

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

Fiscal Year
2025



**Queens
Community District**

INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2023.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

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

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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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
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	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

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	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
Total population	172,598	100.00	181,025	100.00	8,427	4.9	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	37,711	21.8	38,213	21.1	502	1.3	-0.7
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	172,598	100.0	181,025	100.0	8,427	4.9	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	90,301	52.3	93,972	51.9	3,671	4.1	-0.4
White non-Hispanic	12,343	7.2	9,329	5.2	-3,014	-24.4	-2.0
Black non-Hispanic	9,082	5.3	7,679	4.2	-1,403	-15.4	-1.1
Asian non-Hispanic	57,248	33.2	65,963	36.4	8,715	15.2	3.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	1,090	0.6	1,692	0.9	602	55.2	0.3
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,534	1.5	2,390	1.3	-144	-5.7	-0.2
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	54,613	100.0	57,748	100.0	3,135	5.7	0.0
Occupied housing units	51,562	94.4	55,202	95.6	3,640	7.1	1.2
Vacant housing units	3,051	5.6	2,546	4.4	-505	-16.6	-1.2

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Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Overview

Queens Community Board 4Q (CB4Q) is a culturally diverse community that encompasses the area of Corona (south of Roosevelt Avenue) and Elmhurst. The total land area of Community Board 4Q is 2.4 square miles, bounded by Roosevelt Avenue to the North, Flushing Meadow Corona Park (FMCP) to the east, the Horace Harding Expressway to the south, and the New York Connecting Railroad (CSX) to the West. Community Wellness and Health Facilities

For several years now, CB4Q has proudly been home to two farmers markets, (Corona Plaza, and Elmhurst Hospital). The possibility of a 3rd to cover the South Elmhurst area is a request that our community has been actively seeking for some time. We encourage “GrowNYC” to increase its footprint, and work with the community in identifying a space with the intent of bringing more markets. Specifically, in the wake of the current pandemic, fitness classes, and other health-related initiatives geared towards providing our community with the knowledge and resources they need to stay fit are happily supported throughout our constituency.

Public Health

Urgent care facilities throughout the district are indeed a welcome addition as many constituents see these facilities as a cheaper, quicker alternative to the negative stigmas associated with an actual hospital. Although these facilities have gained popularity, the fact remains that the residents of the surrounding neighborhoods of Elmhurst, Corona, Maspeth, and Glendale are still in need of an actual hospital. Urgent care facilities are not made to replace hospitals, but to work in conjunction with them.

Exorbitant rent and overdevelopment throughout our community are leaving many seniors displaced with no place to turn. Waiting lists on housing take years to move, and seniors are left with little to no choice as they wait for a spot to be available. Funding is sorely needed to identify and obtain property to construct such a facility.

Public Safety and the 110th Precinct Facilities

Until recently, since 1988, the Community Board has put the renovation of the 110th Precinct at the very top of its yearly capital requests. For approximately 7 decades, this facility has seen little to no improvements to its overall infrastructure. Both within and outside the facility, structural crumbling, loose bricks, and flooding are common. As one of the busiest precincts in Queens North, and with now over 250 uniformed and civilian personnel this structure is in need of necessary repairs.

Additionally, the community has been requesting a proper parking facility for the 20 or so vehicles being stored along the residential block surrounding the precinct. In a district where parking is at a premium, we should be looking to provide parking for our officers all the while returning parking spaces to the residents of the surrounding community.

Historical Significance, Signage and Preservation

The community of CB4 Queens, is rich in cultural history with many buildings dating back to the 1700s. Newtown (now Elmhurst) settled in 1652 and is the second oldest settlement in Queens. One of the first religious buildings in Newtown was the old St. James Episcopal Church which is now Elmhurst's oldest remaining building and a New York City landmark. Other NYC Landmark buildings in the community include Newtown High School, the Elks Lodge, Fire Engine 289, and the Dutch Reformed Church of Newtown in Elmhurst, and Congregation Tifereth Israel, the Unisphere, and the Edward E. Sanford House in Corona which established itself in the late 19th century as a residential development. Elmhurst also benefits from the dedication of the Elmhurst History and Cemeteries & Preservation Society (EHCPS) which is a group founded by Newtown Civic members working toward landmarking, researching, documenting, and preserving the history of a community which dates back to 1652 and is the second oldest community in Queens, behind Flushing.

The rich history surrounding CB4 is fascinating and should be recognized as such. Several parks with significant historical meaning often have their history forgotten due to a lack of properly displayed information. With the increase in development geared towards promoting tourism specifically around Elmhurst, historical facts can easily be forgotten. At the very least, proper signage should be implemented at key locations (parks, cemeteries) throughout the district as is done in rural Pennsylvania towns.

Emphasis should be put on the multitude of parks scattered throughout our Board as a starting point as these parks are often historical pillars that tell stories of Elmhurst, Newtown, and Corona. Furthermore, applications for landmarks are often overlooked, and denied, a practice that will only serve to further hide the rich past that makes up CB4. Our parks are also cultural spaces, a fact that is often forgotten.

Parks and Wellness

With Queens Parks ratings as high as they are, we should be looking to encourage visitors and tourists to enjoy our public spaces to their full capacity. Future park schematics/ designs should all a performance space baselined into their designs since their inception. Such spaces would help to tackle health issues and promote wellness via programs such as "ShapeUpNYC." Public performances would also increase, as such spaces would better accommodate and essentially promote more holiday ceremonies throughout the district celebrating the multitudes of ethnic groups that make up our district.

Corona & Elmhurst are heavily immigrant, densely populated, working-class neighborhoods, with all the street life, bustling small-business entrepreneurialism, and social life that implies. We rely upon and--in normal times--crowd & stress our mass transit and roadway infrastructure. Over the past decade or so, we have also seen a marked increase in visitors, both New Yorkers & tourists.

Longstanding attractions in and around Flushing Meadows Corona Park (Citi Field, Arthur Ashe Stadium, The Queens Zoo, The Queens Museum of Art, Queens Theatre in the Park, NY Hall of Science) have been joined by new draws including the Aquatic Center and Rink, and the Queens Night Market now entering its 8th consecutive year. There has also been a surge in culinary tourism throughout CB4, and two of the city's largest malls are here, on Queens Blvd.

In fact, in 2015, Time Magazine's Lonely Planet issue named Queens the Number 1 tourist destination in the country.

Transportation and Mobility

Our subway and roadway infrastructure must be maintained for our residents and businesses to thrive. Our streets are crowded with pedestrians, drivers, and cyclists, as well as users of new modes of micro-mobility, such as e-bikes and electric and foot-powered scooters. All these people must be kept safe as they interact.

Most of CB4Q is within walking distance of our subway lines, but a large piece of South Corona is solely reliant on bus service as there are only two bus nodes within the confines of CB4Q (74th St and Roosevelt Ave, and Hoffman Drive in Elmhurst) However, while there is a general push to remove carbon emitting vehicles from the streets, the dangers of using lithium ion batteries is very much a cause for concerns, and has already been responsible for several major fires in the district.

Restorative Justice

Within the U.S. the rate of mass incarceration has increased tremendously over the past years. Black and brown people make up the vast majority of those incarcerated. For this reason, it is important to lean towards ending mass incarceration and finding other methods to help people in forms of prevention. In addition, it is important to fund restorative justice programs while also creating more awareness about such programs. Going into classrooms and teaching students about the importance of restorative justice and the impacts it can have on the lives of many. Furthermore, it is good to empower individuals that have been through the justice system in order for them to be able to fight the bias that comes with being incarcerated.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

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The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

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

The ongoing problem of overdevelopment continues within CB4Q. It is not uncommon that older housing stock, (one and two-family homes) are demolished and replaced with new buildings that house three, four, and more family homes. This leads to loss of neighborhood character and cultural and historic landmarks. This overdevelopment is also responsible for raising housing prices, and contributing to the lack of affordability in housing. The current levels of City service and infrastructure can no longer absorb the additional housing units. To secure the future stability and quality of life of CB4Q, careful consideration must be given to district wide contextual rezoning.

Police-community relations

Over the past couple years the relationship between police officers and members of the community has changed. This has been widely seen in NYC overall causing the increased distrust from constituents towards officers. This causes far more arrests to be made in the low income areas, which leads to many people of these communities to not want to interact with the police. In addition, there have been many instances of regular traffic stops turning lethal as well as illegal stop, question, and frisk moments which in turn led to an increase in incarceration.

Interactions like these have instilled fear in the minds of people causing them to not want to have contact with law enforcement. In multicultural communities such as Corona, people of different immigration statuses are often scared to report things to their local precinct with the fear of potentially being deported or separated from their family. A lot of this is because of the lack of information folks have in regards to law enforcement and the different departments within the system. Furthermore, we are seeing an uptick in violence within the subways. Although there are more officers monitoring the subways, people are still seeking reassurance. In order for the relationship between law enforcement and constituents to improve, local precincts should more strongly emphasize programs revolving around community affairs. (Attending community fairs, going into schools and talking to students about the ins and outs of their jobs. In addition, local precincts should continue working with local precinct councils on info sessions where people have the opportunity to ask officers questions about certain laws and about rights that they have. It's important for officers to get to know the people who live in the communities that they are patrolling.

Social services

The City's overall stance on Community Board processes is normally viewed as "let's focus on the end result, and not question how their processes work" without realizing just how much work goes into Boards' daily functions. This is no longer acceptable. Boards rely heavily on City Council and Borough President appointed volunteers, but are often understaffed. Items including, but certainly not limited to: yearly Needs statements, Public Hearings, and committee meetings, are just a portion of the City Charter requirements for board volunteers to review, generate, and manage. The constituents of CB4 require multiple needs and services, yet one of the most pressing issues that our district is confronted with is an information gap that exists between constituents and the services meant to benefit them. Boards' 2-3 staff members are simply not enough to organize events and address constituent needs. As one of the most densely populated districts in the city, our board requires additional funding to expand our organizing capacity by hiring additional staff. An overall increase to our Operating Budget should be considered. By growing Community Board staff, we can work to close this information gap and positively impact our community by informing them of issues, resources, and opportunities for development. Boards are considered to be the City's front line of defense managing countless constituent issues, zoning variances, public meetings, and generation of yearly Needs Statements. With such important items on the backs of Boards, fully funded public workshops/presentations on what exactly Community Boards do should be mandatory, and not just left to each CB to handle at their own accord. Despite this heavy responsibility, staffing for many CB's is grossly inadequate for the amount of work output, causing many of them to resort to interns and volunteers as a primary source of help.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

This has become a crisis in our area and is now a leading concern for the health, well-being, and public safety of the members of our community. If one does not have shelter, you cannot provide adequately for one's family through income, which leads to continued disregard for your health. The logical analysis is that the person suffers holistically. The hotels that served as shelters in our community are no longer a solution. While we fully understand that nobody should be homeless and that it can happen to anyone, this initiative was not well thought out as several shelters have multigenerational families in them. Communities are often sneakily informed at the last minute about new hotels that have already been filled to capacity with homeless individuals. These hotel's 100% capacity of homeless individuals has driven the newly homeless to our street corners. The time for discussions for solutions has arrived. This crisis creeps daily into the blurred lines of health and public safety. It drives our citizens into positions of dangerous jobs to secure income to obtain housing and means to procure insurance for healthcare.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Community Board 4Q (CB4Q) is home to NYC Health + Hospitals/ Elmhurst (H+H/Elmhurst), a city-funded level 1 trauma center within the heart of Queens. This hospital sees a tremendous number of patients spanning the entire borough. While the hospital received several upgrades and expansions over the last few years, with more to come, it remains the only city-funded level 1 trauma center within the immediate reach of our communities. The neighbouring hospitals are community-level, private or level 2 trauma centers. This leaves H+H/Elmhurst to carry the heavy trauma burden for a large portion of Queens. The recurrent issue resides with supporting H+H/Elmhurst, which takes funding and staff. If this hospital remains underfunded, it will continue to hemorrhage staff. This chain reaction of unfilled positions creates more budget cuts for the hospital and increases healthcare professionals with burnout. Eventually, departments will reduce operations or close as they struggle to meet operational demands. The surrounding neighbourhoods of Woodside, Maspeth, and Glendale are all served by H+H/Elmhurst and already suffer from current suboptimal operations. The pandemic emphasised the extent that the hospital was overwhelmed and was prepared to handle the sudden influx of the largely undercounted population. Funding for this facility is as we cannot sustain another emergency public health crisis. We hope to rectify this underfunding to prevent a scenario where daily trauma operations are in jeopardy. Urgent care facilities are a welcome addition to reduce and support emergency departments. They help relieve some of the burdens of the emergency room for non-urgent trauma, yet they are not made to see trauma cases or replace hospitals. In addition to advocating for the hospital's needs, we will continue to support public campaigns emphasizing the importance and the need for quality health insurance and preventive measures such as having a primary care provider. We must increase health literacy and support this endeavour by providing this information in the multiple languages spoken within this diverse community.

Needs for Older NYs

While Corona has seen new senior living facilities (HANAC) as of late, sections of the district specifically in Elmhurst are in need of affordable senior housing. Exorbitant rent and overdevelopment throughout our community are leaving many seniors displaced with no place to turn. Waiting lists on housing take years to move, and seniors are left with little to no choice as they wait for a spot to be available. Funding is sorely needed to identify and obtain property to construct such a facility.

Needs for Homeless

With the change in federal administration, we've also seen change in legislation. One of the biggest changes applies to the asylum seeking process. Although there has been a lot of debate over the Migrant Protection Protocols, we are now seeing an influx of asylum seekers coming into major cities like our very own. As NYC welcomes these people with open arms, it is very important that these folks have access to necessary resources. Some resources include providing access to adequate schools, and after school programs. In addition, providing access to resources for children with special needs. Making sure that schools have staff members who are fluent in other languages, to ensure that these children are able to communicate in schools. In addition, creating programs specifically for asylum seeking parents/guardians in order to help them get back on their feet and help set them up to have the best opportunities. In addition, it is important that these folks are able to get adequate and affordable housing. Whether it be by creating more supportive housing options, or providing easier access to affordable housing units.

Needs for Low Income NYs

As New York City continues to experience the current pandemic, the needs of our low income residents are more evident than they ever have. Lack of proper medical insurance, proper housing, and lack of unemployment benefits or stimulus packages to our undercounted residents led Elmhurst and Corona to be epicenters within an epicenter. The high death toll and understaffing of our hospitals coupled with evictions due to lack of income were at an all time high in NYC, with an emphasis on the already underserved, and undercounted population of CB4Q. Initiatives to create a balance of benefits for all residents, officially counted or not, should be heavily scrutinized as no viable solution exists. We will continue to be at the forefront of bridging the gap between the undocumented population of our communities, and those who receive full benefits and income.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/41	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<p><i>Elmhurst Hospital is a lvl. 1 trauma center funded by the city, located in the heart of Queens serving a vast number of patients from the borough, and has seen several upgrades and expansions in recent years, with more to come. Being the only city-funded lvl. 1 trauma center within the immediate reach of our communities, it shoulders a significant trauma burden for a sizeable portion of Queens. While neighboring hospitals are either community-level, private or lvl. 2 trauma centers, H+H/Elmhurst faces the challenge of handling a large number of patients with critical injuries. The former St. John's Hospital, which has been closed for close to 20 years, leaves Elmhurst as the only hospital for the residents of S. Elmhurst and its surrounding vicinity.</i></p>	
14/41	DHS	Other capital budget request for DHS	<p><i>Breaking Ground is doing a great job operating via 4 outreach teams in Queens round the clock, 365 days a year, regardless of the weather conditions. They are also providing case management services to clients, including transport to medical and housing appointments. However, one of their biggest needs is more vehicles. Although they have a fleet, the vehicles' lifespan is shorter than average, and they need more vehicles to continue providing this essential service. It is recommended that funding be allocated to increase the number of vehicles to support their operations.</i></p>	
38/41	DHS	Other capital budget request for DHS	<p><i>Currently, programs geared towards substance abuse only address immediate concerns, but long term programming does not exist for those without insurance. Requesting funding to further expand outreach of substance abuse programs for the undocumented and uninsured homeless population.</i></p>	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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10/30	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>The communities of Elmhurst and Corona both see farmers' markets, and several campaigns geared towards condoning walking and riding vs driving. Our communities would like to continue to see expansions of programs (WIC at farmers' markets. Multilingual workshops, events, and public awareness campaigns on chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and the dangers of both short and long-term vaping.</i>
15/30	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>The district is facing a number of challenges related to mosquito-borne illnesses such as Zika and West Nile. More staff and resources are needed to support public awareness campaigns that educate people about prevention measures in multiple languages. Our public plazas and abandoned properties particularly vulnerable to rat infestations, can pose a serious health risk to our communities. The Rat Academy has been instrumental in teaching the public about pest mitigation techniques but the pandemic has led to an increase in rat sightings. Additionally, the invasive lantern fly has made it difficult to maintain healthy plants and control other insects and diseases. Funding is needed to tackle these challenges effectively.</i>
22/30	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>HRA has advised funds have been allocated to prevent homelessness and other services. Requesting "Portable" Housing Choice Vouchers for the homeless families in our district in the hotel shelter which allows shelter residents to move anywhere in the country, and the city pays the rent depending on the family income. Most of the families living in the shelter are working families that earn the 40% AMI for the area, and like most people with extremely low incomes, there are a few, if any rents that allow for a family-size apartment. A Portable Housing Voucher for a working family for one year at 30% of the family's monthly income would be far less in a location where the rents are far cheaper.</i>

25/30	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>A thorough and comprehensive study be undertaken to address the needs of the disabled population and the elder populations in our district. The studies should focus on key areas such as health services, language accessibility, and housing issues. By conducting this study, we hope to establish a better understanding of the challenges faced by these communities and identify potential solutions to improve their quality of life.</i>
26/30	HRA	Improve the delivery of emergency food and shelter in case of a disaster	<i>Local Law Int 2057 - 2020 is a Local Law that requires relevant city agencies to develop a plan ensuring that students have access to school meals during emergency situations. During the Covid-19 pandemic, it was clear that food insecurity within our communities is very much an issue. Many of our households depended very highly on food pantries to sustain them. Our students however were/ and still are in need of daily meals as they would normally receive during normal school hours. Funding should be allocated not only to address these issues during emergencies, but throughout the year as food insecurity is not temporary.</i>
30/30	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment	<i>Multilingual services for the following: Mental health awareness initiatives, Autism and ADHD services, depression screenings, anxiety screenings, grief counselling, substance abuse and destigmatization programs.</i>

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

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Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

After school programs

Within our community there is a lack of programs for the advancement of our youth. Kids in middle and high school are in class for 8 hours a day, and after those 8 hours are done, they may not have much to do. Oftentimes, not having direct supervision combined with boredom can idle time, especially once class is done for the day. For this reason, there is a need to create incentives for the youth to look forward to after school. One way of doing this is by increasing the access to part time after school jobs in order to give kids the opportunity to make some extra income in a healthy and safe environment. By partnering with local mom and pop shops and local franchises, programs could be created to allocate a percentage of hires to be kids from the local middle and high schools. Also, providing paid after school tutoring and mentorship programs will give students the opportunities to further their leadership, communication, time management and problem solving skills. These skills are very important, as they can be used in and outside of the classroom. In addition, these skills are useful for any future endeavors. In addition, to paid after school jobs, another program that is needed and would be in our youths best interest is that of college readiness programs. These programs would be aimed more towards high school students thinking about continuing their education with emphasis on students that come from low income backgrounds and who go to school that may not have many resources. By partnering with local colleges, whether they are a part of the public sector (CUNY) or the private sector, the creation of such programs would allow high school students to receive college credit in return for taking after school courses. In addition, taking kids to visit local colleges/ universities and speak with college representatives would give them insight on what college life is like and things they would likely have to be prepared for. This is another incentive that would allow for kids to be able to do something productive while improving their critical thinking and collaboration skills. Programs like this would allow for kids to have a sense of fulfillment and get excited about their education and their future. Furthermore, another type of program that is needed within the community is that of career readiness. This is something that can be aimed at youth that may be indecisive as to whether they want to continue their education or not. This type of program can also be aimed at youth who are completely sure they don't want to go to college and are looking to go straight into the workforce. Programs like this would review topics such as resume building, how to attract employers, interviews, and partnering with experts of different fields to spread knowledge their expertise, and what a typical day would entail.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

The lack of early childhood services and parent services in our district continues to be a cause for concern. In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, more than ever, the need for mentoring, homework help, counseling, and overall social networking is evident. In addition to the allocation of funds for after school programming, the need for a multi-purpose community/recreational center is a request that our board has held onto for some time. Such a center would provide the youth of CB4Q with the social skills required for their growth. Communal activities such as sports, arts and crafts, and after school workshops are just a few of the different programs that could be offered at such a facility, especially in a day where social media, smartphones, and video games reign above all else. Our youth lacks basic social skills that can only be obtained through communal activities and physical, social contact with each other. For this reason, our constituency is asking that acquisition of land, and furthermore, the construction of an intergenerational (seniors and youth under one roof) and/or after school center within our district be looked into.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

With the expansive growth of immigrant families with young children in our district, there is a great need for Early Childhood Services for children Birth to Three. The services that we are in need of are quality infant-toddler care and early childhood education provided by trained professionals with a culturally sensitive and linguistically sensitive focus. Currently, there is an insufficient number of Early Childhood centers in our district that service

Infants and Toddlers and their parents and we are in desperate need of facilities to provide the space to render such services. According to a recent Unicef report on early childhood development, an economically disadvantaged child has the opportunity to thrive socially and academically when provided with early intervention and early childhood services. In addition, the report states the following:

- Brain development is most rapid in the early years of life.
- When the quality of stimulation, support, and nurturance is deficient, child development is seriously affected.
- The effects of early disadvantage on children can be reduced. Early interventions for disadvantaged children lead to improvements in children's survival, health, growth, and cognitive and social development.
- Children who receive assistance in their early years achieve more success at school. As adults, they have higher employment and earnings, better health, and lower levels of welfare dependence and crime rates than those who don't have these early opportunities.
- Efforts to improve early child development are an investment, not a cost. Available cost-benefit ratios of early intervention indicate that for every dollar spent on improving early child development, returns can be on average 4 to 5 times the amount invested, and in some cases, much higher.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/41	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	<i>The lack of high schools within the district continues to be a cause for concern. Elementary and Middle Schools while numerous are overcrowding, and the majority of our students must travel outside of their communities for high school. A new high school would help our constituency stay closer to home and will ease overcrowding within SD24.</i>	
28/41	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	<i>Students within our district strongly need tech upgrades such as whiteboards, laptops, calculators, tablets, etc especially with the current pandemic, and remote learning. We are aware that the newer schools came with a lot of these tech upgrades already, so focus should be put towards the remaining pre-existing schools. Additionally, conversations should begin towards Windows based desktops vs the more sensitive, less compatible Mac based tablets.</i>	
CS	DYCD	Other capital budget request for DYCD	<i>The low allocation of funds within CB4 is surprising considering SD 24 is currently the most overcrowded in the city. There is a need for after school programming for adolescents grades 6-8 who at this stage in their lives need more aggressive mentoring and help with school work especially with the current pandemic, and the effects that staying indoors for extended periods of time can have on our youth's psyche.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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11/30	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	<i>There is a tremendous need for after school programs for elementary school students grades k-5. At this early stage the students' lives, it is important to have enriching programs that are both educational and fun. Said programs will also help parents who have limited work hours, will help the children with social skills, and give students an advantage as they progress in their education.</i>
19/30	DYCD	Other youth workforce development requests	<i>Our district would benefit greatly from having a youth center that would support our youth and their families. Educational programs, mentoring, homework help, extracurricular activities, and counseling are just some of the services that the youth within our district are in desperate need of. Seeking funding to obtain land, and construct a center within the confines of our district.</i>

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Queens Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Other

The most important issue facing Elmhurst & Corona's public safety & Emergency Services is the rise in general crime in our communities. Specifically in the wake of the pandemic, our district has seen an overall rise in theft, sex crimes, and violent crimes, including assault, domestic violence, & hate crimes. These do not include the countless crimes that are unreported. The community would benefit from an overall improvement to our precinct's facilities and increasing the size of its staff to adequately protect the growing population which includes a sizeable amount that are unaccounted for. The most recent Census resulted in a drastic undercount of residents in our communities in turn adversely affecting disbursement and allocation of personnel. Despite campaigns encouraging census participation, less affluent communities with a large undocumented population were grossly affected as many agencies including NYPD depend heavily on accurate numbers to operate. The 110 Precinct houses approx. 250 personnel including civilians which not only have oversight and responsibility for the Community Board's footprint, but also includes Roosevelt Avenue and portions of Flushing Meadows Corona Park. (FMCP) An improved facility to house officers, store impounded vehicles, and a parking facility for agency vehicles have been requested by the Board and surrounding community since the late 1980's. Additionally, satellite offices in high crime areas like FMCP, our local malls, and our commercial corridors (Junction Blvd., Roosevelt Avenue, 57th Avenue) would be a welcome addition to address homelessness, unlicensed businesses and street vendors, and new issues with illegal sex work and human trafficking. A precinct operating with resources and personnel made to oversee a community with grossly inaccurate numbers is cause for concern.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

There is a dire need for support in addressing our biggest public safety issues. Unlicensed street vendors have massively increased in many of our commercial corridors affecting the quality of life of both residents and local businesses. Scattered reports of gang extortion, violence, and harassment on these vendors and workers have been brought to the attention of community leaders, and concerns over the wellbeing of these vendors' livelihood is a cause for concern. The resulting solution to regulate these vendors with more oversight from City agencies and community partners is certainly a welcome step in the right direction, and will provide the necessary resources for our thriving vendor population to sell its wares.

Another issue that has been brought to our attention is the noted increase in sex crimes specifically towards the transgender community. We have heard from multiple constituents that this has gravely affected their quality of life, and reports of parents who fear walking with their children are higher than ever.

Lastly, creating extensive programs to assist our homeless population to find housing, programs geared around restorative justice, and community integrative programs would all be welcome.

Needs for Emergency Services

For the safety and health of our community, we request improvement in our emergency services. Due to the uptick in intense climate changes, fires could increase throughout NYC. However, our community is at a disadvantage to address these problems. With a crumbling fire house and an insufficient number of FDNY staff for the unaccounted balloon in population, despite their best effort, our emergency service personnel may benefit from investment on a governmental level. Additional funding would provide increases to staffing, extra maintenance for emergency infrastructure (i.e.: ERS boxes), and expand on safety and prevention programs such as the FDNY's the Fire Safety Education Unit.

Lastly, is the lack of a means of egress for emergency vehicles during emergencies. Narrow streets formerly

designed for chariots and low population housing make it difficult to deliver emergency services when they're needed most. Past hurricanes and intense rain falls have shown that many dwellings in our communities are susceptible to flooding as unlicensed, below street level apartments flood during extreme weather conditions.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/41	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<p><i>For years, CB4Q has requested dedicated parking for the 110 Precinct vehicles. Officers park their personal vehicles on local streets, monopolizing on-street parking and inconveniencing residents. If renovated, the precinct may have potential for underground parking via underpinning. We are also seeking the possibility of off site parking, and will work with local stakeholders and elected officials in identifying and acquiring property as necessary.</i></p>	
24/41	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	<p><i>Several sectors within the district are in need of added security measures, specifically the corners spanning the entire stretch of Roosevelt Avenue, the adjoining Junction Boulevard, and a high-crime section of 57th Avenue between 99th Street and Junction Blvd. / (41st Avenue) 41 Avenue between National Street and 104th Street. Requesting that surveillance cameras be funded .</i></p>	
26/41	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<p><i>Requesting funding for complete analyzation, and renovation of firehouses within the district. Specifically, we are seeking funding for the renovation(s) of 1. 287/Ladder 136/Battalion 46 2. Division 14/Engine 324. 3. Engine 289/ Ladder 138.</i></p>	
29/41	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<p><i>In the wake of the ongoing pandemic, the Queens Center and Queens Place Malls were both put on a watch list for potential looting/riots. Thankfully, these events did not materialize as predicted, but the fear of our community being overwhelmed due to lack of a satellite precinct was a clear concern. Due to increased reports of "smash and grab" operations, and district wide lack of personnel during the holiday season, we strongly feel that a satellite precinct/ mobile unit be considered for the western side of Elmhurst, specifically the commercial corridors surrounding the Queens Place, and Queens Center malls.</i></p>	

31/41	NYPD	Upgrade the emergency response system	<i>Requesting Model X Blue Light Boxes be installed on major avenues and streets i.e.: Broadway, Roosevelt Avenue, Woodside Avenue, Queens Boulevard, and Corona Avenue. These boxes ensure emergency services at the push of a button as modeled in Central Park, an area with successful installation. NYPD and FDNY should access a portion of their budget(s) to assist DOT with the installation of Blue Light Boxes on sidewalks. Recently, CB4 has seen a substantial increase in crimes. There has been an increase in sex trafficking, gang related activities, drug related problems, as well as mental health episodes amongst the public.</i>
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Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/30	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	<i>The FDNY Fire Safety Educational Unit needs additional funding to provide smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for distribution to the public. This is a public service that will save lives.</i>	
17/30	FDNY	Other expense budget request for FDNY	<i>The majority of the firehouses within our district already have generators in case of a power outage. However, Engine 289 in Corona is still operating with an above ground, multiple unit setup. Requesting funding to provide an in ground generator for this heavily utilized station.</i>	97-28 43rd Avenue

27/30	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<p><i>Roosevelt Avenue has seen a substantial change to its infrastructure and traffic patterns. I.e.: sidewalk structures/cafés, higher volume of delivery vehicles and vendors. Requesting an increase in personnel specifically geared towards the enforcement of double-parked vehicles along the stretch of Roosevelt Avenue from 72 to 111 St. Additionally, we are requesting traffic enforcement agents at the following intersections: - Junction Blvd/ Horace Harding Expwy - Broadway at Woodside Ave, and Baxter Ave - Broadway from 45th Ave to Whitney Ave - Roosevelt Ave. and 74, 75 and 104 St With the recent shortage in crossing guards, we are additionally requesting crossing guards be hired to cover intersections at all schools within the district.</i></p>
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CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Queens Community Board 4

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

Preparedness for extreme weather events (incl. coastal flooding, heat waves, cold snaps, heavy wind and rain)
NYC weather patterns have shifted and now where we once had moderate rainfall, we frequently see abrupt heavy downpours, and extended periods of consistent rain. The existing storm system designed for older patterns is inadequate for surges of water. The conditions are exacerbated by lack of maintenance of the rain garden infrastructure and the accumulation of waste and litter in our catch basins. Where many areas of the district were formerly detached houses, these have been replaced by larger buildings with an increased impermeable surface, leaving water with no place to go but into basements and low points in the roadway. Flood mitigation requires two factors: both an appropriate drain for the surge, and retention for the duration of the rainfall.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

Several corridors along CB4Q are in need of upgrades to their sewers. Basements along the commercial district of 82nd Street between Roosevelt Avenue and Baxter Avenue, as well as homes along the south side of 111th Street as referenced in our priorities, suffer from sewer backups, and ponding issues along their streets. A general upgrade of our infrastructure should take precedence to meet current and future demand. We continue to undergo the issue with the rain garden initiative (formerly referred to as bioswales) brought forth by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). When the rain garden program was unveiled in the district, it was received with trepidation as concerns were immediately brought up with regards to the accountability of rain garden maintenance. While the Community Board was in favor of the overall concept behind them, the fear was that these rain gardens would quickly become garbage pits. DEP does its best to rectify the issue, but rain gardens throughout the district can go months with no cleanup on behalf of the agency. Staffing is simply not enough. A general increase to staffing specifically towards the maintenance of the gardens would be of huge benefit to our community. A summons structure should also be more firmly set in place as rules behind rain gardens are clearer now, yet many of our constituents and street vendors show little regard to the importance of the gardens often sabotaging them, and selling their wares in the existing tree beds.

Needs for Sanitation Services

Throughout the district, our constituency has seen an increase in the amount of garbage being strewn throughout our streets. Abandoned lots covered in garbage are common ground, and home owners and businesses alike tend to overlook laws regarding the cleanliness of their sidewalks. Changes to recycling laws are constant, and new programs such as electronic/textile/compost are confusing and present a change that many of our constituents have not yet grasped. Informational campaigns in multiple languages for public education on recycling, and responsibilities of property owners are a constant request heard throughout our constituency. It has also been noted that DSNY enforcement tends to be lax in some cases, and overly aggressive in others due mostly to the fact that several agents have openly stated that they themselves do not know the actual laws. Dialogue between DEP, and DSNY Enforcement must be made crystal clear to form a more cohesive plan to keep our streets clean. Funding and emphasis should be put into public informational campaigns designed to educate our constituents. These campaigns should be in multiple languages, and be a year round effort to be most effective, and not only at the inception of these programs.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/41	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Severe ponding problem on the Queens Blvd South Service road on the east side of Woodhaven Blvd. We request that this be dealt with in advance of the capital project, and would ask that this area be added to the queue for catch basin cleaning/clearing immediately. Considering the amount of traffic, ignoring this issue will put drivers in unsafe driving conditions and place pedestrians in danger.</i>	Woodhaven Boulevard South Service Road South Service Road
7/41	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>The Mayor's Office of Climate and Environmental Justice recently designated Corona as a climate strong community because it is one of the most at risk neighborhoods in NYC. It is essential that the following streets be surveyed as they are severely damaged presenting a safety risk to the students, families, buses, infrastructure, and patrons of the Hall of Science and FMCP: -111th St between 43rd Ave (adjacent to P.S. 28) -Corner of 99th St. & 55th Ave -LIE service road from 90th St to Junction Blvd. -Case St and Benham St on Whitney Ave. -92-05 Whitney Ave 1st floor apartments. -57th Ave from 99th St to Junction Blvd.</i>	
16/41	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Requesting more staffing for the maintenance of our rain gardens. Queens has the most rain gardens in NYC with a backlog of 2,323 pending repairs. DEP claims to deploy 7 staffers per day to clean catch basins in Queens. This is insufficient to meet the basic needs of our rain gardens. Left unrepairs and without maintenance, these gardens will exasperate the flooding issues instead of alleviating.</i>	
35/41	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<i>We are requesting dual-bin trucks to improve our community quality of life. Elmhurst and Corona residents are unhappy with the apparent increase in curbside trash, rats, health risks, safety hazards, and odor. Issuing dual-bin trucks to our community will allow recyclables to be collected efficiently. This swift cleanup will solve the problems our residents face.</i>	

CS	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Reconstruction of streets in the surrounding area of 41st Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue</i>	41st Avenue Roosevelt Avenue Roosevelt Avenue
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Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/30	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>The ACE program should receive funding to supplement the cleaning in some of the district's most trafficked areas. Supporting this request will help clean up the following commercial and residential corridors: Broadway between Cornish Ave and Queens Blvd, - Queens Blvd eastbound and westbound between Grand Ave to Queens Blvd, -Corona Ave between 91 Pl and Queens Blvd, Grand Ave between Queens Blvd and Haspel St - 57 Ave between Junction Blvd and 99 St. -82 Street from Roosevelt to Baxter Ave (Dunningham Triangle) These streets are in dire need of assistance in cleaning and funding ACE has proven to be effective. Providing funding for ACE improves our constituent's quality of life and helps fix our homeless problem by providing them an opportunity with ACE.</i>	

9/30	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<p>Several areas of our district are seeing a substantial amount of garbage pile up, with little to no penalty to the merchants. Commercial corridors such as Queens Boulevard, Roosevelt Avenue, Junction Boulevard, Broadway, 57th Avenue and Van Loon St., and National Street near Corona Plaza and 57th Ave are infamously known for excessive littering, but enforcement is scarce. More over with the ACE Program in effect at several of these locations, enforcement should be more stringent on locations who have no reason to not maintain their sidewalks including adjacent tree pits. Frequently there has been illegal dumping of discarded construction materials along many of these corridors. Requesting increased enforcement as well as surveillance cameras to discourage graffiti at these locations.</p>	
12/30	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<p>Requesting that a study of the monthly rain in the district, taking into account the amount of rain over hours, and days be conducted. Such a study would provide data of the capacity of our existing drainage systems (catch basins, rain gardens, parks, and permeable private property like grass yards, property with stormwater retention tanks, green roofs), and a study of how much water the system can retain before it backs up. This study would: -identify how much drainage we require and how we can install and maintain it. -Identify how much retention capacity we have versus what we need. -Fund infrastructure improvements that move us toward the goal of hitting those storm discharge numbers supported by data. supported by data.</p>	
13/30	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	<p>There has been a rise in illegal postings on street lights, utility poles, walls, parking meters, and construction fences. Many of these posts advertise illegal dwellings and illegal activities. This is particularly bad on Roosevelt Avenue between 72nd St and 114th St. We believe enforcement and patrolling of these sites by DSNY Enforcement to stop the individuals who post these signs is the solution. We want to emphasize this need and specific culprits because many local businesses and home owners are trying their best to clean these but need our support.</p>	Roosevelt Ave 72nd St 72nd St

20/30	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests	<i>Provide additional funding to the Precision Cleaning Initiative (PCI). Our constituents have complained of litter conditions, illegal dumping, and overflowing litter baskets in numerous areas in our district</i>
29/30	DEP	Evaluate a street segment or intersection for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, and plan for construction if feasible	<i>This section of 111th Street has been a topic of discussion for close to 2 decades, but has not undergone an infrastructural improvement. The adjacent school (PS28), and the newly implemented STEM school located at the Hall of Science will see thousands of students crossing these dangerous intersections. While we understand that a capital sewer project isn't necessarily possible due to fiscal constraints, a study to evaluate this corridor for green infrastructure is sorely needed.</i>

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Queens Community Board 4

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

Affordable housing creation

Like clockwork, the rent bill arrives at the first of every month. In New York City, real estate comes at a premium. Owners (landlords) rightfully collect rent to provide shelter to families. It is not in dispute. How much of the hard-working family's wages are devoted to covering the rent? Is a hard-working family working to pay rent because of a shortage of affordable housing? In District 4, one family wakes in a cramped dwelling unit, taking turns using the limited space before heading out for the day. With gross wages of \$3,330, the family's net income after deductions is \$2,664, and the rent is \$1,700. Another family in District 4 with a higher income of \$100,000 rents a larger apartment for \$2,900, keeping \$5,990 of their monthly gross income of \$8,333. To put this into perspective for District 4, statistical charts show that 40% of the District's residents from the first family pay 51% of their gross income and 63% of their net income towards rent. Meanwhile, 24% of the District's residents from the second family allocate 35% of their gross income and 50% of their net income to rent. Calculating the percentage of income allocated for rent (excluding utilities) is pivotal for financial stability and ensuring resources for essential needs. According to the HUD guidelines, rents exceeding 30% of a month's income represent a rent burden, while rents above 50% are deemed severe (1)(2)(3). The prevalent issue of overcrowding (4) results from the exorbitant rent costs. Families struggle to make ends meet, compromising on the space to live. Even those with higher incomes cannot progress because of the rent burdens.

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

Needs for Land Use

Existing one-story buildings are being replaced with high-density buildings at a rate too fast to be kept up with. A planned balance between residential and commercial buildings is sorely needed. For far too long, we have operated under the careless mentality of "when it is needed, we'll deal with it." The intricacies behind infrastructural projects combined with a lack of funding and staffing have led our agencies to operate with little to no time to actually handle issues on a proactive basis. Community services and utility companies are increasing their services as the need arises, and not before. The fact is that large sections of Elmhurst and Corona were designed as a tightly woven network of 1-2 family houses whose streets are far too narrow, and simply not prepared to handle such an influx of tourism in such a short amount of time. With close to 75% of the district's makeup being residential, it is evident that people want to live here. What is a constant problem for us, however, is the misconception that in order to solve the problem, more housing should be created. Throughout the year, variances are constantly being brought to Community Boards for review thus converting 2 and 3 family homes into multi dwellings of 15 or more families. The growth is blatantly evident, yet very little emphasis is being put into actual upgrades to our streets or sewer systems. There should be more conversation and initiatives geared towards not only providing affordable housing but also taking into consideration that housing initiatives require substantial infrastructural changes especially in neighborhoods such as Corona and Elmhurst that have seen a tremendous surge in population within the last 5-10 years.

Needs for Housing

The lack of NYCHA housing within our district is a cause for concern with many households living below the poverty line. There should be more conversation and initiatives geared towards providing affordable housing. Careful consideration must be made into the locations of such developments as substantial infrastructural upgrades are often needed. The neighborhoods of Corona and Elmhurst already suffer from a lack of parking and have seen substantial increases in traffic. While we have a tremendous need for such facilities, the inherent inconvenience of putting them wherever possible can be more detrimental than helpful. We support open dialogue in the obtaining of land and eventual construction of such a facility within our district.

Needs for Economic Development

A). CDD BANK AND COMMUNITY ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS The government cannot address all of CB4Q's district needs. Private capital and or government partnership may work together to revitalize our communities. This district needs additional Community Development Districts (CDD) banks and Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) to build affordable housing, grow businesses, produce jobs, and create investments and opportunities to save and grow towards wealth. The unbanked and underbanked communities need customized products to grow money rather than waste it on check cashing fees, etc. Citizens Committee for Children of New York's (CCNY) research study revealed that the district is still severely underserved. Moreover, New York City Banking Commission and New York State Finance designated Corona a Community Development District underserved area on March 1, 2005, fifteen years ago. Therefore, we request New York City EDC and New York City Banking Commission study and develop additional BDD (Banking Development District) for the CB4Q area to encourage and assist banks in opening branches in this traditionally underserved area. It will promote long-term economic development, business and job growth, community revitalization, and provide savings accumulation.

B) COMMUNITY LAND BANKS AND COMMUNITY LAND BANK We recommend the following actions are taken to support the exploration, creation, and development of land banks in our neighborhoods in an effort to assist with the affordable housing and small business crises that have long faced our community: Pass legislation in the City Council to authorize a New York City Land Bank. Last year, New York City Councilmember Brad Lander filed legislation to create a land bank, which has since garnered nine additional sponsors;[iv] Draft by-laws that allow the land bank to manage properties under a community land trust model in order to ensure permanent affordability on properties acquired by maintaining long-term control of the properties. Begin working with Empire State Development Corporation to prepare a land bank application; Seed the land bank by transferring vacant, city-owned properties and/or redirecting a portion of outstanding tax liens to the land bank, rather than to the existing trust; and Allow the new land bank to manage the foreclosure of tax-delinquent properties that are either vacant or underutilized to create a pipeline for affordable housing. References: <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/reports/building-an-affordable-future-the-promise-of-a-new-york-city-land-bank/> <https://ag.ny.gov/feature/land-bank-community-revitalization-initiative-land-bank-cri>

C) STREET VENDORS: The eclectic nature of Elmhurst and Corona, combined with the astronomical prices on rent for 'brick and mortar' establishments, has led Community Board 4 to be a mecca for street vendors. The sheer amount of nationalities, cultures, and craftsmen within the district has encouraged those seeking employment to establish themselves as successful street vendors. The concern, however, is over the high amount of vendors that flood areas where commercial traffic is extremely high, and the negative impact this can have on brick-and-mortar businesses. Laws are in effect that help to govern the distance between street vendors and physical establishments selling similar wares, but complaints to agencies and fights between vendors are far too numerous to log. While it is universally understood that many street vendors are, in fact, tax-paying businesses, there should be an understanding that inspections of vendors (food or otherwise) be far more consistent. Furthermore, compliance and safety education should be implemented before enforcement, specifically in heavily utilized commercial corridors such as Corona Plaza, Roosevelt Avenue, Junction Boulevard, the Queens Center Mall, and the area within the purview of the 82nd Street Business Improvement District (82nd Street Partnership).

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/41	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>With the homeless crisis sweeping throughout the city, many communities have been seeing an increase in the number of shelters popping up within their constituencies. As these shelters continue to increase, to avoid the homeless crisis remaining stagnant it is important that housing for formerly homeless as well as seniors be provided. Additionally, and in the wake of the current health crisis, the lack of housing for our special needs population cannot be overlooked.</i>	
20/41	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<i>Community Board 4 has seen a very steady influx of new residents in the last few years, and will only continue to grow at a steady pace. The lack of affordable housing (both extremely low, low, and medium income) specifically in the Elmhurst area is encouraging "shacking up" in which large families are living out of single rooms and illegally converted basements. Requesting that affordable housing with an MIH component be considered for the district.</i>	
25/41	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>While the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) provide loan programs the increased need for such programs can not be overlooked. Community Based Organizations (CBO's) such as Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS), do a great job in providing such services, but the demand for increased programs is exceedingly present specifically in low density (2-3 family) homes.</i>	
34/41	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<i>Tenant protection services are designed to preserve affordable housing by detecting and curtailing patterns and practices of landlord fraud. With the dramatic growth seen within CB4 our constituency is in need of extensive services that would help them to preserve their quality of life. Funding is being requested for expansion of these programs. Additionally, seeking conversations / explanations with HPD on how this request is being accommodated, and on any progress that has been made.</i>	

CS	EDC	Build or expand affordable work or research lab spaces related to key industries, such as film/tv, advanced manufacturing, life science and healthcare, renewable energy and freight maritime	<i>As businesses begin to reopen in the wake of COVID19, consideration should be put into small businesses that are the backbone of our local economy. Studies show that immigrants have a higher rate of business ownership than non-immigrants, with roughly one out of ten immigrant workers owning a business. While our community has made significant progress supporting street vendors (through community based organizations and local elected officials supporting positive legislation), we still lack a clear pipeline for street vendors to open a small business. Our community would benefit from funding allowing us to establish a small business incubator that provides mentorship, training, and education specifically regarding post epidemic safety protocols.</i>
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Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/30	DCP	As needed Land use planning, technical and urban design support	<i>Requesting funding for Community Boards to hire an independent Urban Planner to study land use and zoning to address the alarming effect that overdevelopment has on our infrastructure, quality of life and housing. The City must work with Boards to implement zoning changes, an initiative which has not happened since the Bloomberg Administration of contextually rezoning (2002- 2013)</i>	
7/30	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>The district continues to see a spike in graffiti. Community groups in conjunction with several City agencies are doing their best to keep up via cleaning events and initiatives, but funding is still needed to expand on programs geared towards graffiti removal. Better yet funding can and should be allocated to programs geared towards replacing graffiti with murals designed by local community artists. Precincts in particular are often burdened with responsibility of obtaining funding and paint supplies on their own. Requesting that a funding stream be given directly to precincts.</i>	

18/30	SBS	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment	<i>In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, small businesses were left with little help and knowledge as to what to do next. The obvious disconnect between our businesses and City agencies is a major cause for concern. In order to truly gain knowledge as to what these specific needs are, a needs assessment of CB4's most prolific commercial corridors is being requested. Corridors include: Junction Blvd. from Corona Ave to Roosevelt Ave, Broadway from Baxter Avenue to Queens Blvd, and Roosevelt Avenue from 82nd Street to 103 Street (Corona Plaza).</i>
23/30	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>With the rapid increase in development, it is crucial that DOB has enough building inspectors and staff to adequately ensure the safety of the over 1.1 million buildings in NYC. No one said it better than former DOB Commissioner Rick Chandler, who in a 2018 interview said "I think if we had ten times the resources..., we would still be just making a dent."</i>
24/30	SBS	Other commercial district revitalization requests	<i>As small businesses begin to re-open post COVID, they will need to re-evaluate how to conduct business while adhering to new public health measures. For many of them, converting to digital advertising and shipping will be anything but avoidable. Many of the small businesses in our district have been in existence for decades and were able to survive under the old model, however due to a variety in language barriers and technological competencies, many business owners may need training to learn new marketing techniques in how to continue operating through a second wave and post pandemic.</i>

28/30	EDC	Other expense budget request for EDC	<p><i>In our Statement of Needs and Budget request for 2022, we asked for Banking Development District to address district #4 underserved banking needs as well as (BDD) Banking Development Districts as evident by the chart provided by CCC research. The response from the state confirmed that the Corona Heights Banking Development District (BDD) includes a portion of Community District 4 in Queens, which is served by Queens Savings Bank -New York Community Bank. It was designated as underserve area in 2004. However, based upon recent banking data provided by the chart, a meeting should be arranged to determine if an additional BDD Bank is required for District4.</i></p>
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TRANSPORTATION

Queens Community Board 4

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Pedestrian safety

Pedestrian safety in Community Board 4 is a major concern. Traffic signs are outdated and should be replaced with reflective signage, which would increase the rate at which motorists look out for and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and schools. Awareness plays a major role in preventing injury or death. Area schools would benefit from additional crossing guards to help children cross the street and remind drivers of the importance of respecting pedestrian crosswalks, thereby eliminating fatalities. Crossing guards will also serve to point out potential safety hazards and prevent unlawful parking when parents are dropping off children at school, causing traffic backups. Several new schools have been constructed in CB4 in recent years; the number of crossing guards must be increased to allow the assignment of crossing guards to dangerous intersections near ALL our schools; children attending newly established schools cannot be left in peril because of arbitrary caps on the number of school crossing guards assigned to Board 4. We suggest working with the NYC Dept. of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) on literature and training for independent contractors and businesses using delivery services, to inform their employees to follow traffic rules, point out dangers, etc. More accountability, processes and licensing for delivery drivers to inform workers about pedestrian safety must be mandated. With the increased use of e-bikes, scooters, and bicycles as an economical mode of transportation, and with the popularity and growth of bicycle lanes, pedestrian, rider, and driver education and enforcement are vital. More must be done to impose guidelines on those vehicle operators while taking into consideration fines for the offending operator. Within its parameters, Community Board 4 claims Queens Blvd. which was once known as the “Boulevard of Death” due to the high number of vehicle related deaths. Many persons have died on this stretch of roadway which may be caused by not having enough time to cross before the traffic light changes. We ask that DOT review pedestrian crossing times along Queens Blvd, especially at 51st Ave, 57th Ave, Woodhaven Blvd, and Broadway/Grand Ave. A safety plan is urgently needed for the protection of pedestrians and to save lives.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Over the past few years, Broadway from Jackson Heights to Queens Blvd has undergone traffic flow and safety improvements. These improvements do seem to have had some positive effects on Broadway's traffic congestion. We have been impressed by the use of a bus-only traffic signal at Whitney Ave that gives buses a head-start on other vehicles when the light changes. We suggest that DOT take a look at Roosevelt Ave between 71st St and 83 St, and at all of Corona Ave and Junction Blvd. Despite recent proposed changes, we note that there do continue to be problems with the traffic congestion on Broadway at 45th & Whitney Aves and at Woodside/Baxter Aves. We are informed that the implementation of the Queens Blvd capital reconstruction and landscaping project is expected to begin soon. We hope that the City's current financial challenges will not delay this project. There is a speeding problem at various locations throughout Board 4. We are requesting this year that DOT look specifically at National St and 102nd St between 43rd & Corona Aves and devise steps that can be taken to end the speeding problem in this neighborhood.

Needs for Transit Services

The residents of Board 4 are heavily dependent on our mass-transit system. Our first priority for NYCT is our continuing support for their announced plan to rehab the 7 train subway stations along Roosevelt Ave, serving Corona, Elmhurst, and Jackson Heights. We have seen the magnificent job the MTA did on the N-line stations along 31st St in Astoria. We would be extremely happy to see something like that done along Roosevelt Ave. It is our hope that all the stations on this segment of the line that have not been recently rebuilt will be included in this multi-station project. If the MTA is going to be undertaking rehabs of the Roosevelt Ave stations, we strongly urge the inclusion of an additional means of egress from the Flushing-bound platforms at the 82nd, 90th, and 103rd

St/Corona Plaza stations. Prior to the pandemic, we saw very serious platform crowding at these stations during the evening rush hours. Since there will be construction projects at these stations, we urge design and construction of an additional platform-to-street exit stair at each. CB4 would also encourage the MTA to undertake ADA access projects for as many of these stations as possible at the same time as the station rehabs, coordinating the construction and service disruptions so as to minimize inconvenience to the riding public. We further call on the MTA to undertake as soon as possible an ADA access project at the Woodhaven Blvd station on the M & R lines. This station serves two major shopping malls and is at the nexus of a large number of bus lines serving many neighborhoods in central and western Queens. Disabled riders getting off buses here find themselves simply out of luck in any effort to get onto the subway.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/41	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Comprehensive study should be conducted towards upgrades and handicap accessibility to the following very heavily utilized IND stations which despite the pandemic still see millions of riders per year. - Grand Avenue - Elmhurst Avenue and the following IRT stations: - 82nd Street - 90th/Elmhurst Avenue - 103st Corona Plaza - 111th Street</i>	
12/41	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Capital funding is being requested to continue repairing the substantial amount of damaged curbs throughout the district. Requesting an increase in funding to the NYCDOT curb replacement program/unit.</i>	
19/41	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>The portion of the Queens Blvd Service Roads under the LIE overpass, extending from Woodhaven Blvd to Eliot Ave (and, technically, from 59th Ave to the Horace Harding Expwy on the North Service Road) is badly cracked and potholed and requires resurfacing. We are aware that DOT is planning a major capital reconstruction of the whole of Queens Blvd, but we believe that this short stretch is so badly damaged that it requires immediate, interim repair.</i>	Queens Boulevard Woodhaven Boulevard Eliot Avenue
21/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>This stretch of road along the corridor of Roosevelt Avenue doesn't see the same number of commercial establishments and pedestrian traffic as 74th to 103rd Street, and is comprised of several 2 family homes. This section of the district is in need of infrastructural improvements geared around safety. As such, we are requesting that additional lighting be implemented along this high crime section of the corridor.</i>	Roosevelt Avenue 108 Street 108 Street

22/41	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>A complete reconstruction of this very heavily utilized corridor from Roosevelt Avenue to the Horace Harding Expressway should be looked into. Curb cuts, traffic mitigation plans, street resurfacing, bus pads, and curb replacements are all sorely needed to meet current and future demand. Junction Blvd is also a candidate for traffic signals that give a small head-start to buses when the light changes.</i>	Junction Boulevard Horace Harding Expwy S Svc Rd Horace Harding Expwy S Svc Rd
30/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>In recognition of the historical significance of the Elmhurst community, we are requesting that street lights serving Broadway from 74th Street to Queens Boulevard be replaced with "Type M Luminaire & Pole", which were first introduced in 1908 and designed to light wide street corners.</i>	Broadway 74 Street 74 Street
33/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>We are requesting that street lights serving Corona Plaza be replaced with "Type M Luminaire & Pole", which were first introduced in 1908 and designed to light wide street corners, which when installed, give the communities they serve a sense of pride and character. We understand that this is not viable below Roosevelt Avenue due to height requirements, but we strongly feel that this commercial plaza should be considered for such improved lighting.</i>	
36/41	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>The district of QCB4 is home to 2 main transportation hubs (74 St .Roosevelt Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard / Hoffman Drive) Requesting that the systematic upgrade of bus shelters specifically with the implementation of digital bus signs continue through FY25.</i>	
37/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>In recognition of the historical significance Corona Avenue and its historic buildings, we are requesting that street lights serving Corona Avenue from Broadway to Sautell Ave. be replaced with "Type M Luminaire & Pole", which were first introduced in 1908 and designed to light wide street corners which when installed, give the communities they serve a sense of pride and character. This long corridor of mixed commercial and residential buildings sees substantial pedestrian traffic and is serviced by both the Q58 and Q29 buses which serve shoppers that visit the many businesses scattered along this stretch.</i>	

CS	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Requesting that a traffic study be reconducted in the area of National & 102nd street between 43rd Ave to Corona Avenue. DOT has made changes to the traffic signal pattern along this stretch of roads. We want to express our thanks for that. We would ask that DOT conduct a study to see if this has relieved the longstanding speeding issues here</i>	Both 102 Street and National Street Corona Ave Corona Ave
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Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/30	DOT	Add street signage or wayfinding elements	<i>Implement a safety education program for children and teens in our district with age-appropriate instruction as to how we can move safely on our sidewalks and streets. Include: - dealing with crossings whose lines of sight are obstructed by parked cars, vans, and trucks - crossings without painted crosswalks -bicycle, e-bike, and micro mobility safety: bells; lights and light-colored clothes at night; helmet use; awareness of vehicles' blind spots; sidewalk rules, and the reasons for them; the need for caution using shared space, especially roadways; rules of behavior in shared spaces We believe that safety education directed at the higher grades, and certainly by high school, should include discussion of safety measures and rules of the road when driving a motor vehicle.</i>	

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Queens Community Board 4

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

Quality of parks and park facilities

The parks in our area serve as the crown jewels for residents and families. Our parks not only provide healthy green space but also offer our residents free or low cost places to go and enjoy nature. Not only do Parks provide quality areas for families, youth, and seniors regardless of their ability to pay, parks give the community a sense of diverse activity improving the quality of life for all our residents to secure fresh air, stay active, and unite with members of the family. It is vital our parks are well maintained and accessible to all especially those with disabilities. Our playgrounds and sitting areas are highly used to the fullest extent and the need for additional maintenance workers and recreational aides is essential. COVID-19 has severely affected the use and maintenance of our parks. Full staffing must be returned. Our parks host many community events and sponsor programs which bring enjoyment to our residents and families. As a result of the pandemic, there are fewer park programs and lost park related employment. More is needed to bring back our parks to its full potential. In an area with an overabundance of residents, every inch of space is needed to accommodate people. Clean and well maintained parks provide a sense of pride to our communities. Over the years, our parks have seen some improvements, but more is needed: Parks such as Newtown Playground and Hoffman Park in Elmhurst sustained heavy damage during the last 2 hurricane seasons, and should be retrofitted with flood mitigation measures, now, and in advance offor future use.

Additionally, many of our playgrounds still operate on outdated Multi Purpose Play Areas (MPPA's) . Future park redesign should make the a priority given the lack of schoolyards within SD24.

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

Needs for Parks

Community Board 4's area parks provide a quiet place to relax while providing fresh air and green space to our residents. Parks must be maintained to preserve the quality and excellence of a valuable community resource. Continuous maintenance and staffing should be a long term goal to maintain excellence in our parks. More programs for children should be implemented as an integral part of a parks curriculum as this would foster children in making new friends and interacting with other children which in turn leads to positive development. Children are the future of our community and a sense of well-being and social improvement is key. To note, visitors of all ages are engaged for an entire day.In order to ensure continuity, staffing must be provided not only for maintenance but also for community wellness. In these times of economic hardship, parks provide free activity for our families. But they must be kept clean and without any threat of danger to those utilizing the parks. Funding for Parks Enforcement is sorely needed to safeguard the well-being of all. It is essential that playground equipment such as basketball courts, volleyball courts and other children's amenities in parks do not fall into disrepair and become unusable for youth.The aftermath of the Pandemic created a huge mental health crises and a reduction in physical activity. Parks play a major role in reducing anxiety and stress by giving an outlet to exercise and as an added benefit reducing obesity by utilizing a more active lifestyle.Moreover, to preserve the ever-lasting beauty of the parks, the trees and flora must remain alive and flowering. Planting and pruning must be included in funding for parks so that their beauty is everlasting. The importance of parks beautifying a community is priceless and should continue as a funding priority.

Needs for Cultural Services

We need to educate more people about the significant history that Elmhurst and Corona contain. Several parks with significant historical meaning often have their history forgotten due to a lack of properly displayed information. With the increase in development geared towards promoting tourism specifically around Elmhurst, historical facts can easily be forgotten. At the very least, proper signage should be implemented at key locations (parks and cemeteries) throughout the district (I.e.: Josephine Caminiti, Louis Simeone, Manuel De Dios), as is done in Manhattan. Emphasis should be put on the multitude of parks scattered throughout our Board as a starting point as these parks

are often historical pillars that tell stories of Elmhurst, Newtown, and Corona. Furthermore, applications for landmarks, such as historic Judge Street are often overlooked and denied; a practice that will only serve to further hide the rich past that makes up CB4.

Needs for Library Services

With the number of new schools and pre-kindergartens within our district, we feel that the need for a library within the confines of South Corona would be a very welcome addition to the local community. While the Corona and Lefrak branches have seen recent upgrades, the community at large would like a branch within the vicinity of PS14, the HS of Arts and Business, and several newly proposed pre k facilities all within the South Corona area.

Needs for Community Boards

Community Boards are volunteer heavy organizations widely considered to be the City's front line of defense; we manage countless constituent issues, zoning variances, public meetings, and of course Needs Statements. Despite this heavy responsibility, staffing for many CB's is grossly inadequate for the amount of work output, causing many of them to resort to interns as a primary source of help. Budget constraints have led many boards to maintain a maximum of 2-3 staff members, usually with only one full-timer. An increase in funding is sorely needed to increase current staffing.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/41	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<p><i>The population of Community Board 4Q is growing daily. Although the Elmhurst Library was recently rebuilt, both this branch and the Lefrak City Library will continue to be heavily utilized. The Lefrak Library has suffered extensive flooding damage as a result hurricanes and rain, and has been out of service with no viable date for a reopening. For this reason, a new reference library in the vicinity of 108th Street and Corona Avenue will help service the south east portion of CB4Q which is currently lacking library services all the while servicing patrons from the Lefrak area who used the Lefrak library as their primary branch</i></p>	Corona Avenue 108th Street 108th Street
5/41	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<p><i>Corona Peach Tree Community Garden is a small garden located in Corona which has seen a substantial amount of activity in the past year from local community groups, schools, and residents. The garden has coordinated several events with CB4Q such as tours, holiday events, and community plantings, but has no viable water source, and instead relies on rain barrels, and a slanted roof/drainage system. More over, the garden has been a subject of theft and vandalism, and would benefit from security measures (cameras, solar panels, lighting, etc)</i></p>	
9/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<p><i>Newtown Playground recently underwent a partial upgrade, and has since seen substantial use, and improved visitation since its opening. A key element of the park is the reparation of the comfort station which is currently underway. The main concern however is that the MPPA should be upgraded to meet current standards, and retrofitted with flooding mitigation measures as it was heavily damaged during this last hurricane season. The park (formerly the Old Newtown Cemetery) should have a monument to memorialize its internments and past similar to the Olde Town of Flushing Burial Ground memorial erected in 2021.</i></p>	92nd Street and 56th Avenue

10/41	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Answer Triangle, a park along the corridor of Roosevelt has been sinking for some time now, and is currently below ground level causing flooding. Additionally, the sidewalk surrounding the park is heavily damaged. Funding can be allocated to include better shrubbery, seating, and elevation / improvements to the existing land, as this park can be included as part of a "rest stop" along Roosevelt Avenue for those touring the local neighborhood.</i>	Aske Street and Elmhurst Avenue
11/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Lack of park upkeep of Nine Heroes Plaza has turned what was once an enjoyable park to an often-avoided block attracting primarily homeless community members. Nine Heroes plaza is in desperate need of investment from the city. An investment would allow us to make over the space by cleaning the park and planting additional greenery attracting new community members to enjoy the space.</i>	
13/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Named after Cuban-born journalist Manuel de Dios Unanue, the former editor of <i>El Diario</i> killed for his critical reporting on drug cartels in the neighborhood, this triangle hosts an array of community activities. It has become a location for activism, health outreach, and HIV prevention education. However, the placement of the elevated park at the center of the triangle represents poor urban planning, as it reduces the space where community members can meet. Signage noting the significance of this individual should be a part of the park redesign.</i>	Please search for a facility or park in your borough or enter an address manually...
17/41	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>The community of Elmhurst is rich in cultural history with many buildings dating back to the 1700's. One of the first religious buildings in Newtown was the old St. James Episcopal Church, and is Elmhurst's oldest remaining structure and New York City landmark. Other distinctive buildings in the community include Newtown HS, the Elks Lodge, and Dutch Reformed Church. Not only does the community boast architecture from the 1800s, but it also houses ancient artifacts dating back from an early African - American cemetery. We are requesting a museum or space in the Elmhurst community to showcase and preserve the past of a community with an abundance of historical significance for generations to come.</i>	

18/41	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<p>Parks such as Horsebrook, Libra Triangle, Veteran's Grove, Moore Homestead, and Manuel de Dios among others all have historical significance to our communities. Signage should be interpretive. With the robust history behind CB4, more relevant signage should be systematically implemented to all current and future park designs specifically expressing any historically relevant facts as well as information on who the park is named after (when applicable).</p>	
23/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<p><i>Middleburgh Triangle is a triangle located at the intersection of Corona Avenue, 90th Street and 48th Avenue. This concrete triangle is a key historical location that would benefit from infrastructural upgrades. Upgrades to the existing bus stop, green space, shrubbery, and interpretive signs emphasizing history of the neighborhood's change from Middleburgh to Hastings to Newtown to present day Elmhurst should be emphasized as they showcase the rich history of our community.</i></p>	90th Street 48th avenue and Corona Avenue
27/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<p><i>Sparrows Nest Community Garden is a garden in Corona that is in need of drastic infrastructural improvements. The garden is maintained to the best of the ability of local residents, but flooding along the property entrance and throughout the garden is commonplace. There is a lack of power, and viable drainage system resulting in constant flooding and collapses.</i></p>	5401 101 Street

32/41	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<p><i>Childhood obesity rates have soared within the US over the last three decades. Specifically during the current pandemic, more needs to be done to improve the health of our children. Indoor facilities able to accommodate this need are increasingly necessary as studies have shown that having recreational afterschool programs greatly reduces childhood obesity, and improves cardiorespiratory health in children. While our bordering Community Boards have Al Oerter Recreation Center, and Lost Battalion Hall, CB4 is sorely lacking in a Parks department operated rec. center. Between the numerous athletic programs that can be offered, to the technology and coding programs offered in media labs, a recreation center is a valuable resource that can improve our children's minds and bodies.</i></p>
39/41	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<p><i>The Playground for All Children (PFAC) is has not undergone a major upgrade or renovation since the 1980's. This playground located within the outskirts of FMCP along 111th Street sees substantial traffic from local schools and residents, but the space while large consists of several paths and corridors that simply encircle the park throughout. An upgrade to the MPPA, paths, shrubbery, and overall park would be a welcome and necessary addition.</i></p>
40/41	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<p><i>Elmhurst Park is a fairly new addition to CB4 that has seen substantial visitors since it opened. The park is home to the Vietnam War Memorial, and houses over 600 trees under its 6+ acre foot print. The MPPA however is in need of refurbishing as during rain, it floods despite being above grade.</i></p>
41/41	DPR	Improve access to a building in a park	<p><i>Josephine Caminiti Playground, despite being approved for renovation this year, is in need of a functioning comfort station. This park located at a major intersection houses such a facility, but this addition was not a part of the parks design. In order for this park to properly service its constituents, a comfort station would be needed in a future design.</i></p>

CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Requesting that an NYPD satellite station be installed within the confines of Flushing Meadows Corona Park to provide safety in this heavily used large park. Some time last year, with generous funding from the Queens Borough President, makeshift trailers/ satellite stations was installed in the park. However, several concerns were raised specifically around the potential lack of sufficient staffing.</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>85th Street abuts MTA /LIRR property. Green infrastructure is sorely needed in this area. DEP has already conducted studies to consider this location for green infrastructure, and has in fact identified it as a potential site. Seeking implementation and completion of this long awaited / approved project.</i>	85 Street 55th Road 55th Road
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Some center island malls on 111th Street were completely renovated, but the remaining malls are in need of a complete overhaul. The curbs should be raised as part of the reconstruction so that illegal parking can be discouraged, and trees and shrubbery should be planted to better the quality of life for residents facing the malls. With the new school construction at the New York Hall of Science, traffic mitigation studies should be considered.</i>	111th St Sautell Ave Sautell Ave
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Clement C Moore Playground is a heavily utilized playground in the heart of Elmhurst now in its final phase of construction as the park design was obsolete. Issues with smoking, gambling, gang activity, rundown bathroom facilities, homeless, and public intoxication drinking are all commonplace at this park. Measures to discourage such activities (i.e.: security cameras, benches, open areas) should be considered during the next design phase of the park. A renovation of the comfort station regardless of cost should be strongly looked into as a future capital project.</i>	

CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Residents of the community have been jogging along the outdoor perimeter of Newtown Field (92nd Street and 57 Avenue) for years as no official track exists within the area. However, a mere 3 blocks away, and sitting directly on the border of CB's 4, 5, and 6 is Hoffman Park, a heavily used 3 acre park. The existing underused softball field is a prime location for a proper jogging track. Ideally, funding can also be used to alleviate the prominent floor cracks that can be seen throughout the basketball, handball, and baseball field. Implementation of a dog run would be a benefit to the local community as minimal space exists for this. Additionally, the area surrounding the handball courts is a dark, dangerous, and structurally unsafe (cracks, tree roots lifting floors, etc.)</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>This park, close to 2 acres services students from several local elementary schools, and eventually a new pre-k with a projected completion of 2021. During the summer months, the Kids in Motion program is at this location. As such, in order to enjoy the park to its full capacity, funding should be allocated to upgrade / repair the existing fitness equipment which is grossly underutilized and outdated. Delineated sports areas would be a welcome addition, as they could potentially promote team based activities, and the potential for leagues, and tournaments.</i>	46 Avenue, Queens, New York, NY
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>At just over 3 acres, and located at the northernmost border of Community Board 4, Park of the Americas is in need of refurbishing. The very pressing issue of intoxicated visitors within the park has gotten out of hand. Measures should be taken to discourage such activity. Security measures (benches, LED lighting, security cameras, etc.) are all very welcome additions to this park that is located directly across from an elementary school. While we understand that funding has already been allocated to upgrading playground equipment (CD21 and Borough President), and the synthetic softball field, funding should be allocated to the remainder of the park, specifically the heavily used basketball courts, and seating area(s).</i>	

CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Funding is being requested to help with phase 2 of the adaptive renovation of the reflecting pools at FMCP.</i>
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Frank O' Connor Playground's adjacency to Elmhurst Hospital puts this park in the heart of a very busy corridor that sees a substantial amount of foot traffic and park goers. However, issues are present with the comfort stations, overall lack of shrubbery, and upgrading of the outdated playground equipment. More over, a park this close to a hospital should encourage healthy lifestyles. The current adult exercise equipment is minimal at best, and exercise within the park is often discouraging to park goers due to gang and homeless activity. Additionally, the basketball and handball courts see high usage, and would benefit from refurbishing.</i>

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/30	OMB	Provide more community board staff	<i>The constituents of CB4 require multiple needs and services. Additional funding is being requested to expand our organizing capacity by hiring an additional staff member.</i>	
5/30	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Homeowners affected by tree roots lifting sidewalks should not have to wait years before repairs are completed. Although funding has increased in the past, an additional increase in FY 2025 is requested to help complete the existing backlog of requests.</i>	
6/30	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>There is a backlog of requests for tree pruning. The current pruning cycle is far too long especially now that this funding has been stifled due to the ongoing epidemic. Funding is needed to shorten this cycle, and to restore pruner and climber positions to the DPR. A shorter year pruning cycle will produce stronger, healthier, and better looking trees. A strong maintenance program is needed to care for existing and future trees.</i>	

8/30	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>The large amount of parks within the district combined with the lack of proper personnel to maintain them continues to be a problem throughout the district. We understand that post epidemic, funding to our parks has been majorly affected. For this reason, and more now than ever the need to request additional parks maintenance personnel, Parks Enforcement Police (PEP), and foresters to meet current and future needs is critical.</i>
16/30	QL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (QL)	<i>Community Board #4Q's catchment area of Corona, Corona Heights, and Elmhurst is densely populated with a wide variety of ethnic groups comprised of children, adults, and senior citizens. Our library branches and programs the libraries provide are heavily utilized. We will continue to support six day service, look to support 7 day service when applicable.</i>
21/30	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	<i>We are fortunate to share experiences with people of many nations. Immigrants from Asia and Latin America have made Elmhurst the most diverse part of Queens. Following World War II, Elmhurst became one of the most ethnically diverse neighborhoods as immigrants arrived from new areas. By the 1980s, there were people from 112 nations residing in the district. Meanwhile, Corona in the 1950s was predominately Italian and African American which began to change in the late 1990s, when immigrants from Latin America arrived. To support the past and ever growing history of our changing neighborhoods, CB4 is requesting funding to help support our cultural organizations tasked with documenting, preserving, and promoting awareness of the past and future development and growth of our iconic community.</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
1/41	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<p><i>Elmhurst Hospital is a lvl. 1 trauma center funded by the city, located in the heart of Queens serving a vast number of patients from the borough, and has seen several upgrades and expansions in recent years, with more to come. Being the only city-funded lvl. 1 trauma center within the immediate reach of our communities, it shoulders a significant trauma burden for a sizeable portion of Queens. While neighboring hospitals are either community-level, private or lvl. 2 trauma centers, H+H/Elmhurst faces the challenge of handling a large number of patients with critical injuries. The former St. John's Hospital, which has been closed for close to 20 years, leaves Elmhurst as the only hospital for the residents of S. Elmhurst and its surrounding vicinity.</i></p>	
2/41	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	<p><i>The lack of high schools within the district continues to be a cause for concern. Elementary and Middle Schools while numerous are overcrowding, and the majority of our students must travel outside of their communities for high school. A new high school would help our constituency stay closer to home and will ease overcrowding within SD24.</i></p>	
3/41	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<p><i>The population of Community Board 4Q is growing daily. Although the Elmhurst Library was recently rebuilt, both this branch and the Lefrak City Library will continue to be heavily utilized. The Lefrak Library has suffered extensive flooding damage as a result hurricanes and rain, and has been out of service with no viable date for a reopening. For this reason, a new reference library in the vicinity of 108th Street and Corona Avenue will help service the south east portion of CB4Q which is currently lacking library services all the while servicing patrons from the Lefrak area who used the Lefrak library as their primary branch</i></p>	Corona Avenue 108th Street 108th Street

4/41	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Comprehensive study should be conducted towards upgrades and handicap accessibility to the following very heavily utilized IND stations which despite the pandemic still see millions of riders per year. - Grand Avenue - Elmhurst Avenue and the following IRT stations: - 82nd Street - 90th/Elmhurst Avenue - 103rd Corona Plaza - 111th Street</i>	
5/41	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Corona Peach Tree Community Garden is a small garden located in Corona which has seen a substantial amount of activity in the past year from local community groups, schools, and residents. The garden has coordinated several events with CB4Q such as tours, holiday events, and community plantings, but has no viable water source, and instead relies on rain barrels, and a slanted roof/drainage system. More over, the garden has been a subject of theft and vandalism, and would benefit from security measures (cameras, solar panels, lighting, etc)</i>	
6/41	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Severe ponding problem on the Queens Blvd South Service road on the east side of Woodhaven Blvd. We request that this be dealt with in advance of the capital project, and would ask that this area be added to the queue for catch basin cleaning/clearing immediately. Considering the amount of traffic, ignoring this issue will put drivers in unsafe driving conditions and place pedestrians in danger.</i>	Woodhaven Boulevard South Service Road South Service Road
7/41	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>The Mayor's Office of Climate and Environmental Justice recently designated Corona as a climate strong community because it is one of the most at risk neighborhoods in NYC. It is essential that the following streets be surveyed as they are severely damaged presenting a safety risk to the students, families, buses, infrastructure, and patrons of the Hall of Science and FMCP: -111th St between 43rd Ave (adjacent to P.S. 28) -Corner of 99th St. & 55th Ave -LIE service road from 90th St to Junction Blvd. -Case St and Benham St on Whitney Ave. -92-05 Whitney Ave 1st floor apartments. -57th Ave from 99th St to Junction Blvd.</i>	

8/41	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<p>For years, CB4Q has requested dedicated parking for the 110 Precinct vehicles. Officers park their personal vehicles on local streets, monopolizing on-street parking and inconveniencing residents. If renovated, the precinct may have potential for underground parking via underpinning. We are also seeking the possibility of off site parking, and will work with local stakeholders and elected officials in identifying and acquiring property as necessary.</p>	
9/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<p>Newtown Playground recently underwent a partial upgrade, and has since seen substantial use, and improved visitation since its opening. A key element of the park is the reparation of the comfort station which is currently underway. The main concern however is that the MPPA should be upgraded to meet current standards, and retrofitted with flooding mitigation measures as it was heavily damaged during this last hurricane season. The park (formerly the Old Newtown Cemetery) should have a monument to memorialize its internments and past similar to the Olde Town of Flushing Burial Ground memorial erected in 2021.</p>	92nd Street and 56th Avenue
10/41	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<p>Answer Triangle, a park along the corridor of Roosevelt has been sinking for some time now, and is currently below ground level causing flooding. Additionally, the sidewalk surrounding the park is heavily damaged. Funding can be allocated to include better shrubbery, seating, and elevation / improvements to the existing land, as this park can be included as part of a "rest stop" along Roosevelt Avenue for those touring the local neighborhood.</p>	Aske Street and Elmhurst Avenue
11/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<p>Lack of park upkeep of Nine Heroes Plaza has turned what was once an enjoyable park to an often-avoided block attracting primarily homeless community members. Nine Heroes plaza is in desperate need of investment from the city. An investment would allow us to make over the space by cleaning the park and planting additional greenery attracting new community members to enjoy the space.</p>	

12/41	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Capital funding is being requested to continue repairing the substantial amount of damaged curbs throughout the district. Requesting an increase in funding to the NYCDOT curb replacement program/unit.</i>
13/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Named after Cuban-born journalist Manuel de Dios Unanue, the former editor of <i>El Diario</i> killed for his critical reporting on drug cartels in the neighborhood, this triangle hosts an array of community activities. It has become a location for activism, health outreach, and HIV prevention education. However, the placement of the elevated park at the center of the triangle represents poor urban planning, as it reduces the space where community members can meet. Signage noting the significance of this individual should be a part of the park redesign.</i>
14/41	DHS	Other capital budget request for DHS	<i>Breaking Ground is doing a great job operating via 4 outreach teams in Queens round the clock, 365 days a year, regardless of the weather conditions. They are also providing case management services to clients, including transport to medical and housing appointments. However, one of their biggest needs is more vehicles. Although they have a fleet, the vehicles' lifespan is shorter than average, and they need more vehicles to continue providing this essential service. It is recommended that funding be allocated to increase the number of vehicles to support their operations.</i>
15/41	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>With the homeless crisis sweeping throughout the city, many communities have been seeing an increase in the number of shelters popping up within their constituencies. As these shelters continue to increase, to avoid the homeless crisis remaining stagnant it is important that housing for formerly homeless as well as seniors be provided. Additionally, and in the wake of the current health crisis, the lack of housing for our special needs population cannot be overlooked.</i>

16/41	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Requesting more staffing for the maintenance of our rain gardens. Queens has the most rain gardens in NYC with a backlog of 2,323 pending repairs. DEP claims to deploy 7 staffers per day to clean catch basins in Queens. This is insufficient to meet the basic needs of our rain gardens. Left unrepaired and without maintenance, these gardens will exasperate the flooding issues instead of alleviating.</i>	
17/41	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>The community of Elmhurst is rich in cultural history with many buildings dating back to the 1700's. One of the first religious buildings in Newtown was the old St. James Episcopal Church, and is Elmhurst's oldest remaining structure and New York City landmark. Other distinctive buildings in the community include Newtown HS, the Elks Lodge, and Dutch Reformed Church. Not only does the community boast architecture from the 1800s, but it also houses ancient artifacts dating back from an early African - American cemetery. We are requesting a museum or space in the Elmhurst community to showcase and preserve the past of a community with an abundance of historical significance for generations to come.</i>	
18/41	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Parks such as Horsebrook, Libra Triangle, Veteran's Grove, Moore Homestead, and Manuel de Dios among others all have historical significance to our communities. Signage should be interpretive. With the robust history behind CB4, more relevant signage should be systematically implemented to all current and future park designs specifically expressing any historically relevant facts as well as information on who the park is named after (when applicable).</i>	
19/41	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>The portion of the Queens Blvd Service Roads under the LIE overpass, extending from Woodhaven Blvd to Eliot Ave (and, technically, from 59th Ave to the Horace Harding Expwy on the North Service Road) is badly cracked and potholed and requires resurfacing. We are aware that DOT is planning a major capital reconstruction of the whole of Queens Blvd, but we believe that this short stretch is so badly damaged that it requires immediate, interim repair.</i>	Queens Boulevard Woodhaven Boulevard Eliot Avenue

20/41	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<i>Community Board 4 has seen a very steady influx of new residents in the last few years, and will only continue to grow at a steady pace. The lack of affordable housing (both extremely low, low, and medium income) specifically in the Elmhurst area is encouraging "shacking up" in which large families are living out of single rooms and illegally converted basements. Requesting that affordable housing with an MIH component be considered for the district.</i>	
21/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>This stretch of road along the corridor of Roosevelt Avenue doesn't see the same number of commercial establishments and pedestrian traffic as 74th to 103rd Street, and is comprised of several 2 family homes. This section of the district is in need of infrastructural improvements geared around safety. As such, we are requesting that additional lighting be implemented along this high crime section of the corridor.</i>	Roosevelt Avenue 108 Street 108 Street
22/41	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>A complete reconstruction of this very heavily utilized corridor from Roosevelt Avenue to the Horace Harding Expressway should be looked into. Curb cuts, traffic mitigation plans, street resurfacing, bus pads, and curb replacements are all sorely needed to meet current and future demand. Junction Blvd is also a candidate for traffic signals that give a small head-start to buses when the light changes.</i>	Junction Boulevard Horace Harding Expwy S Svc Rd Horace Harding Expwy S Svc Rd
23/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Middleburgh Triangle is a triangle located at the intersection of Corona Avenue, 90th Street and 48th Avenue. This concrete triangle is a key historical location that would benefit from infrastructural upgrades. Upgrades to the existing bus stop, green space, shrubbery, and interpretive signs emphasizing history of the neighborhood's change from Middleburgh to Hastings to Newtown to present day Elmhurst should be emphasized as they showcase the rich history of our community.</i>	90th Street 48th avenue and Corona Avenue

24/41	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	<i>Several sectors within the district are in need of added security measures, specifically the corners spanning the entire stretch of Roosevelt Avenue, the adjoining Junction Boulevard, and a high-crime section of 57th Avenue between 99th Street and Junction Blvd. / (41st Avenue) 41 Avenue between National Street and 104th Street. Requesting that surveillance cameras be funded.</i>	
25/41	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>While the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) provide loan programs the increased need for such programs can not be overlooked. Community Based Organizations (CBO's) such as Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS), do a great job in providing such services, but the demand for increased programs is exceedingly present specifically in low density (2-3 family) homes.</i>	
26/41	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>Requesting funding for complete analyzation, and renovation of firehouses within the district. Specifically, we are seeking funding for the renovation(s) of 1. 287/Ladder 136/Battalion 46 2. Division 14/Engine 324. 3. Engine 289/Ladder 138.</i>	
27/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Sparrows Nest Community Garden is a garden in Corona that is in need of drastic infrastructural improvements. The garden is maintained to the best of the ability of local residents, but flooding along the property entrance and throughout the garden is commonplace. There is a lack of power, and viable drainage system resulting in constant flooding and collapses.</i>	5401 101 Street
28/41	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	<i>Students within our district strongly need tech upgrades such as whiteboards, laptops, calculators, tablets, etc especially with the current pandemic, and remote learning. We are aware that the newer schools came with a lot of these tech upgrades already, so focus should be put towards the remaining pre-existing schools. Additionally, conversations should begin towards Windows based desktops vs the more sensitive, less compatible Mac based tablets.</i>	

29/41	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<i>In the wake of the ongoing pandemic, the Queens Center and Queens Place Malls were both put on a watch list for potential looting/riots. Thankfully, these events did not materialize as predicted, but the fear of our community being overwhelmed due to lack of a satellite precinct was a clear concern. Due to increased reports of "smash and grab" operations, and district wide lack of personnel during the holiday season, we strongly feel that a satellite precinct/ mobile unit be considered for the western side of Elmhurst, specifically the commercial corridors surrounding the Queens Place, and Queens Center malls.</i>	
30/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>In recognition of the historical significance of the Elmhurst community, we are requesting that street lights serving Broadway from 74th Street to Queens Boulevard be replaced with "Type M Luminaire & Pole", which were first introduced in 1908 and designed to light wide street corners.</i>	Broadway 74 Street 74 Street
31/41	NYPD	Upgrade the emergency response system	<i>Requesting Model X Blue Light Boxes be installed on major avenues and streets i.e.: Broadway, Roosevelt Avenue, Woodside Avenue, Queens Boulevard, and Corona Avenue. These boxes ensure emergency services at the push of a button as modeled in Central Park, an area with successful installation. NYPD and FDNY should access a portion of their budget(s) to assist DOT with the installation of Blue Light Boxes on sidewalks. Recently, CB4 has seen a substantial increase in crimes. There has been an increase in sex trafficking, gang related activities, drug related problems, as well as mental health episodes amongst the public.</i>	

32/41	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<p><i>Childhood obesity rates have soared within the US over the last three decades. Specifically during the current pandemic, more needs to be done to improve the health of our children. Indoor facilities able to accommodate this need are increasingly necessary as studies have shown that having recreational afterschool programs greatly reduces childhood obesity, and improves cardiorespiratory health in children. While our bordering Community Boards have Al Oerter Recreation Center, and Lost Battalion Hall, CB4 is sorely lacking in a Parks department operated rec. center.</i></p> <p><i>Between the numerous athletic programs that can be offered, to the technology and coding programs offered in media labs, a recreation center is a valuable resource that can improve our children's minds and bodies.</i></p>
33/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<p><i>We are requesting that street lights serving Corona Plaza be replaced with "Type M Luminaire & Pole", which were first introduced in 1908 and designed to light wide street corners, which when installed, give the communities they serve a sense of pride and character. We understand that this is not viable below Roosevelt Avenue due to height requirements, but we strongly feel that this commercial plaza should be considered for such improved lighting.</i></p>
34/41	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<p><i>Tenant protection services are designed to preserve affordable housing by detecting and curtailing patterns and practices of landlord fraud. With the dramatic growth seen within CB4 our constituency is in need of extensive services that would help them to preserve their quality of life. Funding is being requested for expansion of these programs. Additionally, seeking conversations / explanations with HPD on how this request is being accommodated, and on any progress that has been made.</i></p>
35/41	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<p><i>We are requesting dual-bin trucks to improve our community quality of life. Elmhurst and Corona residents are unhappy with the apparent increase in curbside trash, rats, health risks, safety hazards, and odor. Issuing dual-bin trucks to our community will allow recyclables to be collected efficiently. This swift cleanup will solve the problems our residents face.</i></p>

36/41	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>The district of QCB4 is home to 2 main transportation hubs (74 St .Roosevelt Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard / Hoffman Drive) Requesting that the systematic upgrade of bus shelters specifically with the implementation of digital bus signs continue through FY25.</i>
37/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>In recognition of the historical significance Corona Avenue and its historic buildings, we are requesting that street lights serving Corona Avenue from Broadway to Sautell Ave. be replaced with "Type M Luminare & Pole", which were first introduced in 1908 and designed to light wide street corners which when installed, give the communities they serve a sense of pride and character. This long corridor of mixed commercial and residential buildings sees substantial pedestrian traffic and is serviced by both the Q58 and Q29 buses which serve shoppers that visit the many businesses scattered along this stretch.</i>
38/41	DHS	Other capital budget request for DHS	<i>Currently, programs geared towards substance abuse only address immediate concerns, but long term programming does not exist for those without insurance. Requesting funding to further expand outreach of substance abuse programs for the undocumented and uninsured homeless population.</i>
39/41	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>The Playground for All Children (PFAC) is has not undergone a major upgrade or renovation since the 1980's. This playground located within the outskirts of FMCP along 111th Street sees substantial traffic from local schools and residents, but the space while large consists of several paths and corridors that simply encircle the park throughout. An upgrade to the MPPA, paths, shrubbery, and overall park would be a welcome and necessary addition.</i>
40/41	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Elmhurst Park is a fairly new addition to CB4 that has seen substantial visitors since it opened. The park is home to the Vietnam War Memorial, and houses over 600 trees under its 6+ acre foot print. The MPPA however is in need of refurbishing as during rain, it floods despite being above grade.</i>

41/41	DPR	Improve access to a building in a park	<i>Josephine Caminiti Playground, despite being approved for renovation this year, is in need of a functioning comfort station. This park located at a major intersection houses such a facility, but this addition was not a part of the parks design. In order for this park to properly service its constituents, a comfort station would be needed in a future design.</i>	102St and Corona Avenue
CS	DYCD	Other capital budget request for DYCD	<i>The low allocation of funds within CB4 is surprising considering SD 24 is currently the most overcrowded in the city. There is a need for after school programming for adolescents grades 6-8 who at this stage in their lives need more aggressive mentoring and help with school work especially with the current pandemic, and the effects that staying indoors for extended periods of time can have on our youth's psyche.</i>	
CS	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Reconstruction of streets in the surrounding area of 41st Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue</i>	41st Avenue Roosevelt Avenue Roosevelt Avenue
CS	EDC	Build or expand affordable work or research lab spaces related to key industries, such as film/tv, advanced manufacturing, life science and healthcare, renewable energy and freight maritime	<i>As businesses begin to reopen in the wake of COVID19, consideration should be put into small businesses that are the backbone of our local economy. Studies show that immigrants have a higher rate of business ownership than non-immigrants, with roughly one out of ten immigrant workers owning a business. While our community has made significant progress supporting street vendors (through community based organizations and local elected officials supporting positive legislation), we still lack a clear pipeline for street vendors to open a small business. Our community would benefit from funding allowing us to establish a small business incubator that provides mentorship, training, and education specifically regarding post epidemic safety protocols.</i>	

CS	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Requesting that a traffic study be reconducted in the area of National & 102nd street between 43rd Ave to Corona Avenue. DOT has made changes to the traffic signal pattern along this stretch of roads. We want to express our thanks for that. We would ask that DOT conduct a study to see if this has relieved the longstanding speeding issues here</i>	Both 102 Street and National Street Corona Ave Corona Ave
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Requesting that an NYPD satellite station be installed within the confines of Flushing Meadows Corona Park to provide safety in this heavily used large park. Some time last year, with generous funding from the Queens Borough President, makeshift trailers/ satellite stations was installed in the park. However, several concerns were raised specifically around the potential lack of sufficient staffing.</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>85th Street abuts MTA /LIRR property. Green infrastructure is sorely needed in this area. DEP has already conducted studies to consider this location for green infrastructure, and has in fact identified it as a potential site. Seeking implementation and completion of this long awaited / approved project.</i>	85 Street 55th Road 55th Road
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Some center island malls on 111th Street were completely renovated, but the remaining malls are in need of a complete overhaul. The curbs should be raised as part of the reconstruction so that illegal parking can be discouraged, and trees and shrubbery should be planted to better the quality of life for residents facing the malls. With the new school construction at the New York Hall of Science, traffic mitigation studies should be considered.</i>	111th St Sautell Ave Sautell Ave
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Clement C Moore Playground is a heavily utilized playground in the heart of Elmhurst now in its final phase of construction as the park design was obsolete. Issues with smoking, gambling, gang activity, rundown bathroom facilities, homeless, and public intoxication drinking are all commonplace at this park. Measures to discourage such activities (i.e.: security cameras, benches, open areas) should be considered during the next design phase of the park. A renovation of the comfort station regardless of cost should be strongly looked into as a future capital project.</i>	

CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Residents of the community have been jogging along the outdoor perimeter of Newtown Field (92nd Street and 57 Avenue) for years as no official track exists within the area. However, a mere 3 blocks away, and sitting directly on the border of CB's 4, 5, and 6 is Hoffman Park, a heavily used 3 acre park. The existing underused softball field is a prime location for a proper jogging track. Ideally, funding can also be used to alleviate the prominent floor cracks that can be seen throughout the basketball, handball, and baseball field. Implementation of a dog run would be a benefit to the local community as minimal space exists for this. Additionally, the area surrounding the handball courts is a dark, dangerous, and structurally unsafe (cracks, tree roots lifting floors, etc.)</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>This park, close to 2 acres services students from several local elementary schools, and eventually a new pre-k with a projected completion of 2021. During the summer months, the Kids in Motion program is at this location. As such, in order to enjoy the park to its full capacity, funding should be allocated to upgrade / repair the existing fitness equipment which is grossly underutilized and outdated. Delineated sports areas would be a welcome addition, as they could potentially promote team based activities, and the potential for leagues, and tournaments.</i>	46 Avenue, Queens, New York, NY
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>At just over 3 acres, and located at the northernmost border of Community Board 4, Park of the Americas is in need of refurbishing. The very pressing issue of intoxicated visitors within the park has gotten out of hand. Measures should be taken to discourage such activity. Security measures (benches, LED lighting, security cameras, etc.) are all very welcome additions to this park that is located directly across from an elementary school. While we understand that funding has already been allocated to upgrading playground equipment (CD21 and Borough President), and the synthetic softball field, funding should be allocated to the remainder of the park, specifically the heavily used basketball courts, and seating area(s).</i>	

CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Funding is being requested to help with phase 2 of the adaptive renovation of the reflecting pools at FMCP.</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Frank O' Connor Playground's adjacency to Elmhurst Hospital puts this park in the heart of a very busy corridor that sees a substantial amount of foot traffic and park goers. However, issues are present with the comfort stations, overall lack of shrubbery, and upgrading of the outdated playground equipment. More over, a park this close to a hospital should encourage healthy lifestyles. The current adult exercise equipment is minimal at best, and exercise within the park is often discouraging to park goers due to gang and homeless activity. Additionally, the basketball and handball courts see high usage, and would benefit from refurbishing.</i>	7901 Broadway, Queens, New York, NY

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/30	OMB	Provide more community board staff	<i>The constituents of CB4 require multiple needs and services. Additional funding is being requested to expand our organizing capacity by hiring an additional staff member.</i>	
2/30	DCP	As needed Land use planning, technical and urban design support	<i>Requesting funding for Community Boards to hire an independent Urban Planner to study land use and zoning to address the alarming effect that overdevelopment has on our infrastructure, quality of life and housing. The City must work with Boards to implement zoning changes, an initiative which has not happened since the Bloomberg Administration of contextually rezoning (2002- 2013)</i>	
3/30	DOT	Add street signage or wayfinding elements	<i>Implement a safety education program for children and teens in our district with age-appropriate instruction as to how we can move safely on our sidewalks and streets. Include: - dealing with crossings whose lines of sight are obstructed by parked cars, vans, and trucks - crossings without painted crosswalks -bicycle, e-bike, and micro mobility safety: bells; lights and light-colored clothes at night; helmet use; awareness of vehicles' blind spots; sidewalk rules, and the reasons for them; the need for caution using shared space, especially roadways; rules of behavior in shared spaces We believe that safety education directed at the higher grades, and certainly by high school, should include discussion of safety measures and rules of the road when driving a motor vehicle.</i>	

4/30	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>The ACE program should receive funding to supplement the cleaning in some of the district's most trafficked areas. Supporting this request will help clean up the following commercial and residential corridors: Broadway between Cornish Ave and Queens Blvd, - Queens Blvd eastbound and westbound between Grand Ave to Queens Blvd, -Corona Ave between 91 Pl and Queens Blvd, Grand Ave between Queens Blvd and Haspel St - 57 Ave between Junction Blvd and 99 St. -82 Street from Roosevelt to Baxter Ave (Dunningham Triangle) These streets are in dire need of assistance in cleaning and funding ACE has proven to be effective. Providing funding for ACE improves our constituent's quality of life and helps fix our homeless problem by providing them an opportunity with ACE.</i>
5/30	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Homeowners affected by tree roots lifting sidewalks should not have to wait years before repairs are completed. Although funding has increased in the past, an additional increase in FY 2025 is requested to help complete the existing backlog of requests.</i>
6/30	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>There is a backlog of requests for tree pruning. The current pruning cycle is far too long especially now that this funding has been stifled due to the ongoing epidemic. Funding is needed to shorten this cycle, and to restore pruner and climber positions to the DPR. A shorter year pruning cycle will produce stronger, healthier, and better looking trees. A strong maintenance program is needed to care for existing and future trees.</i>
7/30	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>The district continues to see a spike in graffiti. Community groups in conjunction with several City agencies are doing their best to keep up via cleaning events and initiatives, but funding is still needed to expand on programs geared towards graffiti removal. Better yet funding can and should be allocated to programs geared towards replacing graffiti with murals designed by local community artists. Precincts in particular are often burdened with responsibility of obtaining funding and paint supplies on their own. Requesting that a funding stream be given directly to precincts.</i>

8/30	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>The large amount of parks within the district combined with the lack of proper personnel to maintain them continues to be a problem throughout the district. We understand that post epidemic, funding to our parks has been majorly affected. For this reason, and more now than ever the need to request additional parks maintenance personnel, Parks Enforcement Police (PEP), and foresters to meet current and future needs is critical.</i>
9/30	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>Several areas of our district are seeing a substantial amount of garbage pile up, with little to no penalty to the merchants. Commercial corridors such as Queens Boulevard, Roosevelt Avenue, Junction Boulevard, Broadway, 57th Avenue and Van Loon St., and National Street near Corona Plaza and 57th Ave are infamously known for excessive littering, but enforcement is scarce. More over with the ACE Program in effect at several of these locations, enforcement should be more stringent on locations who have no reason to not maintain their sidewalks including adjacent tree pits. Frequently there has been illegal dumping of discarded construction materials along many of these corridors. Requesting increased enforcement as well as surveillance cameras to discourage graffiti at these locations.</i>
10/30	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>The communities of Elmhurst and Corona both see farmers' markets, and several campaigns geared towards condoning walking and riding vs driving. Our communities would like to continue to see expansions of programs (WIC at farmers' markets. Multilingual workshops, events, and public awareness campaigns on chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and the dangers of both short and long-term vaping.</i>
11/30	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	<i>There is a tremendous need for after school programs for elementary school students grades k-5. At this early stage the students' lives, it is important to have enriching programs that are both educational and fun. Said programs will also help parents who have limited work hours, will help the children with social skills, and give students an advantage as they progress in their education.</i>

12/30	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Requesting that a study of the monthly rain in the district, taking into account the amount of rain over hours, and days be conducted. Such a study would provide data of the capacity of our existing drainage systems (catch basins, rain gardens, parks, and permeable private property like grass yards, property with stormwater retention tanks, green roofs), and a study of how much water the system can retain before it backs up. This study would: -identify how much drainage we require and how we can install and maintain it. -Identify how much retention capacity we have versus what we need. -Fund infrastructure improvements that move us toward the goal of hitting those storm discharge numbers supported by data. supported by data.</i>	
13/30	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	<i>There has been a rise in illegal postings on street lights, utility poles, walls, parking meters, and construction fences. Many of these posts advertise illegal dwellings and illegal activities. This is particularly bad on Roosevelt Avenue between 72nd St and 114th St. We believe enforcement and patrolling of these sites by DSNY Enforcement to stop the individuals who post these signs is the solution. We want to emphasize this need and specific culprits because many local businesses and home owners are trying their best to clean these but need our support.</i>	Roosevelt Ave 72nd St 72nd St
14/30	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	<i>The FDNY Fire Safety Educational Unit needs additional funding to provide smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for distribution to the public. This is a public service that will save lives.</i>	

15/30	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>The district is facing a number of challenges related to mosquito-borne illnesses such as Zika and West Nile. More staff and resources are needed to support public awareness campaigns that educate people about prevention measures in multiple languages. Our public plazas and abandoned properties particularly vulnerable to rat infestations, can pose a serious health risk to our communities. The Rat Academy has been instrumental in teaching the public about pest mitigation techniques but the pandemic has led to an increase in rat sightings. Additionally, the invasive lantern fly has made it difficult to maintain healthy plants and control other insects and diseases. Funding is needed to tackle these challenges effectively.</i>	
16/30	QL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (QL)	<i>Community Board #4Q's catchment area of Corona, Corona Heights, and Elmhurst is densely populated with a wide variety of ethnic groups comprised of children, adults, and senior citizens. Our library branches and programs the libraries provide are heavily utilized. We will continue to support six day service, look to support 7 day service when applicable.</i>	
17/30	FDNY	Other expense budget request for FDNY	<i>The majority of the firehouses within our district already have generators in case of a power outage. However, Engine 289 in Corona is still operating with an above ground, multiple unit setup. Requesting funding to provide an in ground generator for this heavily utilized station.</i>	97-28 43rd Avenue
18/30	SBS	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment	<i>In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, small businesses were left with little help and knowledge as to what to do next. The obvious disconnect between our businesses and City agencies is a major cause for concern. In order to truly gain knowledge as to what these specific needs are, a needs assessment of CB4's most prolific commercial corridors is being requested. Corridors include: Junction Blvd. from Corona Ave to Roosevelt Ave, Broadway from Baxter Avenue to Queens Blvd, and Roosevelt Avenue from 82nd Street to 103 Street (Corona Plaza).</i>	

19/30	DYCD	Other youth workforce development requests	<i>Our district would benefit greatly from having a youth center that would support our youth and their families. Educational programs, mentoring, homework help, extracurricular activities, and counseling are just some of the services that the youth within our district are in desperate need of. Seeking funding to obtain land, and construct a center within the confines of our district.</i>
20/30	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests	<i>Provide additional funding to the Precision Cleaning Initiative (PCI). Our constituents have complained of litter conditions, illegal dumping, and overflowing litter baskets in numerous areas in our district</i>
21/30	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	<i>We are fortunate to share experiences with people of many nations. Immigrants from Asia and Latin America have made Elmhurst the most diverse part of Queens. Following World War II, Elmhurst became one of the most ethnically diverse neighborhoods as immigrants arrived from new areas. By the 1980s, there were people from 112 nations residing in the district. Meanwhile, Corona in the 1950s was predominately Italian and African American which began to change in the late 1990s, when immigrants from Latin America arrived. To support the past and ever growing history of our changing neighborhoods, CB4 is requesting funding to help support our cultural organizations tasked with documenting, preserving, and promoting awareness of the past and future development and growth of our iconic community.</i>

22/30	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>HRA has advised funds have been allocated to prevent homelessness and other services. Requesting "Portable" Housing Choice Vouchers for the homeless families in our district in the hotel shelter which allows shelter residents to move anywhere in the country, and the city pays the rent depending on the family income. Most of the families living in the shelter are working families that earn the 40% AMI for the area, and like most people with extremely low incomes, there are a few, if any rents that allow for a family-size apartment. A Portable Housing Voucher for a working family for one year at 30% of the family's monthly income would be far less in a location where the rents are far cheaper.</i>
23/30	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>With the rapid increase in development, it is crucial that DOB has enough building inspectors and staff to adequately ensure the safety of the over 1.1 million buildings in NYC. No one said it better than former DOB Commissioner Rick Chandler, who in a 2018 interview said "I think if we had ten times the resources..., we would still be just making a dent."</i>
24/30	SBS	Other commercial district revitalization requests	<i>As small businesses begin to re-open post COVID, they will need to re-evaluate how to conduct business while adhering to new public health measures. For many of them, converting to digital advertising and shipping will be anything but avoidable. Many of the small businesses in our district have been in existence for decades and were able to survive under the old model, however due to a variety in language barriers and technological competencies, many business owners may need training to learn new marketing techniques in how to continue operating through a second wave and post pandemic.</i>
25/30	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>A thorough and comprehensive study be undertaken to address the needs of the disabled population and the elder populations in our district. The studies should focus on key areas such as health services, language accessibility, and housing issues. By conducting this study, we hope to establish a better understanding of the challenges faced by these communities and identify potential solutions to improve their quality of life.</i>

26/30	HRA	Improve the delivery of emergency food and shelter in case of a disaster	<p><i>Local Law Int 2057 - 2020 is a Local Law that requires relevant city agencies to develop a plan ensuring that students have access to school meals during emergency situations. During the Covid-19 pandemic, it was clear that food insecurity within our communities is very much an issue. Many of our households depended very highly on food pantries to sustain them. Our students however were/ and still are in need of daily meals as they would normally receive during normal school hours. Funding should be allocated not only to address these issues during emergencies, but throughout the year as food insecurity is not temporary.</i></p>
27/30	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<p><i>Roosevelt Avenue has seen a substantial change to its infrastructure and traffic patterns. I.e.: sidewalk structures/cafés, higher volume of delivery vehicles and vendors. Requesting an increase in personnel specifically geared towards the enforcement of double-parked vehicles along the stretch of Roosevelt Avenue from 72 to 111 St. Additionally, we are requesting traffic enforcement agents at the following intersections: - Junction Blvd/ Horace Harding Expwy - Broadway at Woodside Ave, and Baxter Ave - Broadway from 45th Ave to Whitney Ave - Roosevelt Ave. and 74, 75 and 104 St With the recent shortage in crossing guards, we are additionally requesting crossing guards be hired to cover intersections at all schools within the district.</i></p>
28/30	EDC	Other expense budget request for EDC	<p><i>In our Statement of Needs and Budget request for 2022, we asked for Banking Development District to address district #4 underserved banking needs as well as (BDD) Banking Development Districts as evident by the chart provided by CCC research. The response from the state confirmed that the Corona Heights Banking Development District (BDD) includes a portion of Community District 4 in Queens, which is served by Queens Savings Bank -New York Community Bank. It was designated as underserve area in 2004. However, based upon recent banking data provided by the chart, a meeting should be arranged to determine if an additional BDD Bank is required for District4.</i></p>

29/30	DEP	Evaluate a street segment or intersection for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, and plan for construction if feasible	<i>This section of 111th Street has been a topic of discussion for close to 2 decades, but has not undergone an infrastructural improvement. The adjacent school (PS28), and the newly implemented STEM school located at the Hall of Science will see thousands of students crossing these dangerous intersections. While we understand that a capital sewer project isn't necessarily possible due to fiscal constraints, a study to evaluate this corridor for green infrastructure is sorely needed.</i>	111th Street 44 Avenue 44 Avenue
30/30	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment	<i>Multilingual services for the following: Mental health awareness initiatives, Autism and ADHD services, depression screenings, anxiety screenings, grief counselling, substance abuse and destigmatization programs.</i>	

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PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/54	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>Elmhurst Hospital is a lvl. 1 trauma center funded by the city, located in the heart of Queens serving a vast number of patients from the borough, and has seen several upgrades and expansions in recent years, with more to come. Being the only city-funded lvl. 1 trauma center within the immediate reach of our communities, it shoulders a significant trauma burden for a sizeable portion of Queens. While neighboring hospitals are either community-level, private or lvl. 2 trauma centers, H+H/Elmhurst faces the challenge of handling a large number of patients with critical injuries. The former St. John's Hospital, which has been closed for close to 20 years, leaves Elmhurst as the only hospital for the residents of S. Elmhurst and its surrounding vicinity.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
02/54	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	<i>The lack of high schools within the district continues to be a cause for concern. Elementary and Middle Schools while numerous are overcrowding, and the majority of our students must travel outside of their communities for high school. A new high school would help our constituency stay closer to home and will ease overcrowding within SD24.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
03/54	QPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>The population of Community Board 4Q is growing daily. Although the Elmhurst Library was recently rebuilt, both this branch and the Lefrak City Library will continue to be heavily utilized. The Lefrak Library has suffered extensive flooding damage as a result hurricanes and rain, and has been out of service with no viable date for a reopening. For this reason, a new reference library in the vicinity of 108th Street and Corona Avenue will help service the south east portion of CB4Q which is currently lacking library services all the while servicing patrons from the Lefrak area who used the Lefrak library as their primary branch</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
04/54	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Comprehensive study should be conducted towards upgrades and handicap accessibility to the following very heavily utilized IND stations which despite the pandemic still see millions of riders per year. - Grand Avenue - Elmhurst Avenue and the following IRT stations: - 82nd Street - 90th/Elmhurst Avenue- 103st Corona Plaza- 111th Street</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

05/54	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Corona Peach Tree Community Garden is a small garden located in Corona which has seen a substantial amount of activity in the past year from local community groups, schools, and residents. The garden has coordinated several events with CB4Q such as tours, holiday events, and community plantings, but has no viable water source, and instead relies on rain barrels, and a slanted roof/drainage system. Moreover, the garden has been a subject of theft and vandalism, and would benefit from security measures (cameras, solar panels, lighting, etc)</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
06/54	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Severe ponding problem on the Queens Blvd South Service road on the east side of Woodhaven Blvd. We request that this be dealt with in advance of the capital project, and would ask that this area be added to the queue for catch basin cleaning/clearing immediately. Considering the amount of traffic, ignoring this issue will put drivers in unsafe driving conditions and place pedestrians in danger.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
07/54	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>The Mayor's Office of Climate and Environmental Justice recently designated Corona as a climate strong community because it is one of the most at risk neighborhoods in NYC. It is essential that the following streets be surveyed as they are severely damaged presenting a safety risk to the students, families, buses, infrastructure, and patrons of the Hall of Science and FMCP:-111th St between 43rd Ave (adjacent to P.S. 28)-Corner of 99th St. & 55th Ave-LIE service road from 90th St to Junction Blvd.-Case St and Benham St on Whitney Ave.-92-05 Whitney Ave 1st floor apartments. -57th Ave from 99th St to Junction Blvd.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
08/54	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>For years, CB4Q has requested dedicated parking for the 110 Precinct vehicles. Officers park their personal vehicles on local streets, monopolizing on-street parking and inconveniencing residents. If renovated, the precinct may have potential for underground parking via underpinning. We are also seeking the possibility of off site parking, and will work with local stakeholders and elected officials in identifying and acquiring property as necessary.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

9/54	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<p><i>Newtown Playground recently underwent a partial upgrade, and has since seen substantial use, and improved visitation since its opening. A key element of the park is the reparation of the comfort station which is currently underway. The main concern however is that the MPPA should be upgraded to meet current standards, and retrofitted with flooding mitigation measures as it was heavily damaged during this last hurricane season. The park (formerly the Old Newtown Cemetery) should have a monument to memorialize its internments and past similar to the Olde Town of Flushing Burial Ground memorial erected in 2021.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
10/54	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<p><i>Answer Triangle, a park along the corridor of Roosevelt has been sinking for some time now, and is currently below ground level causing flooding. Additionally, the sidewalk surrounding the park is heavily damaged. Funding can be allocated to include better shrubbery, seating, and elevation / improvements to the existing land, as this park can be included as part of a "rest stop" along Roosevelt Avenue for those touring the local neighborhood.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
11/54	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<p><i>Lack of park upkeep of Nine Heroes Plaza has turned what was once an enjoyable park to an often-avoided block attracting primarily homeless community members. Nine Heroes plaza is in desperate need of investment from the city. An investment would allow us to make over the space by cleaning the park and planting additional greenery attracting new community members to enjoy the space.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
12/54	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<p><i>Capital funding is being requested to continue repairing the substantial amount of damaged curbs throughout the district. Requesting an increase in funding to the NYCDOT curb replacement program/unit.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
13/54	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<p><i>Named after Cuban-born journalist Manuel de Dios Unanue, the former editor of El Diario killed for his critical reporting on drug cartels in the neighborhood, this triangle hosts an array of community activities. It has become a location for activism, health outreach, and HIV prevention education. However, the placement of the elevated park at the center of the triangle represents poor urban planning, as it reduces the space where community members can meet. Signage noting the significance of this individual should be a part of the park redesign.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

14/54	DHS	Other capital budget request for DHS	<i>Breaking Ground is doing a great job operating via 4 outreach teams in Queens round the clock, 365 days a year, regardless of the weather conditions. They are also providing case management services to clients, including transport to medical and housing appointments. However, one of their biggest needs is more vehicles. Although they have a fleet, the vehicles' lifespan is shorter than average, and they need more vehicles to continue providing this essential service. It is recommended that funding be allocated to increase the number of vehicles to support their operations.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
15/54	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>With the homeless crisis sweeping throughout the city, many communities have been seeing an increase in the number of shelters popping up within their constituencies. As these shelters continue to increase, to avoid the homeless crisis remaining stagnant it is important that housing for formerly homeless as well as seniors be provided. Additionally, and in the wake of the current health crisis, the lack of housing for our special needs population cannot be overlooked.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
16/54	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Requesting more staffing for the maintenance of our rain gardens. Queens has the most rain gardens in NYC with a backlog of 2,323 pending repairs. DEP claims to deploy 7 staffers per day to clean catch basins in Queens. This is insufficient to meet the basic needs of our rain gardens. Left unrepairs and without maintenance, these gardens will exacerbate the flooding issues instead of alleviating.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
17/54	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	<i>The community of Elmhurst is rich in cultural history with many buildings dating back to the 1700's. One of the first religious buildings in Newtown was the old St. James Episcopal Church, and is Elmhurst's oldest remaining structure and New York City landmark. Other distinctive buildings in the community include Newtown HS, the Elks Lodge, and Dutch Reformed Church. Not only does the community boast architecture from the 1800s, but it also houses ancient artifacts dating back from an early African - American cemetery. We are requesting a museum or space in the Elmhurst community to showcase and preserve the past of a community with an abundance of historical significance for generations to come.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

18/54	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<p><i>Parks such as Horsebrook, Libra Triangle, Veteran's Grove, Moore Homestead, and Manuel de Dios among others all have historical significance to our communities. Signage should be interpretive with the robust history behind CB4, more relevant signage should be systematically implemented to all current and future park designs specifically expressing any historically relevant facts as well as information on who the park is named after (when applicable).</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
19/54	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<p><i>The portion of the Queens Blvd Service Roads under the LIE overpass, extending from Woodhaven Blvd to Eliot Ave (and, technically, from 59th Ave to the Horace Harding Expwy on the North Service Road) is badly cracked and potholed and requires resurfacing. We are aware that DOT is planning a major capital reconstruction of the whole of Queens Blvd, but we believe that this short stretch is so badly damaged that it requires immediate, interim repair.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
20/54	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<p><i>Community Board 4 has seen a very steady influx of new residents in the last few years, and will only continue to grow at a steady pace. The lack of affordable housing (both extremely low, low, and medium income) specifically in the Elmhurst area is encouraging "shacking up" in which large families are living out of single rooms and illegally converted basements. Requesting that affordable housing with an MIH component be considered for the district.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
21/54	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<p><i>This stretch of road along the corridor of Roosevelt Avenue doesn't see the same number of commercial establishments and pedestrian traffic as 74th to 103rd Street, and is comprised of several 2 family homes. This section of the district is in need of infrastructural improvements geared around safety. As such, we are requesting that additional lighting be implemented along this high crime section of the corridor.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
22/54	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<p><i>A complete reconstruction of this very heavily utilized corridor from Roosevelt Avenue to the Horace Harding Expressway should be looked into. Curb cuts, traffic mitigation plans, street resurfacing, bus pads, and curb replacements are all sorely needed to meet current and future demand. Junction Blvd is also a candidate for traffic signals that give a small head-start to buses when the light changes.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

23/54	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Middleburgh Triangle is a triangle located at the intersection of Corona Avenue, 90th Street and 48th Avenue. This concrete triangle is a key historical location that would benefit from infrastructural upgrades. Upgrades to the existing bus stop, green space, shrubbery, and interpretive signs emphasizing history of the neighborhood's change from Middleburgh to Hastings to Newtown to present day Elmhurst should be emphasized as they showcase the rich history of our community.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
24/54	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	<i>Several sectors within the district are in need of added security measures, specifically the corners spanning the entire stretch of Roosevelt Avenue, the adjoining Junction Boulevard, and a high-crime section of 57th Avenue between 99th Street and Junction Blvd. / (41st Avenue)41 Avenue between National Street and 104th Street. Requesting that surveillance cameras be funded.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
25/54	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>While the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) provide loan programs the increased need for such programs can not be overlooked. Community Based Organizations (CBO's) such as Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS), do a great job in providing such services, but the demand for increased programs is exceedingly present specifically in low density (2-3 family) homes.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
26/54	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	<i>Requesting funding for complete analysisation, and renovation of firehouses within the district. Specifically, we are seeking funding for the renovation(s) of 1. 287/Ladder 136/Battalion 462. Division 14/Engine 324.3. Engine 289/ Ladder 138.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
27/54	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Sparrows Nest Community Garden is a garden in Corona that is in need of drastic infrastructural improvements. The garden is maintained to the best of the ability of local residents, but flooding along the property entrance and throughout the garden is commonplace. There is a lack of power, and viable drainage system resulting in constant flooding and collapses.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
28/54	DOE	Provide technology upgrade	<i>Students within our district strongly need tech upgrades such as whiteboards, laptops, calculators, tablets, etc especially with the current pandemic, and remote learning. We are aware that the newer schools came with a lot of these tech upgrades already, so focus should be put towards the remaining pre-existing schools. Additionally, conversations should begin towards Windows based desktops vs the more sensitive, less compatible Mac based tablets.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

29/54	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<i>In the wake of the ongoing pandemic, the Queens Center and Queens Place Malls were both put on a watch list for potential looting/riots. Thankfully, these events did not materialize as predicted, but the fear of our community being overwhelmed due to lack of a satellite precinct was a clear concern. Due to increased reports of "smash and grab" operations, and district wide lack of personnel during the holiday season, we strongly feel that a satellite precinct/ mobile unit be considered for the western side of Elmhurst, specifically the commercial corridors surrounding the Queens Place, and Queens Center malls.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
30/54	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>In recognition of the historical significance of the Elmhurst community, we are requesting that street lights serving Broadway from 74th Street to Queens Boulevard be replaced with "Type M Luminaires & Pole", which were first introduced in 1908 and designed to light wide street corners.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
31/54	NYPD	Upgrade the emergency response system	<i>Requesting Model X Blue Light Boxes be installed on major avenues and streets i.e.: Broadway, Roosevelt Avenue, Woodside Avenue, Queens Boulevard, and Corona Avenue. These boxes ensure emergency services at the push of a button as modeled in Central Park, an area with successful installation. NYPD and FDNY should access a portion of their budget(s) to assist DOT with the installation of Blue Light Boxes on sidewalks. Recently, CB4 has seen a substantial increase in crimes. There has been an increase in sex trafficking, gang related activities, drug related problems, as well as mental health episodes amongst the public.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
32/54	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Childhood obesity rates have soared within the US over the last three decades. Specifically during the current pandemic, more needs to be done to improve the health of our children. Indoor facilities able to accommodate this need are increasingly necessary as studies have shown that having recreational afterschool programs greatly reduces childhood obesity, and improves cardiorespiratory health in children. While our bordering Community Boards have Al Oerter Recreation Center, and Lost Battalion Hall, CB4 is sorely lacking in a Parks department operated rec. center. Between the numerous athletic programs that can be offered, to the technology and coding programs offered in media labs, a recreation center is a valuable resource that can improve our children's minds and bodies.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

33/54	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<p><i>We are requesting that street lights serving Corona Plaza be replaced with "Type M Luminaire & Pole", which were first introduced in 1908 and designed to light wide street corners, which when installed, give the communities they serve a sense of pride and character. We understand that this is not viable below Roosevelt Avenue due to height requirements, but we strongly feel that this commercial plaza should be considered for such improved lighting.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
34/54	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<p><i>Tenant protection services are designed to preserve affordable housing by detecting and curtailing patterns and practices of landlord fraud. With the dramatic growth seen within CB4 our constituency is in need of extensive services that would help them to preserve their quality of life. Funding is being requested for expansion of these programs. Additionally, seeking conversations / explanations with HPD on how this request is being accommodated, and on any progress that has been made.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
35/54	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	<p><i>We are requesting dual-bin trucks to improve our community quality of life. Elmhurst and Corona residents are unhappy with the apparent increase in curbside trash, rats, health risks, safety hazards, and odor. Issuing dual-bin trucks to our community will allow recyclables to be collected efficiently. This swift cleanup will solve the problems our residents face.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
36/54	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<p><i>The district of QCB4 is home to 2 main transportation hubs (74 St .Roosevelt Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard / Hoffman Drive)Requesting that the systematic upgrade of bus shelters specifically with the implementation of digital bus signs continue through FY25.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
37/54	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<p><i>In recognition of the historical significance Corona Avenue and its historic buildings, we are requesting that street lights serving Corona Avenue from Broadway to Sautell Ave. be replaced with "Type M Luminaire & Pole", which were first introduced in 1908 and designed to light wide street corners which when installed, give the communities they serve a sense of pride and character. This long corridor of mixed commercial and residential buildings sees substantial pedestrian traffic and is serviced by both the Q58 and Q29 buses which serve shoppers that visit the many businesses scattered along this stretch.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
38/54	DHS	Other capital budget request for DHS	<p><i>Currently, programs geared towards substance abuse only address immediate concerns, but long term programming does not exist for those without insurance. Requesting funding to further expand outreach of substance abuse programs for the undocumented and uninsured homeless population.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

39/54	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<p><i>The Playground for All Children (PFAC) is has not undergone a major upgrade or renovation since the 1980's. This playground located within the outskirts of FMCP along 111th Street sees substantial traffic from local schools and residents, but the space while large consists of several paths and corridors that simply encircle the park throughout. An upgrade to the MPPA, paths, shrubbery, and overall park would be a welcome and necessary addition.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
40/54	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<p><i>Elmhurst Park is a fairly new addition to CB4 that has seen substantial visitors since it opened. The park is home to the Vietnam War Memorial, and houses over 600 trees under its 6+ acre foot print. The MPPA however is in need of refurbishing as during rain, it floods despite being above grade.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
41/54	DPR	Improve access to a building in a park	<p><i>Josephine Caminiti Playground, despite being approved for renovation this year, is in need of a functioning comfort station. This park located at a major intersection houses such a facility, but this addition was not a part of the parks design. In order for this park to properly service its constituents, a comfort station would be needed in a future design.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
CS/54	DYCD	Other capital budget request for DYCD	<p><i>The low allocation of funds within CB4 is surprising considering SD 24 is currently the most overcrowded in the city. There is a need for after school programming for adolescents grades 6-8 who at this stage in their lives need more aggressive mentoring and help with school work especially with the current pandemic, and the effects that staying indoors for extended periods of time can have on our youth's psyche.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
CS/54	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<p><i>Reconstruction of streets in the surrounding area of 41st Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

CS/54	EDC	Build or expand affordable work or research lab spaces related to key industries, such as film/tv, advanced manufacturing, life science and healthcare, renewable energy and freight maritime	<i>As businesses begin to reopen in the wake of COVID19, consideration should be put into small businesses that are the backbone of our local economy. Studies show that immigrants have a higher rate of business ownership than non-immigrants, with roughly one out of ten immigrant workers owning a business. While our community has made significant progress supporting street vendors (through community based organizations and local elected officials supporting positive legislation), we still lack a clear pipeline for street vendors to open a small business. Our community would benefit from funding allowing us to establish a small business incubator that provides mentorship, training, and education specifically regarding post epidemic safety protocols.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
CS/54	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Requesting that a traffic study be reconducted in the area of National & 102nd street between 43rd Ave to Corona Avenue. DOT has made changes to the traffic signal pattern along this stretch of roads. We want to express our thanks for that. We would ask that DOT conduct a study to see if this has relieved the longstanding speeding issues here</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
CS/54	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Requesting that an NYPD satellite station be installed within the confines of Flushing Meadows Corona Park to provide safety in this heavily used large park. Some time last year, with generous funding from the Queens Borough President, makeshift trailers/satellite stations was installed in the park. However, several concerns were raised specifically around the potential lack of sufficient staffing.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
CS/54	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>85th Street abuts MTA /LIRR property. Green infrastructure is sorely needed in this area. DEP has already conducted studies to consider this location for green infrastructure, and has in fact identified it as a potential site. Seeking implementation and completion of this long awaited / approved project.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
CS/54	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Some center island malls on 111th Street were completely renovated, but the remaining malls are in need of a complete overhaul. The curbs should be raised as part of the reconstruction so that illegal parking can be discouraged, and trees and shrubbery should be planted to better the quality of life for residents facing the malls. With the new school construction at the New York Hall of Science, traffic mitigation studies should be considered.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

CS/54	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<p><i>Clement C Moore Playground is a heavily utilized playground in the heart of Elmhurst now in its final phase of construction as the park design was obsolete. Issues with smoking, gambling, gang activity, rundown bathroom facilities, homeless, and public intoxication drinking are all commonplace at this park. Measures to discourage such activities (i.e.: security cameras, benches, open areas) should be considered during the next design phase of the park. A renovation of the comfort station regardless of cost should be strongly looked into as a future capital project.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
CS/54	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<p><i>Residents of the community have been jogging along the outdoor perimeter of Newtown Field (92nd Street and 57 Avenue) for years as no official track exists within the area. However, a mere 3 blocks away, and sitting directly on the border of CB's 4, 5, and 6 is Hoffman Park, a heavily used 3 acre park. The existing underused softball field is a prime location for a proper jogging track. Ideally, funding can also be used to alleviate the prominent floor cracks that can be seen throughout the basketball, handball, and baseball field. Implementation of a dog run would be a benefit to the local community as minimal space exists for this. Additionally, the area surrounding the handball courts is a dark, dangerous, and structurally unsafe (cracks, tree roots lifting floors, etc.)</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
CS/54	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<p><i>This park, close to 2 acres services students from several local elementary schools, and eventually a new pre-k with a projected completion of 2021. During the summer months, the Kids in Motion program is at this location. As such, in order to enjoy the park to its full capacity, funding should be allocated to upgrade / repair the existing fitness equipment which is grossly underutilized and outdated. Delineated sports areas would be a welcome addition, as they could potentially promote team based activities, and the potential for leagues, and tournaments.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

CS/54	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>At just over 3 acres, and located at the northernmost border of Community Board 4, Park of the Americas is in need of refurbishing. The very pressing issue of intoxicated visitors within the park has gotten out of hand. Measures should be taken to discourage such activity. Security measures (benches, LED lighting, security cameras, etc.) are all very welcome additions to this park that is located directly across from an elementary school. While we understand that funding has already been allocated to upgrading playground equipment (CD21 and Borough President), and the synthetic softball field, funding should be allocated to the remainder of the park, specifically the heavily used basketball courts, and seating area(s).</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
CS/54	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Funding is being requested to help with phase 2 of the adaptive renovation of the reflecting pools at FMCP.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
CS/54	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Frank O' Connor Playground's adjacency to Elmhurst Hospital puts this park in the heart of a very busy corridor that sees a substantial amount of foot traffic and park goers. However, issues are present with the comfort stations, overall lack of shrubbery, and upgrading of the outdated playground equipment. More over, a park this close to a hospital should encourage healthy lifestyles. The current adult exercise equipment is minimal at best, and exercise within the park is often discouraging to park goers due to gang and homeless activity. Additionally, the basketball and handball courts see high usage, and would benefit from refurbishing.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

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PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/30	OMB	Provide more community board staff	<i>The constituents of CB4 require multiple needs and services. Additional funding is being requested to expand our organizing capacity by hiring an additional staff member.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
02/30	DCP	As needed Land use planning, technical and urban design support	<i>Requesting funding for Community Boards to hire an independent Urban Planner to study land use and zoning to address the alarming effect that overdevelopment has on our infrastructure, quality of life and housing. The City must work with Boards to implement zoning changes, an initiative which has not happened since the Bloomberg Administration of contextually rezoning (2002- 2013)</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
03/30	DOT	Add street signage or wayfinding elements	<i>Implement a safety education program for children and teens in our district with age-appropriate instruction as to how we can move safely on our sidewalks and streets. Include: -dealing with crossings whose lines of sight are obstructed by parked cars, vans, and trucks-crossings without painted crosswalks- bicycle, e-bike, and micro mobility safety: bells; lights and light-colored clothes at night; helmet use; awareness of vehicles' blind spots; sidewalk rules, and the reasons for them; the need for caution using shared space, especially roadways; rules of behavior in shared spacesWe believe that safety education directed at the higher grades, and certainly by high school, should include discussion of safety measures and rules of the road when driving a motor vehicle.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
04/30	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>The ACE program should receive funding to supplement the cleaning in some of the district's most trafficked areas. Supporting this request will help clean up the following commercial and residential corridors: Broadway between Cornish Ave and Queens Blvd, -Queens Blvd eastbound and westbound between Grand Ave to Queens Blvd, -Corona Ave between 91 Pl and Queens Blvd, Grand Ave between Queens Blvd and Haspel St- 57 Ave between Junction Blvd and 99 St. -82 Street from Roosevelt to Baxter Ave (Dunningham Triangle)These streets are in dire need of assistance in cleaning and funding ACE has proven to be effective. Providing funding for ACE improves our constituent's quality of life and helps fix our homeless problem by providing them an opportunity with ACE.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
05/30	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Homeowners affected by tree roots lifting sidewalks should not have to wait years before repairs are completed. Although funding has increased in the past, an additional increase in FY 2025 is requested to help complete the existing backlog of requests.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

06/30	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>There is a backlog of requests for tree pruning. The current pruning cycle is far too long especially now that this funding has been stifled due to the ongoing epidemic. Funding is needed to shorten this cycle, and to restore pruner and climber positions to the DPR. A shorter year pruning cycle will produce stronger, healthier, and better looking trees. A strong maintenance program is needed to care for existing and future trees.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
07/30	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>The district continues to see a spike in graffiti. Community groups in conjunction with several City agencies are doing their best to keep up via cleaning events and initiatives, but funding is still needed to expand on programs geared towards graffiti removal. Better yet funding can and should be allocated to programs geared towards replacing graffiti with murals designed by local community artists. Precincts in particular are often burdened with responsibility of obtaining funding and paint supplies on their own. Requesting that a funding stream be given directly to precincts.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
08/30	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>The large amount of parks within the district combined with the lack of proper personnel to maintain them continues to be a problem throughout the district. We understand that post epidemic, funding to our parks has been majorly affected. For this reason, and more now than ever the need to request additional parks maintenance personnel, Parks Enforcement Police (PEP), and foresters to meet current and future needs is critical.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
09/30	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>Several areas of our district are seeing a substantial amount of garbage pile up, with little to no penalty to the merchants. Commercial corridors such as Queens Boulevard, Roosevelt Avenue, Junction Boulevard, Broadway, 57th Avenue and Van Loon St., and National Street near Corona Plaza and 57th Ave are infamously known for excessive littering, but enforcement is scarce. More over with the ACE Program in effect at several of these locations, enforcement should be more stringent on locations who have no reason to not maintain their sidewalks including adjacent tree pits. Frequently there has been illegal dumping of discarded construction materials along many of these corridors. Requesting increased enforcement as well as surveillance cameras to discourage graffiti at these locations.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

10/30	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>The communities of Elmhurst and Corona both see farmers' markets, and several campaigns geared towards condoning walking and riding vs driving. Our communities would like to continue to see expansions of programs (WIC at farmers' markets. Multilingual workshops, events, and public awareness campaigns on chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and the dangers of both short and long-term vaping.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
11/30	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	<i>There is a tremendous need for after school programs for elementary school students grades k-5. At this early stage the students' lives, it is important to have enriching programs that are both educational and fun. Said programs will also help parents who have limited work hours, will help the children with social skills, and give students an advantage as they progress in their education.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
12/30	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Requesting that a study of the monthly rain in the district, taking into account the amount of rain over hours, and days be conducted. Such a study would provide data of the capacity of our existing drainage systems (catch basins, rain gardens, parks, and permeable private property like grass yards, property with stormwater retention tanks, green roofs), and a study of how much water the system can retain before it backs up. This study would:-identify how much drainage we require and how we can install and maintain it.-Identify how much retention capacity we have versus what we need. -Fund infrastructure improvements that move us toward the goal of hitting those storm discharge numbers supported by data. supported by data.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
13/30	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal posting laws	<i>There has been a rise in illegal postings on street lights, utility poles, walls, parking meters, and construction fences. Many of these posts advertise illegal dwellings and illegal activities. This is particularly bad on Roosevelt Avenue between 72nd St and 114th St. We believe enforcement and patrolling of these sites by DSNY Enforcement to stop the individuals who post these signs is the solution. We want to emphasize this need and specific culprits because many local businesses and home owners are trying their best to clean these but need our support.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
14/30	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	<i>The FDNY Fire Safety Educational Unit needs additional funding to provide smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for distribution to the public. This is a public service that will save lives.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

15/30	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>The district is facing a number of challenges related to mosquito-borne illnesses such as Zika and West Nile. More staff and resources are needed to support public awareness campaigns that educate people about prevention measures in multiple languages. Our public plazas and abandoned properties particularly vulnerable to rat infestations, can pose a serious health risk to our communities. The Rat Academy has been instrumental in teaching the public about pest mitigation techniques but the pandemic has led to an increase in rat sightings. Additionally, the invasive lantern fly has made it difficult to maintain healthy plants and control other insects and diseases. Funding is needed to tackle these challenges effectively.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
16/30	QPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (QL)	<i>Community Board #4Q's catchment area of Corona, Corona Heights, and Elmhurst is densely populated with a wide variety of ethnic groups comprised of children, adults, and senior citizens. Our library branches and programs the libraries provide are heavily utilized. We will continue to support six day service, look to support 7 day service when applicable.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
17/30	FDNY	Other expense budget request for FDNY	<i>The majority of the firehouses within our district already have generators in case of a power outage. However, Engine 289 in Corona is still operating with an above ground, multiple unit setup. Requesting funding to provide an in ground generator for this heavily utilized station.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
18/30	SBS	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment	<i>In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, small businesses were left with little help and knowledge as to what to do next. The obvious disconnect between our businesses and City agencies is a major cause for concern. In order to truly gain knowledge as to what these specific needs are, a needs assessment of CB4's most prolific commercial corridors is being requested. Corridors include: Junction Blvd. from Corona Ave to Roosevelt Ave, Broadway from Baxter Avenue to Queens Blvd, and Roosevelt Avenue from 82nd Street to 103 Street (Corona Plaza).</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
19/30	DYCD	Other youth workforce development requests	<i>Our district would benefit greatly from having a youth center that would support our youth and their families. Educational programs, mentoring, homework help, extracurricular activities, and counseling are just some of the services that the youth within our district are in desperate need of. Seeking funding to obtain land, and construct a center within the confines of our district.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
20/30	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests	<i>Provide additional funding to the Precision Cleaning Initiative (PCI). Our constituents have complained of litter conditions, illegal dumping, and overflowing litter baskets in numerous areas in our district</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

21/30	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	<p><i>We are fortunate to share experiences with people of many nations. Immigrants from Asia and Latin America have made Elmhurst the most diverse part of Queens. Following World War II, Elmhurst became one of the most ethnically diverse neighborhoods as immigrants arrived from new areas. By the 1980s, there were people from 112 nations residing in the district. Meanwhile, Corona in the 1950s was predominately Italian and African American which began to change in the late 1990s, when immigrants from Latin America arrived. To support the past and ever growing history of our changing neighborhoods, CB4 is requesting funding to help support our cultural organizations tasked with documenting, preserving, and promoting awareness of the past and future development and growth of our iconic community.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
22/30	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<p><i>HRA has advised funds have been allocated to prevent homelessness and other services. Requesting "Portable" Housing Choice Vouchers for the homeless families in our district in the hotel shelter which allows shelter residents to move anywhere in the country, and the city pays the rent depending on the family income. Most of the families living in the shelter are working families that earn the 40% AMI for the area, and like most people with extremely low incomes, there are a few, if any rents that allow for a family-size apartment. A Portable Housing Voucher for a working family for one year at 30% of the family's monthly income would be far less in a location where the rents are far cheaper.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
23/30	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<p><i>With the rapid increase in development, it is crucial that DOB has enough building inspectors and staff to adequately ensure the safety of the over 1.1 million buildings in NYC. No one said it better than former DOB Commissioner Rick Chandler, who in a 2018 interview said ?I think if we had ten times the resources?, we would still be just making a dent.?</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
24/30	SBS	Other commercial district revitalization requests	<p><i>As small businesses begin to re-open post COVID, they will need to re-evaluate how to conduct business while adhering to new public health measures. For many of them, converting to digital advertising and shipping will be anything but avoidable. Many of the small businesses in our district have been in existence for decades and were able to survive under the old model, however due to a variety in language barriers and technological competencies, many business owners may need training to learn new marketing techniques in how to continue operating through a second wave and post pandemic.</i></p>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

25/30	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>A thorough and comprehensive study be undertaken to address the needs of the disabled population and the elder populations in our district. The studies should focus on key areas such as health services, language accessibility, and housing issues. By conducting this study, we hope to establish a better understanding of the challenges faced by these communities and identify potential solutions to improve their quality of life.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
26/30	HRA	Improve the delivery of emergency food and shelter in case of a disaster	<i>Local Law Int 2057 - 2020 is a Local Law that requires relevant city agencies to develop a plan ensuring that students have access to school meals during emergencies situations. During the Covid-19 pandemic, it was clear that food insecurity within our communities is very much an issue. Many of our households depended very highly on food pantries to sustain them. Our students however were/ and still are in need of daily meals as they would normally receive during normal school hours. Funding should be allocated not only to address these issues during emergencies, but throughout the year as food insecurity is not temporary.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
27/30	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<i>Roosevelt Avenue has seen a substantial change to its infrastructure and traffic patterns. I.e.: sidewalk structures/cafes, higher volume of delivery vehicles and vendors. Requesting an increase in personnel specifically geared towards the enforcement of double-parked vehicles along the stretch of Roosevelt Avenue from 72 to 111 St. Additionally, we are requesting traffic enforcement agents at the following intersections:- Junction Blvd/ Horace Harding Expwy - Broadway at Woodside Ave, and Baxter Ave - Broadway from 45th Ave to Whitney Ave - Roosevelt Ave. and 74, 75 and 104 St. With the recent shortage in crossing guards, we are additionally requesting crossing guards be hired to cover intersections at all schools within the district.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
28/30	EDC	Other expense budget request for EDC	<i>In our Statement of Needs and Budget request for 2022, we asked for Banking Development District to address district #4 underserved banking needs as well as (BDD) Banking Development Districts as evident by the chart provided by CCC research. The response from the state confirmed that the Corona Heights Banking Development District (BDD) includes a portion of Community District 4 in Queens, which is served by Queens Savings Bank -New York Community Bank. It was designated as underserve area in 2004. However, based upon recent banking data provided by the chart, a meeting should be arranged to determine if an additional BDD Bank is required for District4.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

29/30	DEP	Evaluate a street segment or intersection for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, and plan for construction if feasible	<i>This section of 111th Street has been a topic of discussion for close to 2 decades, but has not undergone an infrastructural improvement. The adjacent school (PS28), and the newly implemented STEM school located at the Hall of Science will see thousands of students crossing these dangerous intersections. While we understand that a capital sewer project isn't necessarily possible due to fiscal constraints, a study to evaluate this corridor for green infrastructure is sorely needed.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
30/30	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment	<i>Multilingual services for the following: Mental health awareness initiatives, Autism and ADHD services, depression screenings, anxiety screenings, grief counselling, substance abuse and destigmatization programs.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.