles from healthcare professionals and airline mechanics to carpenters and opticians. We need to prepare young people for higher education and careers. As baby boomers begin to retire in large numbers, we face the prospect of serious worker shortages in high-impact economic sectors like health care and construction. By 2025, we will have a shortage of 500,000 nurses.	Community Wide	
10/27	DEP	Address air quality issues	CB2 would like the DEP to monitor excessive engine idling. An hour of automobile idling burns approximately one-fifth of a gallon of gas and releases nearly 4 pounds of CO2 into the air. Excessive amounts of CO2 in the atmosphere can contribute to asthma, difficulty in breathing, decreased lung function, exacerbate cardiovascular problems and lead to chronic bronchitis.	College of Staten Island 2800 Victory Boulevard Block 2040, Lot 1	
11/27	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Conduct a traffic study during peak hours on Victory Boulevard at the entrance of the College of Staten Island	College of Staten Island 2800 Victory Boulevard Block 2040, Lot 1	
12/27	DOT	Address traffic congestion	Conduct a traffic study at the intersection of Christopher Lane during peak weekday and weekend hours.	Christopher Lane Richmond Ave Victory Blvd	
13/27	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Hire additional NYPD Police Officers to effectively address the crime within our borough.	Community Wide	
14/27	DOHMH	Reduce rat populations	There has been thousands of rat sightings on Staten Island in recent years. However Staten Island is not part of Mayor Bill de Blasio's \$32 million plan to cut down on the rodent infestation problem. So far this year, the city has received over 400 complaints regarding rat sightings on Staten Island. As we all know, Rats have the potential to spread a wide variety of diseases. They tend to live in environments such as drains, sewers, and rubbish where germs can be found. These germs can then be spread wherever rats go by way of their fur, feet, urine or droppings. The main diseases of concern are Weils disease. Rats can also damage property by gnawing at wood, lead and soft metals, electrical wiring, water pipes, and drainage systems.	Community Wide	
15/27	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	Assign additional Crossing Guard for PS 60, Alice Austen R60	PS 60 55 Merrill Avenue	

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16/27	DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	Provide funding to train teachers in recognizing and discouraging bullying behavior, as well as signs of victimization starting at kindergarten.	Community Wide	
17/27	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Expand Borough President James Oddo's "Too Good For Drugs" program to include pre-K to high school curriculum that includes anti-drug promotion.	Community Wide	
18/27	NYPD	Assign additional school safety officers	We need additional School Safety Officers to adequately staff our many schools.	Community Wide	
19/27	DFTA	Other services for homebound older adults programs	Provide additional funding to Meals on Wheels of Staten Island. They currently serve over three-quarters of a million meals per year to Staten Island homebound residents.	Community Wide	
20/27	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Community Board 2 is requesting additional funding to hire additional personnel for tree pruning. It is important to maintain trees to keep the people around it safe. A dead branch can fall from a tree at any time, endangering nearby people, buildings, and power lines.	Community Wide	
21/27	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	Community Board 2 is requesting additional funding to hire additional personnel to remove the backlogged thousands of open tree stumps. Tree stumps are dangerous, especially for children and our senior population. They also attract pests and critters.	Community Wide	
22/27	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	Provide funding to expand the Summer Youth Employment Program.	Community Wide	
23/27	DOT	Other traffic improvements requests	Traffic Signal Priority (TSP) has been introduced on buses traveling on Victory Boulevard. Buses in Staten Island are already fitted with emitters to trigger their approach at traffic signals for intersection priority. This should be expanded to other routes to make transit travel faster. Increasing communications between the buses and their schedules can help to reduce bus bunching (offering priority only when needed) and improve schedule adherence, particularly important for users connecting to ferry service.	Community Wide	
24/27	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	The high attendance of visitors to the programs at the Greenbelt Recreation Center shows a need for an expansion of the recreation Center to include additional programs and extended hours. We also support the hiring of additional personnel.	Greenbelt Recreation Center	
25/27	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Continue to fund our cultural establishments: Staten Island Zoo, Snug Harbor, and Historic Richmond Town so every Staten Island resident has access to arts and culture.	Community Wide	

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26/27	NYPL	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	<i>Increase funding to hire additional library staff to accommodate the increase in attendance. City funding for libraries has been cut by nearly 20% over the past decade and library staff has been reduced by more than 1,000 workers. At the same time, program and class attendance has increased 87% in Staten Island. According to NYPL, libraries in CB2 had 247,470 visits in FY2015. Libraries receive more visits than all local sports teams and city-owned cultural institutions combined.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>New York Public Library</i>
27/27	DPR	<i>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</i>	<i>Provide additional funding for security staffing (PEP) officers. This would ensure the safety of visitors to our parks.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	

Appendix - Supporting Materials

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) into a browser.

Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency



Travis Avenue Flooding between Victory Blvd and South Ave

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=EA62CD42-59CE-4992-9814-AAFB EF9123AD>