

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

Fiscal Year
2026

**Queens
Community District
6**

November 2024



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) 2026. 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, 2024.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. **Overarching Community District Needs**

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

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

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

3. **Community Board Budget Requests**

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

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

Queens Community Board 6

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

Queens

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

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

Queens Community District 6

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	113,257	100.00	120,955	100.00	7,698	6.8	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	17,890	15.8	20,995	17.4	3,105	17.4	1.6
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	113,257	100.0	120,955	100.0	7,698	6.8	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	15,436	13.6	19,946	16.5	4,510	29.2	2.9
White non-Hispanic	62,651	55.3	53,244	44.0	-9,407	-15.0	-11.3
Black non-Hispanic	2,823	2.5	3,490	2.9	667	23.6	0.4
Asian non-Hispanic	29,309	25.9	37,288	30.8	7,979	27.2	4.9
Some other race, non-Hispanic	633	0.6	1,637	1.4	1,004	158.6	0.8
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,405	2.1	5,350	4.4	2,945	122.5	2.3
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	55,250	100.0	56,695	100.0	1,445	2.6	0.0
Occupied housing units	52,195	94.5	53,485	94.3	1,290	2.5	-0.2
Vacant housing units	3,055	5.5	3,210	5.7	155	5.1	0.2

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community Board 6, which encompasses primarily the neighborhoods of Forest Hills and Rego Park, is an active and welcoming community with a dynamic history, an abundance of greenery, and distinctive landscaping. There is a small town feeling throughout the area, which includes street fairs, cultural events, and a Greenmarket on weekends. We have vibrant commercial districts with an array of restaurants and shops.

Like many other communities in New York City, our district has changed over time. The swift increase in population has affected the capacity of our infrastructure. This coupled with increased frequency and severity of storms has pushed our infrastructure beyond its limits. In recent years, we have experienced "never before seen flooding", the schools are beyond capacity, the subway platforms and buses are overcrowded during rush hours, and land use matters are becoming a major concern in Community Board 6.

While we appreciate additional housing being built in our community, we need to make sure that we have:

- Affordable Housing, especially for seniors. Nobody should have to move out of a community they know and love because they can no longer afford to live there.
- More Schools. Our schools are overcrowded and therefore the children are not getting the quality education they deserve.
- Expanded subway infrastructure. We want people to use mass transit options, but they need to be adequate and safe for all users.
- Sewer and Utility infrastructure. The sewers, gas lines, and electrical grids all need to be updated and expanded to support this growing community.
- Commercial District Growth. We need incentives for businesses to stay in our community and keep our commercial districts flourishing.

Despite the many challenges our community faces, we continue to work to improve the quality of life for all residents.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Queens Community Board 6

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Schools

Schools Our youth population continues to increase and we do not want residents to relocate for better educational opportunities. Every child in CB 6 should have a seat in his or her neighborhood school and be able to receive a quality education.

Senior services

Senior Services Senior services are important to a community because those that raised a family in a community, shouldn't be forced out because they can't afford it or can't get the services they need. We need to keep our seniors close to family, close to their doctors, and close to their favorite restaurant, while maintaining their quality of life.

Traffic

Traffic Community Board 6 is a major thoroughfare for commuters, residents, deliveries, etc. We need to ensure that appropriate traffic safety measures are being taken to keep all road users safe. This includes: motorists, pedestrians and bike riders. Queens Boulevard is a large roadway with multiple lanes of traffic in each direction and requires careful planning and constant review. In addition, we need regular enforcement of existing traffic measures.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Queens Community Board 6

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Programs, services or facilities for seniors (incl. remote programming, cooling centers)

The senior population is most certainly a population at risk. CB 6 ranks among the highest concentrations of seniors. They turn to their neighborhood-based senior services for various assistance. Many are homebound, isolated and frail. The need for programs with regard to senior services is paramount!

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Homeless

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

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Community Board 6 supports the following regarding availability and access to health and mental health services and resources. While we recognize the vulnerability of our senior population, many of the non-senior population of CB 6 have illnesses that can be life-altering/threatening such as cancer, diabetes, dementia, long-covid, mental illness etc.

1. Service Accessibility: Improve transportation and translation services to ensure timely access to healthcare.
2. Home and Community Support: Expand home care, meal delivery, and recreational activities for individuals with long-term illnesses.
3. Comprehensive Care: Enhance support for medication management, hospice, respite care, and bereavement services.
4. Public Health Education: Support education on disease prevention, domestic violence assistance and elder abuse.
5. Supportive Housing Services: Support providing affordable, permanent and independent housing that meets the needs of those with disabilities or long-term illnesses by providing support that is integrated within a neighborhood and community.

CB6 supports an increase in community training and outreach around the risks of substance use and how community members can be prepared to help in the event of an overdose. Residents should be able to access the resources they need without the stigma that sometimes surrounds obtaining these resources.

CB6 supports the funding of mental health crisis response teams that would operate 24/7; 365 days/year. These teams should embody existing best practices in non-police alternative mental health crisis response as a stand-alone entity.

Needs for Older NYs

Community Board 6 has one of the highest concentrations of senior population in NYC. There continues to be a large influx of immigrants of all ages. The confluence of these two with the usual problems of the general population creates needs such as:

1. Affordable health care, including dental and eye care

2. Affordable housing
3. Public safety and security
4. Accessible transportation - both physically and affordable
5. Daycare services and meal delivery for seniors, especially homebound seniors
6. Increased and Affordable mental health services
7. Affordable legal services
8. Recreation including library services

Our community consists of a significant number of older adults, many of which are living their lives largely independent of family members who may live far away. They turn to their neighborhood-based senior services for assistance. Social adult day programs aim to keep at-risk senior citizens in the community and avoid premature institutionalization, by providing them with an opportunity to socialize with peers and create a network of support to rely upon. The educational, recreational programs aim to stimulate their minds and bodies and enhance their self-esteem. In addition to Social Adult Day Care, we have seen the power of Intergenerational connections. We have demonstrated how effective these connections can be through our Intergenerational discussions. There is a need for more opportunities to promote these interactions.

For the families of the dementia population, social adult day care provides a respite for the family members, and more are needed. There is increased demand for services for people with early dementia as there are waiting lists for the programs for people who suffer from middle and late-stage dementia. A population at risk is the large diverse immigrant senior population, many of whom have not yet been able to acquire the language skills needed to obtain citizenship and have lost their benefits that are needed for everyday subsistence, including the ability to pay for shelter and food. As such, there is a tremendous increase in the need for ESL classes, conversation groups, tutorials, civics instruction, and case assistance.

Needs for Homeless

Community Board 6 supports funding for homeless services, including housing and social services support for the unhoused. There is a need for vocational rehab, job training, etc to ensure the unhoused can be successful at obtaining more permanent housing.

Needs for Low Income NYs

Community Board 6 supports an increase in "in-home services" for individuals that are low-income, yet do not qualify for Medicaid. These programs should be expanded to allow more seniors to have valuable cost-saving services.

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
4 / 35	HRA	Supportive Housing Facilities

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 25	HRA	Supportive Housing Services
2 / 25	DOHMH	Mental Health Response Team
3 / 25	DFTA	Home Services for Seniors
4 / 25	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity
6 / 25	HRA	Mental Healthcare for the uninsured
9 / 25	HRA	Local Food Pantries
18 / 25	DFTA	Mental Healthcare for Homebound Seniors
19 / 25	DFTA	Aging In Place Programs

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Queens Community Board 6

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

As our communities continue to grow, many of our public schools are beyond or near capacity. An investment in additional seats across nearly all schools is necessary to meet the demands of our burgeoning population as well as the new Class Size Mandate Law. Many of these schools will not be able to meet the mandates within their current structure.

Smaller class sizes would improve academic outcomes for our students, including students with special education needs. Elementary school children should be able to attend their zoned elementary school or a neighboring elementary school within one mile or less from their home.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

As stated previously, Community Board 6 stresses the need for additional schools, especially a new high school, in our Community District. Forest Hills High School is beyond capacity and has been for quite some time.

CB6 supports Beacon programs, which are highly effective programs that offer positive youth development through educational, cultural and literacy programs. Preventative programs are necessary to keep young people active and engaged in constructive programs. These programs should include educational and career choice counseling. All while impacting high school dropout prevention.

Other needs for youth and education:

- Youth employment programs should be expanded to develop job training programs and job placement for our young people.
- All schools in our district should be 100% ADA-accessible. This creates an unfair inequity that urgently needs to be addressed.

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Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Community Board 6 Supports affordable daycare for children as well as an increase in 3K and Pre-K Programs. There has been a substantial increase in the number of two-parent families in which both parents are working and there are a growing number of single parent families who are in our community. As a result, there is a serious need for affordable daycare with continued expansion of Pre-K and 3K for all. We need to ensure that the inventory of available 3k and Pre-K seats matches the demand in our communities. It is also crucial that these seats be evenly distributed throughout our neighborhoods.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
3 / 35	SCA	Additional School Seats
5 / 35	SCA	New High School
14 / 35	SCA	School Safety Improvement
15 / 35	SCA	Public School ADA Accessibility
22 / 35	SCA	Upgrade all school water fountains

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
5 / 25	DOE	3 K for All Programs
15 / 25	DOE	Expand Summer Rising
16 / 25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Queens Community Board 6

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Traffic violations and enforcement

Community Board 6 is grateful for the many traffic/pedestrian safety improvements that have been made in our community throughout the years. However, these improvements only work with proper enforcement.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

Community Board 6 supports the Neighborhood Coordination Officer (NCO) program. Community policing is an important step toward community safety and building community relationships. This relationship helps both the police and the public during an emergency.

In addition, CB6 supports an increase in police personnel for the 112th Precinct. The population of our community continues to increase as do its needs.

- Due to our large commercial corridors like Austin Street, 63rd Drive, Queens Boulevard, and Metropolitan Avenue, increased police presence could deter burglars, shoplifters, and others who enter our neighborhood intending to commit a crime.

- Due to the constantly changing demographics in our CB, the community could benefit from having officers in the precinct better reflect the community they serve (i.e. speaking different languages, different religious beliefs, mutual cultural connections). In addition, dedicated youth resources would increase youth involvement and make them feel safe in the community.

Traffic safety remains an urgent focus of community concern. Enforcement of traffic and parking violations is necessary to address these concerns. These include, but are not limited to: safety violations, such as blocked fire hydrants, crosswalks, and daylighting, illegally operated e-bikes and scooters, traffic violations such as disregarding stop signs, red lights, no turns, etc.

CB6 supports additional programs to recruit and retain school crossing guards. Students should be able to walk to and from school safely.

CB 6 supports continued funding for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the 112th Precinct Explorers Program.

Needs for Emergency Services

Community Board 6 is densely developed with high-rise and mid-rise multi-family structures, including several of the tallest residential buildings in Queens. CB6 has one engine and one ladder company in a single firehouse within its boundaries, and another on its border. FDNY deployments to structural fires within the district have customarily been satisfactorily prompt.

CB6 supports increased routine or complaint follow-up inspections by FDNY to ensure the safety of all residents:

- With the increase in e-bike use in our community, we need to ensure the proper/safe storage and repair of the lithium-ion batteries
- All demolition and construction projects, particularly those undertaken by small contractors, in our densely developed district evoke neighborhood concerns and merit FDNY and DOB oversight.
- Housing market demand has led to numerous illegal conversions of one- and two-family homes to multi-family sometimes utilizing unsafe spaces.

fullest extent possible under existing laws, in the campaign to halt and reverse/remediate illegal conversions, would serve this community well.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
24 / 35	NYPD	Business District Security Cameras
32 / 35	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
8 / 25	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Queens Community Board 6

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

Sewer capacity

In the past few years, there has been a great deal of development going on in our community and it will continue. As more and more people move into our community and weather patterns change, we need to upgrade the sewers to meet the demands.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

CB6 supports the need to expand the sewer infrastructure and ensure the existing infrastructure is maintained regularly, instead of just reacting to issues as they arise. We need regular inspections and cleaning of catch basins and extra attention to these locations in the days preceding an anticipated rain event.

In an effort to reduce stormwater runoff into the catch basins, CB6 supports an increase in Green Infrastructure (Rain Gardens, Porous Pavement, etc) in our flood-prone areas including Grand Central Parkway corridor, Kessel Street, Selfridge Street and areas on Queens Boulevard in Rego Park. This would aid in mitigating the flood risk in those areas.

Needs for Sanitation Services

Sanitation services continue to be a priority in both the residential and commercial areas of Community Board 6.

In order to properly maintain the cleanliness level of CB6, we require:

1. Additional funding for more frequent litter basket pickups on commercial strips
2. Regularly scheduled cleanup of medians on Queens Boulevard, Woodhaven Boulevard and Union Turnpike.
3. Maintain weekly recycling and composting.
4. Increased enforcement of mandatory curbside composting and containerization rules (for businesses and residents)
5. Increased education around composting, especially curbside composting
6. Increased enforcement of dirty sidewalks and streets

Since the CB6 District has many apartment buildings that have been slow in complying with community composting regulations, our community could benefit from SmartBins and Community Composting programs so these residents can comply with composting rules without relying on their building.

Throughout the Community Board 6 District, there has been an increase in graffiti on both public and private property. CB6 supports increased graffiti removal programs to help keep our neighborhoods clean.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
2 / 35	DEP	Flood Mitigation
10 / 35	DEP	Infrastructure to support additional housing
26 / 35	DEP	Noise Abatement
35 / 35	DEP	Noise Cameras

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
12 / 25	DSNY	Community Composting Programs
21 / 25	DSNY	Curbside Composting
22 / 25	DEP	Noise Level Monitoring

Queens Community Board 6

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

Commercial district revitalization

There is a major need for programs to assist the commercial strips in Community Board 6 to improve business and cope with growing problems of vacancies; Long-term businesses are being forced out because of substantial rent increases. Commercial rents need to be dealt with on a citywide basis. Support from the Government would assist the commercial districts in making progress.

Needs for Housing

See budget requests.

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

Needs for Land Use

Community Board 6 recognizes the following needs:

Department of City Planning:

All large-scale developments, whether commercial or residential, need to be studied to ensure that the local supporting infrastructure, i.e.: electrical grid, gas supply, water supply, stormwater and sewerage, garbage disposal, public transportation systems, schools, parks, recreational facilities, and other utilities and facilities, have sufficient capacity for the additional demand that will be created by the developments. Much of CB6 development is as-of-right, which means the developers don't present to the CB and the process excludes environmental review or the implementation of mandatory inclusionary housing. It is necessary to study the current and future as-of-right developments in CB6 in relation to these two categories to ensure that the districts need for increased affordable housing and key infrastructure upgrades are provided.

Department of Buildings:

1. Hire additional inspectors for timely response to complaints
2. Substantially increase penalties for violations so that they are meaningful.
3. Verify that payment for violations clears a bank before removing the violation.

Needs for Housing

Community Board 6 supports funding for true affordable housing - at 60% AMI and below as well as the deep affordability option - in addition to senior housing and supportive housing. CB 6 also supports funding for affordable housing alternatives including Community Land Trusts, and a Basement Apartment Conversion Pilot program that is modeled from HPD's BACPP term sheet.

Needs for Economic Development

There is a pressing need for targeted programs to assist the commercial corridors in Forest Hills and Rego Park, as these areas face increasing vacancies that threaten their economic stability. Specific focus should be given to the following business districts:

- A. Austin Street and its feeder streets
- B. 63rd Drive, from Queens Boulevard to 98th Street
- C. 108th Street Business District
- D. Metropolitan Avenue

Support for small businesses, particularly restaurants, remains critical. Additional resources and programs are needed to provide financial and technical assistance to small business owners as they work to recover and grow in a challenging economic environment.

We also propose the addition of a trolley service to enhance connectivity between these commercial hubs, which will promote foot traffic and make it easier for customers to visit multiple locations. The two commercial hubs we are targeting are Austin Street and Metropolitan Avenue.

Finally, there is a growing need for increased funding and enforcement to address the issue of illegal cannabis shops, which negatively affect the business environment. Adequate resources must be allocated to shut down these establishments and support legal businesses operating in compliance with regulations.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 35	HPD	Provide more affordable housing for seniors
7 / 35	HPD	Additional Affordable Housing Programs

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
7 / 25	HPD	Basement Apartment Conversion Pilot Program
20 / 25	HPD	Community Land Trusts
25 / 25	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs

Queens Community Board 6

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Roadway and traffic design

Community Board 6 recognizes that changes in traffic patterns as well as pedestrian and vehicular safety measures are necessary from time to time, but we need to look at their overall effect on surrounding streets. We are hopeful that future projects like the "Queens Boulevard Capital Project", prioritizing bus movements along the Boulevard and hopefully expansion of Citibike into the District will go a long way to alleviate restrictions on movement throughout the District in some of our most congested areas.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

See budget requests.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Queens Boulevard - This major artery provides vital transportation access for the entire borough but causes significant and chronic safety problems for both pedestrians and vehicles. To address these concerns, CB 6 approved a comprehensive plan by DOT to improve vehicular traffic, pedestrian and bike rider safety on Queens Boulevard in the western portion of our district. Until this plan is implemented in its entirety, we need to ensure that the temporary flexiposts are kept in a constant state of good repair until the replacement with 15-foot jersey barriers can take place throughout.

Woodhaven Boulevard - It is especially important to balance the legitimate needs of streamlining traffic flow with the vital safety concerns of pedestrians and bicycle riders who access Woodhaven Boulevard. Attention must be given to the enhancement of "green-light time" for those seeking to cross the boulevard; traffic markings that coincide with actual vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow; clearly delineated and properly "lined up" crosswalks that are sensitive to the needs of the disabled; and safe and appropriate bicycle lanes. In addition, the impact of Woodhaven's traffic flow upon adjacent local streets and the adoption of possible mitigating measures should also be included within the scope of this project. Traffic lanes have been removed from Woodhaven Boulevard for general traffic and have become dedicated bus lanes. This has markedly increased traffic congestion on Woodhaven Blvd, especially in the vicinity of Woodhaven Blvd & Union Turnpike. However, bus speeds have improved on this corridor.

Union Turnpike - This heavily utilized thoroughfare generates significant traffic safety concerns that require DOT's ongoing priority attention. Specifically, aggressive enforcement plus the installation of traffic barriers are needed to deter the speeding and reckless driving problems. Pedestrian crosswalks need to be prominently highlighted and traffic signal "green-light time" increased at the local intersections to promote pedestrian safety. This particularly applies to the 71st Ave intersection, which provides primary pedestrian access to a heavily utilized playground as well as the Stop & Shop Supermarket. DOT and Parks Dept must ensure the proper lighting and maintenance of all pedestrian sidewalks and railroad bridge approaches leading to the Stop and Shop area.

The intersection of Union Turnpike at Markwood Place has been a constant concern for our community. There are large volumes of traffic (both vehicular and pedestrian) and the signals need to be timed in a way to accommodate this. Many times, cars are left blocking the intersection, which causes dangerous conditions for motorists and pedestrians.

Yellowstone Boulevard - Yellowstone Boulevard generates significant traffic volumes that traverse a frequently winding road and several complex street crossings involving multiple major thoroughfares. The intersections at Queens Blvd, Austin St, Selfridge St & Woodhaven Blvd present

significant traffic circulation and pedestrian access issues that need to be addressed systematically. Improved signage and highlighted crosswalks are needed in those areas where the street turns diminish pedestrian visibility. The intersection of Yellowstone Boulevard and Queens Boulevard has been a constant chokepoint in our community, due to the many lanes of travel and various pedestrian crossings. The recent addition of a supermarket and apartment building at this intersection has only worsened the issues that already existed.

Building out the Bicycle Network - The bicycle lanes on Queens Blvd have seen growing use by all manners of micromobility users, but these people need safe connections to their ultimate destinations - home, shopping, school and our parks. Developing a safe network through the district and making connections to other parts of Queens will encourage greater use of these lanes (helping to address our congestion issues) while making the streets safer. It will also make it more feasible to expand Citibike to the District.

CB6 is constantly advocating for street maintenance and resurfacing. Streets that are consumed with potholes and sinkholes are dangerous for motorists and pedestrians. There should be a centralized system that can be accessed by various agencies for logging street defects that are reported so they can be repaired in a timely manner.

Needs for Transit Services

Forest Hills is a major transportation hub for New York City. Thousands of commuters pass through this community on their way to or from other destinations. Several bus lines originate here, four subway lines stop here, and one LIRR station is here, creating significant impacts for Community Board 6. Given this intensity of ridership and intermodal usage, CB6 requires continual maintenance and investment in its transit infrastructure. The MTA is habitually short of critical capital funds needed to maintain and grow the system. Bus service, that runs parallel to subway service, when subway construction and repairs take place on weekends and in evening hours, should be increased. For example, when either the E, F, M, or R, are out of service on weekends and in the overnight hours for scheduled work, the Q60 should have increased service. Indeed, as development continues and the need to provide residents with alternatives to car use grows, bus service along our major thoroughfares, in particular, 108th Street, Queens Boulevard and Woodhaven Boulevard needs to be increased.

Also, there is a critical need for elevators to be installed at our LIRR and NYC Subway stations. This District has been recognized by the DOT as having large senior populations who often have mobility issues. We are also seeing an influx of younger families with children. Improving accessibility to our trains must be a major priority. As must improvements in rider safety. Sadly, every year we see several accidents and suicides at our subway stations. Automated platform gates are needed at all platforms to prevent these occurrences from happening.

We therefore call on the City to provide a meaningful subsidy to the MTA, contingent upon the MTA living up to reasonable performance standards.

These subsidies should assist in:

- Funding E/F skip-stop service, with some trains originating in Forest Hills.
- Enhancing frequency and speed of express bus service.
- Improved subway station maintenance, cleanliness, improved lighting,
- Updated and safer platforms including platform screen doors that are utilized in other cities.
- The creation of better bus shelters for the thousands of commuters who wait for buses in all weather.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
6 / 35	NYCTA	Subway Station Accessibility
8 / 35	NYCTA	LIRR Elevators - Station Square
9 / 35	DOT	Daylighting Intersections
11 / 35	DOT	Fully fund completion of bike lane projects within the district (+ bikeshare), including bike share and car share
12 / 35	NYCTA	Austin To Metropolitan Trolley
17 / 35	NYCTA	Safer Subway Platforms
18 / 35	NYCTA	Subway CCTV Infrastructure
23 / 35	DOT	Complete Streets
25 / 35	DOT	Intersection Safety Reconstruction
30 / 35	DOT	Speed Humps, Curb Extensions, Chicanes
33 / 35	DOT	PLUGNYC Pilot Program
34 / 35	DOT	Deaignated ADA Accessible Street Parking

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
10 / 25	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies
11 / 25	NYCTA	Transportation Options for Seniors and Disabled
17 / 25	DOT	Citibike Expansion
24 / 25	NYCTA	Improve subway station, bus and train cleanliness, security and maintenance

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Queens Community Board 6

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

Library facilities and access

Full library services, year-round with expanded programs for pre-school and after-school needs of children. Our libraries are overcrowded and have placed limitations on library services. We need larger facilities due to growing numbers of immigrants using them as an educational tool, such as the Rego Park Branch. In addition, all libraries should be ADA- Accessible.

Needs for Parks

See budget requests.

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

Needs for Parks

Forestry:

CB6 supports increased funding for the pruning of all trees within CB 6, both in Parks and in residential areas as well as removal of all dead trees and stumps/roots as part of regularly scheduled maintenance.

Parks, Playgrounds & Recreation:

CB6 requests continued and increased maintenance of all Parks in our community, especially, Ehrenreich Playground and Willow Lake Playground. In addition, we would like to prioritize the upgrade/installation of water infrastructure within parks, sprinklers, water fountains, and water bottle refill stations. All local parks, dog runs and playgrounds should be cleaned and maintained on a regular schedule and enhanced to provide maximum usage.

Lost Battalion Hall is an essential part of the community, and we are excited to see the construction ongoing and anticipate its completion. This center provides much-needed recreation space in our community.

Needs for Cultural Services

Cultural events within our community provide life enrichment, bring a diverse community together, and attract tourists. CB6 requests support for local arts programs; for cultural and arts programs; and for performances, workshops, and other cultural opportunities.

Needs for Library Services

The libraries in Community Board 6 are heavily utilized. It is essential that libraries remain accessible to all people as an educational tool. The construction of the new Rego Park Library remains a major priority of CB 6, but we need an auxiliary library space for the community during construction.

In addition, we support the following for our community libraries:

- Seven-day library service
- ADA-Accessibility
- Free summer lunch
- iPad and laptop borrowing program
- Renewal of hot spot program
- Expanded Wifi options

Needs for Community Boards

Since returning to in-person meetings post-COVID, Community Board 6 has strived to be as accessible and transparent possible to our board and our community by offering a hybrid meeting option as well as a livestream/recording of our meeting. Community Boards have not had an increase in their budget in years, so the funding for these new provisions must come out of our existing budget. CB's should be allocated funding to use for this purpose so they don't have to forego other expenditures to remain accessible and transparent.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
13 / 35	QL	New Library - Rego Park
16 / 35	QL	Library ADA Accessibility
19 / 35	DPR	Trash Packer for District 6
20 / 35	DPR	Upgrade Ehrenreich Playground
21 / 35	DPR	Upgrade Willow Lake Playground
27 / 35	DPR	Upgrade Water Fountains
28 / 35	DPR	Repair and Maintain Water Pressure/Water Fountains
29 / 35	DPR	Installation of Water Fountains
31 / 35	DPR	New Recreational Sprinklers

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
13 / 25	QL	Temporary Rego Park Library During Construction
14 / 25	DPR	Additional City Park Workers
23 / 25	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

1 of 35 **Provide more affordable housing for seniors**

HPD

Provide more housing for seniors

This request is to prioritize affordable housing for seniors by providing an increase in funding for HPD's SARA [Senior Affordable Apartment Rental] loan program

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. HPD will continue to fund the construction of senior housing from the development pipeline to maximize available resources.

2 of 35 **Flood Mitigation**

DEP

Other capital budget request for DEP

Fund measures to mitigate stormwater runoff and flooding, to include sewer upgrades, rain gardens, tree plantings, use of semipermeable asphalt and concrete materials and the replacement of concrete/asphalt with "green space" (non-concrete/asphalt treatments - including grass) where possible.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

3 of 35 **Additional School Seats**

SCA

Renovate other site component

This is a request for additional Seats in all CD6 Schools. This is a Capital Investment in additional seats in all CD 6 schools help us meet the Class Size Mandate

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

4 of 35 **Supportive Housing Facilities**

HRA

Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers

This request is to provide funding for a supportive housing facility(ies) in CB 6. Supportive housing is permanent, affordable housing in which support services are offered onsite to help homeless, disabled, mentally challenged and low income people live independently in the community. Tenants have leases or lease-like agreements.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Supportive Housing Services are currently funded.

5 of 35 **New High School**

SCA

Provide a new or expand an existing high school

Build more new schools to accommodate new residential development. This request is to prioritize the construction of a new school by truncating overpopulated Forest Hills High School into two separate schools on two separate campuses.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

6 of 35 Subway Station Accessibility**NYCTA**

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

This request calls for the funding and installation of elevators at all subway stations within the District. In particular 63rd Drive is highlighted as a critical need due to proximity to shopping and connections to other transportation

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

7 of 35 Additional Affordable Housing Programs**HPD**

Other capital budget request for HPD

This request is to provide additional funding for affordable housing funding sources such as HPD's Extremely Low & Low-Income Affordability (ELLA) Program. The goal is to provide more affordable housing within CB6 with AMI's aligned with CB6 AMI bands.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Thank you for this request. We agree that your district need additional affordable housing. HPD will continue to use all tools available, including but not limited to subsidy, tax exemptions, and Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) to fund the construction of affordable housing from the development pipeline to maximize available resources.

8 of 35 LIRR Elevators - Station Square**NYCTA**

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

Installing Two Elevators at Forest Hills Long Island Railroad for Accessibility. Request includes: - Installation of Two Elevators: One elevator for the eastbound platform and one for the westbound platform, strategically placed to ensure minimal disruption and maximum accessibility.- Compliance and Safety Standards: Ensuring that the installation of the elevators adheres to all relevant safety and accessibility standards, with regular maintenance and monitoring to guarantee ongoing compliance and functionality. The Forest Hills Long Island Railroad (LIRR) station is a historic and vital part of our community, providing essential transportation services to residents and visitors alike. However, the current accessibility options at the station fall short of meeting modern standards and the needs of our diverse population. At present, the only means of access other than steep concrete steps are two noncompliant ramps, which are inadequate for individuals with disabilities, seniors, and parents with strollers.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

9 of 35 Daylighting Intersections**DOT**

Other transportation infrastructure requests

Fund the physical daylighting of street corners by installing bike racks, planters, stones and other physical barriers to ensure drivers cannot park vehicles in spaces adjacent to intersection intended to improve visibility between road users.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. The initial list of locations that have received daylighting is available on our website. Locations were selected based on a variety of factors, including crash data, cycling and micro-mobility demand, equity, and study testing conditions. NYC DOT's construction period falls between mid-April and mid-November, with much of the work happening in the fall. Work is weather dependent, and the agency is ahead of pace to meet or exceed the committed target.

10 of 35 Infrastructure to support additional housing Other capital budget request for DEP	DEP
Provide capital funding for the improvement of the following services and infrastructure in our district: sewers, sanitary, electrical grid, school seats, new schools, transportation, advanced signaling upgrades to MTA service along Queens Blvd. This request is to support the development of more affordable housing within CB6, yet recognizes the limits of the district's existing services and infrastructure.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>
11 of 35 Fully fund completion of bike lane projects within the district (+ bikeshare), including bike share and car share Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share	DOT
This request calls for the funding and completion of bike lane projects in the district, including the completion of the redesign of Queens Boulevard and any other bike lane projects proposed by DOT safety studies or through Community Workshops.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. CitiBike will expand into Community Board 6 in 2025- https://www.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/920-24/mayor-adams-major-expansion-citi-bike-service-outer-boroughs-ridership-continues. CarShare has continued to expand and there are three locations within CB 6 currently. https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/carshare.shtml For bike lane and safety projects please log any requests in the webform here: https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/contact/contact-form.shtml. DOT will seek to address with existing resources.</i>
12 of 35 Austin To Metropolitan Trolley Other transit service requests	NYCTA
Create a dedicated transportation (trolley) service exclusively connecting the Austin Street Business District to the Metropolitan Avenue Business District.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>
13 of 35 New Library - Rego Park Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	QL
This request is to fund the full reconstruction of the Rego Park Library, 63 Drive and Austin Street. This request is also to ensure adequate space for library services in the community while construction is taking place.	<i>Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>
14 of 35 School Safety Improvement Renovate other site component	SCA
This request is to fund school safety improvements by increasing funding to complete the installment and upgrade of security cameras at District schools.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>

<p>15 of 35 Public School ADA Accessibility Renovate other site component</p> <p>This request is to renovate interior and exterior building components to supply full ADA Accessibility Compliance in all public schools in CB 6. Prioritize: Halsey JHS and PS 220</p>	<p>SCA</p> <p><i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i></p>
<p>16 of 35 Library ADA Accessibility Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</p> <p>This request is to fund the renovation / upgrade of existing libraries addressing ADA accessibility concerns. This includes making necessary repairs to make all CB6 Library entrances ADA Accessible - Rego Park Library (South), Forest Hills Library and North Forest Park Library.</p>	<p>QL</p> <p><i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. These projects were funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway. These projects are managed by the NYC Department of Design & Construction.</i></p>
<p>17 of 35 Safer Subway Platforms Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure</p> <p>Improve safety in subway stations by funding installation of platform screen door systems at all subway stations in CB6</p>	<p>NYCTA</p> <p><i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i></p>
<p>18 of 35 Subway CCTV Infrastructure Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure</p> <p>Improve security and safety in subway stations by installation of security/CCTV cameras at all subway stations in CB6.</p>	<p>NYCTA</p> <p><i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i></p>
<p>19 of 35 Trash Packer for District 6 New equipment for maintenance</p> <p>This request is to fund the purchase of a new trash packer for CB6. This equipment is necessary for improved maintenance, cleanliness and safety for all parks in our district.</p>	<p>DPR</p> <p><i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. There is currently no capital funding allocated for this request.</i></p>
<p>20 of 35 Upgrade Ehrenreich Playground Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</p> <p>This request is for an upgraded and modernized Ehrenreich Playground. This will allow the park to provide recreation for all age groups of the neighborhood.</p>	<p>DPR</p> <p><i>Agency Response: This request has already been completed. There is capital funding allocated to resurface the asphalt ballfield.</i></p>
<p>21 of 35 Upgrade Willow Lake Playground Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</p> <p>This request is for an upgraded and modernized Willow Lake Playground. This will allow the park to provide recreation for all age groups of the neighborhood.</p>	<p>DPR</p> <p><i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. There is currently no capital funding allocated for this request.</i></p>

22 of 35 Upgrade all school water fountains**SCA**

Renovate interior building component

This request is to fund the completion of the full conversion of water fountains to water bottle refill receptacles at all CB 6 public schools. The following schools should be prioritized since they don't have water bottle refill stations: PS 175, PS 220, JHS 196, JHS 157.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

23 of 35 Complete Streets**DOT**

Reconstruct streets

This request is to improve traffic and pedestrian safety including traffic calming. The request includes funding reconstruction of all CB 6 medians; repair cracked sidewalks and provide adequate pedestrian ramps (e.g. crosswalks program) especially along the Queens Blvd corridor; resurfacing roads and repair potholes; install pedestrian timing devices and overall construct/design streets within the District in a manner consistent with Complete Streets principles to increase safety. This should include funding for inspections to ensure compliance.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Please log any requests in the webform here: <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/contact/contact-form.shtml>. DOT will seek to address with existing resources.

24 of 35 Business District Security Cameras**NYPD**

Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras

This request is to provide funding for security cameras (argus) throughout the following business districts: 1. Austin Street (Yellowstone Boulevard to Ascan Avenue) 2. Metropolitan Avenue (Trotting Course Lane to Ascan Avenue) 3. 108th Street (Horace Harding Expressway to 65th Rd)

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

25 of 35 Intersection Safety Reconstruction**DOT**

Reconstruct streets

Reconstruct high-crash intersections to improve pedestrian safety by specifically installing raised cross-walks and bulb-outs to reduce pedestrian crossing distances.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. NYC DOT continues to implement raised crossings citywide at feasible locations with a focus on Vision Zero priority areas.

26 of 35 Noise Abatement**DEP**

Other capital budget request for DEP

Prioritize funding to provide noise abatement & outdoor sound barriers around stadiums and railroads. Proposed Measures:- Installation of Sound Barriers: Erecting high-quality sound barriers along the perimeters of stadiums and railroads to block and absorb noise before it reaches residential areas.- Advanced Noise Abatement Technology: Incorporating state-of-the art noise abatement technologies, such as sound-absorbing materials and innovative architectural designs, to effectively reduce noise levels. Noise pollution has become an increasingly pressing concern for our community. High levels of noise from stadium events and railroad operations can significantly impact the quality of life, health, and well-being of residents living in close proximity to these areas.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

27 of 35 Upgrade Water Fountains	DPR
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
This request is to modernize water fountains in all CB6 parks to include water bottle refill receptacles.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support but can address the need alternatively. As playgrounds are renovated, we replace the old water fountains with new ones that include bottle fillers.</i>
28 of 35 Repair and Maintain Water Pressure/Water Fountains	DPR
Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	
This request is to increase pressure and provide regular maintenance to water fountains and water bottle refill receptacles at all CB6 Parks.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support but can address the need alternatively. As playground are renovated, we install new water fountains with bottle fillers. If a fountain does not have the proper water pressure, we address those repairs in house.</i>
29 of 35 Installation of Water Fountains	DPR
Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
This request is to install water fountains in all CB6 Parks that currently don't have them, specifically Macdonald Park which is highly utilized.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support but can address the need alternatively. As parks are renovated, the water fountains are upgraded. Installation of a few water fountains in one park would likely not meet the funding threshold for a capital project.</i>
30 of 35 Speed Humps, Curb Extensions, Chicanes	DOT
Other transportation infrastructure requests	
Fund new speed humps, curb extensions and chicanes in the district to reduce speeding dangers, including but not limited to Austin between Union Turnpike & Ascan Avenue and 67th Rd., between Austin Street and Queens Blvd	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Please log any requests in the webform here: https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/contact/contact-form.shtml. DOT will seek to address with existing resources.</i>
31 of 35 New Recreational Sprinklers	DPR
Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
This request is to install sprinkler systems / misting systems in all CB6 Parks.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support but can address the need alternatively. As playground receive capital funding, we hold public community input meetings, where we hear from the public what type of amenities they would like installed at the park, including spray showers.</i>

32 of 35 Add NYPD parking facilities**NYPD**

Add NYPD parking facilities

This is a request to fund a multi-floor parking garage for the 112th Precinct on Austin Street. Prioritize the purchase of the lot for sale by the City of New York at 68-88 Austin Street in Forest Hills, Queens to build a multiple-floor parking garage for the exclusive use by the NYPD with the additional caveats: - The current parking spaces on Austin Street, Yellowstone Blvd, and Pedestrian Way reserved for the NYPD are open to the general public. - If the City of New York does purchase the lot but declines to use it exclusively for the NYPD, then the City of New York build a parking garage for use by the local residents of Forest Hills, Queens.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

33 of 35 PLUGNYC Pilot Program**DOT**

Other capital budget request for DOT

This request is to install a Level 2 charger in CB6 as part of the PlugNYC program, a comprehensive network of publicly accessible Level 2 and DC fast chargers.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. This request has been shared with the unit that manages the PlugNYC program along with Con Edison and FLO, one of North America's largest electric vehicle charging networks. More info can be found here, including where existing Level 2 chargers can be found within CB 6: <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/electric-vehicles.shtml#/find/nearest>

34 of 35 Designated ADA Accessible Street Parking**DOT**

Other transportation infrastructure requests

This request is for the installation of designated street parking spots for motorists displaying a Parking Permit: New York City Parking Permit for People with Disabilities (NYC PPPD) or New York State Parking Permit for Persons with Severe Disabilities (New York State Permit) or another valid permit for people with disabilities.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

35 of 35 Noise Cameras**DEP**

Other capital budget request for DEP

This request is for the installation of noise cameras in CB6 to enforce noise from vehicles that are a nuisance to the residents.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**1 of 25 Supportive Housing Services****HRA**

Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers

This is the services portion of the Supportive Housing Priority. Range of services offered is flexible and depends on the needs of the tenants. They can include mental / medical healthcare, vocational / employment services, childcare, independent living skills, training and substance abuse counseling.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ut labore et dolore magna aliqua. Ut enim ad minim veniam, quis nostrud exercitation ullamco laboris nisi ut aliquip ex ea commodo consequat.

2 of 25 Mental Health Response Team	DOHMH
Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	
To fund mental health crisis response teams that would operate 24/7; 365 days/year that would embody existing best practices in non-police alternative mental health crisis response as a stand-alone entity, not affiliated with any city agency.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DOHMH looks forward to discussing further ways we can partner with communities to address mental health concerns</i>
3 of 25 Home Services for Seniors	DFTA
Other senior center program requests	
This request is for the following: - Increase and maintain funding for existing senior centers in CB 6 - Provide increased funding for the Expanded In Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP). - Restore funding to assist older and disabled community members in shopping (i.e. utilizing IPADs to shop) - Increase funding for mental health professionals at Senior Centers	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We work with the state to seek additional funding.</i>
4 of 25 Increase home delivered meals capacity	DFTA
Increase home delivered meals capacity	
This request is to increase funding for the Meals On Wheels program. There is increasing need for home delivered meals due to food insecurity. There is also an increasing need for wellness check opportunities due to the prolonged pandemic and families being at a distance from one another.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. We review needs every quarter and fund as needed.</i>
5 of 25 3 K for All Programs	DOE
Other educational programs requests	
This request calls for the full expansion of a "no cost" 3K for All program in CB 6. The existing size of offering within district is insufficient. Ensure every child has access to early childhood education seats within their community district.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>
6 of 25 Mental Healthcare for the uninsured	HRA
Expand access to public health insurance such as Medicaid	
To provide funding for the uninsured who need health and mental health care.	<i>Agency Response: This request has already been completed. This service is provided by the Federal government. Medicaid is a federally funded program.</i>
7 of 25 Basement Apartment Conversion Pilot Program	HPD
Other expense budget request for HPD	
Aligned with the ADU proposal within City of Yes for Housing Opportunity, funding for Basement Apartment Conversion Program administered by HPD. This program would provide eligible low & middle income homeowners of 1 to 3 family homes in QCB6 with low/no interest, or possible forgivable, loans to convert their basement into a safe, legal, and rentable apartment, based on altered building code legislation passed in Feb 2019, Intro.1004. The homeowner is also provided with technical assistance needed to close on a loan and complete the construction project. This will help create safe, affordable housing for tenants/occupants, while providing homeowners an opportunity to earn rental income. It would also address heightened resiliency concerns regarding basement flooding within CB6.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. HPD will partner with a community-based provider to develop a technical assistance resource to help homeowners navigate the process of adding an ADU, including basement and cellar apartments, even if they are not reviving city capital subsidy to do so.</i>

8 of 25 Hire additional crossing guards**NYPD**

Hire additional crossing guards

This request is to recruit and retain local school crossing guards to ensure the safety of students.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

9 of 25 Local Food Pantries**HRA**

Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers

This is a request for funding to assist local food pantries. Due to COVID19, food insecurity has greatly increased and demand for assistance via local food pantries has intensified. In addition, there has been a significant cut to food stamps, so pantries would need even more resources

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. HRA continues to maintain funding for Community Food Connection (CFC; formerly EFAP). Note that, in general, pantries are funded by a wide variety of funding sources. CFC is supplementary program. Pantries generally also get food or funding from: food banks, state programs, as well as CFC and City Council discretionary funding. Generally, pantries do not rely on just one funding stream, they have a variety of funding streams.

10 of 25 Conduct traffic or parking studies**DOT**

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Fund safety / design studies throughout CB6 including but not limited to: Union Turnpike - Traffic safety study & development of a street redesign to address safety issues in this area, particularly as they pertain to pedestrian and bicycle rider safety Jewel Ave/69 Rd/GCP Service Road - Traffic safety study & development of a street redesign to address safety issues in this area, particularly as they pertain to pedestrian and bicycle rider safety. Alderton Street - Traffic safety study & development of street redesign to address safety issues throughout the corridor.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Please log any requests in the webform here: <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/contact/contact-form.shtml>. DOT will seek to address with existing resources.

11 of 25 Transportation Options for Seniors and Disabled**NYCTA**

Other transit service requests

Fund, expand and improve alternative transportation programs for seniors and those with disabilities. This request seeks continued and new funding to improve transportation programs for seniors and those with disabilities, to include but not be limited to the following: DFTA My Ride; TLC's Accessible Dispatch; purchasing GPS software for Access-A-Ride

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.

12 of 25 Community Composting Programs**DSNY**

Provide or expand community composting programs

This is a request to fund community composting programs in CB6.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Community Composting programs have been funded by City Council for FY25. Individual programming areas are at the discretion of Council and the individual organizations.

13 of 25 Temporary Rego Park Library During Construction Other expense budget request for QL	QL
This request is to fund a temporary annex of the Rego Park Library to serve members of community that will be without a library while the Rego Park Library is being completed.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>
14 of 25 Additional City Park Workers Other expense budget request for DPR	DPR
Increase City Park Workers to allow for increased maintenance and expand park activities (such as board games, knock hockey type games, and over watch of other potential public equipment and supplies)	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Funding cannot be determined at this time</i>
15 of 25 Expand Summer Rising Other educational programs requests	DOE
This request is for continued funding of the summer rising program and expand the number of seats in CB6.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>
16 of 25 Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults) Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	DYCD
CONTINUE FUNDING BEACON PROGRAMS AT JHS 190 AS WELL AS GENERAL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN COMMUNITY BOARD 6	<i>Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>
17 of 25 Citibike Expansion Other expense budget request for DOT	DOT
This is a request for funding from the City to enable the expansion of the Citibike bikeshare system in to the District, or in the alternative provide such service through other suitable vendors and programs, either currently existing or created by the City.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. CitiBike will expand into CB 6 in 2025.</i>
18 of 25 Mental Healthcare for Homebound Seniors Enhance home care services	DFTA
This request is to increase funding for mental health services for senior citizens who are unable to leave home.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We will work with the state to meet this need.</i>
19 of 25 Aging In Place Programs Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	DFTA
This request is for additional funding to ensure seniors can age in place. As current population ages, there is a need to ensure the elderly do not need nursing home placement. Including but not limited to funding for Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs); Caregiver Support Programs; Friendly Visiting programs.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYC Aging will seek additional funding for this request.</i>

20 of 25 Community Land Trusts	HPD
Other expense budget request for HPD	
Funding for affordable housing development to include Community Land Trusts, and to publicize that this option exists for community districts.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. HPD will continue to build opportunities to partner with new and existing Community Land Trusts (CLTs) in future projects. We frequently partner with and fund the development of new housing with CLTs.</i>
21 of 25 Curbside Composting	DSNY
Expand Curbside Composting	
This is a request to conduct education about curbside composting in CB6.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Although the Department of Sanitation supports this request, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.</i>
22 of 25 Noise Level Monitoring	DEP
Other expense budget request for DEP	
Provide resources to establish a schedule for regular maintenance and monitoring of noise levels to ensure the effectiveness of the implemented measures and make adjustments as needed throughout the CB6 district.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>
23 of 25 Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	DPR
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This request is to fund and enhance overall forestry services, stump removal and street tree pruning programs. Plant additional trees and replace trees lost to construction and other activities.	<i>Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We agree that with this request, but additional funding cannot be determined at this time. Trees will be planted throughout CB 6 as part of our Neighborhood Tree Planting approach, which will also include removal of dead trees. More details can be found on the Parks website: https://www.nycgovparks.org/trees/street-tree-planting. The NYC Administrative Code, the Rules of the City of New York, and the NYC Zoning Resolution already provide for the planting and replacement of trees related to construction projects.</i>
24 of 25 Improve subway station, bus and train cleanliness, security and maintenance	NYCTA
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Provide additional funding for routine subway station, bus and train cleaning, security & maintenance in CB6.	<i>Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact the agency directly and promptly for more information.</i>

This request is for City Planning to study special rezoning Districts throughout CB6, including commercial areas around Queens Boulevard, 108th Street, and 63rd Drive. This request is modeled on the 10-block Special Forest Hills District centered on Austin Street, which ensures predictable building envelopes and provides a transition in building scale from lower-rise buildings on Austin Street to taller buildings along Queens Boulevard. Other areas in CB6 would also benefit from a wider city planning lens.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The Borough Office is still interested in this request and will like to work with the community and board to better understand the need and support in this ask. DCP supports planning for housing production and affordability in resilient sustainable communities, and will resume discussions with the completion of the two neighborhood studies in the borough.