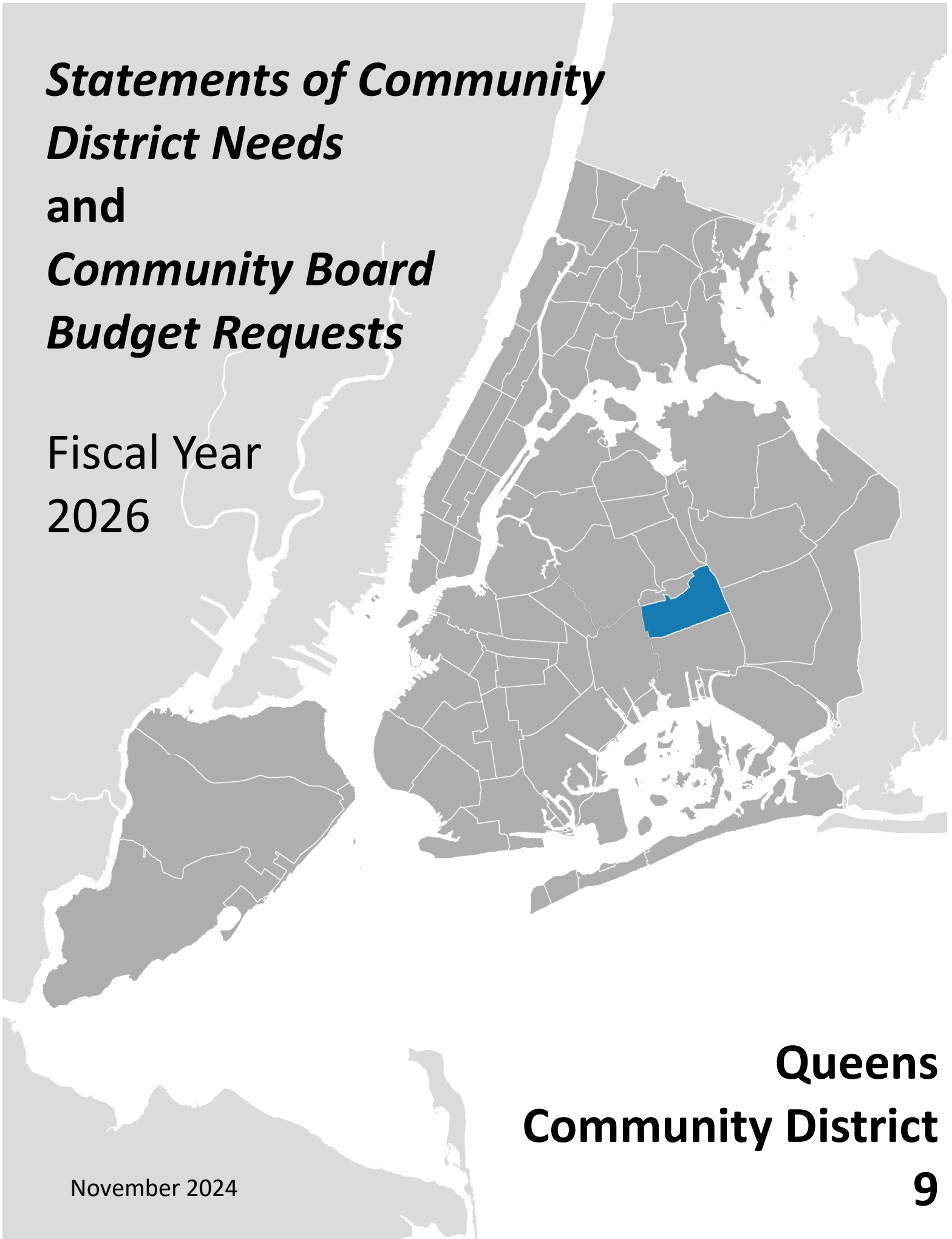


***Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests***

**Fiscal Year
2026**

**Queens
Community District
9**

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 9

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Website:

Chair:

District Manager:

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 9

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	143,317	100.00	152,839	100.00	9,522	6.6	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	33,974	23.7	31,566	20.7	-2,408	-7.1	-3.0
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	143,317	100.0	152,839	100.0	9,522	6.6	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	58,662	40.9	63,620	41.6	4,958	8.5	0.7
White non-Hispanic	28,029	19.6	23,074	15.1	-4,955	-17.7	-4.5
Black non-Hispanic	11,996	8.4	10,224	6.7	-1,772	-14.8	-1.7
Asian non-Hispanic	31,222	21.8	38,802	25.4	7,580	24.3	3.6
Some other race, non-Hispanic	6,846	4.8	9,768	6.4	2,922	42.7	1.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	6,562	4.6	7,351	4.8	789	12	0.2
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	47,999	100.0	50,877	100.0	2,878	6.0	0.0
Occupied housing units	44,810	93.4	48,117	94.6	3,307	7.4	1.2
Vacant housing units	3,189	6.6	2,760	5.4	-429	-13.5	-1.2

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 No. 9 consists of four communities, Woodhaven, Ozone Park, Richmond Hill, and Kew Gardens (WORK). Each is very distinct, yet all the residents have similar concerns and needs. Community Board No. 9 is truly a microcosm of the borough of Queens where our diversity is our strength. Like many New Yorkers, the constituents of Community Board 9 want safe streets, great schools, senior services, economic opportunity for local businesses, and access to quality parks and recreation.

During these difficult times, homelessness, hunger, and mental health issues have increased exponentially. It is important to fund programs that will assist these individuals as they struggle through difficult times. Many City agencies have experienced budget cuts, and they are struggling each day to deliver essential services. NYPD, Sanitation, Transportation, Parks, and Department of Education are being asked to do more with less. According to financial watchdogs the city is facing budget gaps of 8% in 2025 and 9% in 2026. This decrease in revenues will continue to create stresses on city services. Despite these budget concerns, Community Board 9 is still facing the construction of a multi-billion-dollar community-based jail in Kew Gardens. Consequently, the Board continues to ask the city for information regarding the new cost of construction, how much has been spent, and how the city intends to pay for this project.

Thanks to the efforts of the police officers assigned to the 102nd Precinct, Community Board 9 district has experienced an 82% drop in major crimes. Additionally, officers have issued hundreds of quality-of-life summonses to improve living conditions in our neighborhoods. Derelict and abandoned vehicles are restricting parking for residents while we continue to encourage multi-agency response to remove these cars from our streets. Additionally, law enforcement made measurable progress in shutting down illegal cannabis shops operating in our retail corridors. The Police do an outstanding job protecting the community, however public safety is a shared responsibility, and we must continue to build stronger relations between community, anti-violence groups and police.

We request that the Department of Sanitation's budget be restored so they can service litter baskets, address illegal dumping, and keep local streets clean. Cutting funding to litter basket service will further exacerbate the current trash issue on our retail corridors. Our sanitation department must be adequately funded to keep our streets and sidewalks clean.

The city must also ensure that the Department of Transportation (DOT) has the resources to continue paving our streets and conduct traffic studies to implement traffic safety measures. There are many dangerous intersections and streets that require stop signs, traffic signals or speed bumps to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety. It is vitally important that the DOT has the funding to receive requests, implement studies and install the appropriate measures.

Community 9 is concerned about the proposed cuts to education. New York City's education budget is facing several challenges, including the city is required to reduce class sizes by the 2028 fiscal year, which will cost billions of dollars. The city's budget for teacher hiring in 2026 is projected to be short by \$374-\$422 million. The city cut \$170 million in funding for early childhood programs, including 3-K. The mayor says the cuts are needed to balance supply and demand, but advocates say the city has not done enough to publicize the free programs. According to reports, city schools will be making cuts at a time when educators say they require more resources to help the new students and continue the academic recovery following pandemic school closures. NYC students deserve the latest technology, resources, and programs to receive a quality education in a safe learning environment.

We owe our seniors a great debt of gratitude. Consequently, we have an important responsibility to ensure they have access to facilities that offer effective and innovative programs. If they choose to do so, seniors should also have access to technology and equipment to participate in programs and events remotely. Therefore, our senior centers should be fully funded to enhance the quality of life of our cherished seniors.

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

Forest Park is an incredible asset to the borough of Queens. Community Board 9 requests that funding be allocated for pruning, fencing and more Park Enforcement Patrol officers for Forest Park. Additionally, Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto Park is a great place for residents to enjoy. Consequently, Community Board 9 is supporting capital improvements to enhance the park for residents.

Libraries provide access to technology and information and are a great gathering place for residents of all ages. It's a place to access computers, it is an all-inclusive, safe, and friendly environment, and a unique forum for social networking and reading groups. We request that the Woodhaven and Richmond Hill Libraries remain fully funded and the projects move forward in a timely manner.

Although we are aware that FY2026 presents economic challenges, our budget priority Capital and Expense Priority List targets many of the community needs and concerns. Community Board 9 respectfully calls on our esteemed elected officials to consider each request during their budget deliberations.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Queens Community Board 9

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Crime and Public Safety

Public safety and quality of life issues continue to be a major concern for the residents of Community Board 9. These crimes include but are not limited to gun violence, assaults, robberies, speeding ATVs, and motorcycles. Our local precinct constantly responds to 311 quality of life complaints. Noise, drag racing, double parked cars, and menacing electric bicycles are impacting the tranquility of our quiet neighborhood streets. Additionally, the proliferation of illegal cannabis shops is negatively impacting our neighborhoods. Currently, the Sheriff's Department and NYPD do not have the personnel nor the resources to deal with propagation of these "pot shops". We do, however, recognize that the police do an outstanding job, but they need the funding, officers, and community support to keep our streets safe.

Land use trends

The preservation of our neighborhood is of paramount importance. Overdevelopment, illegal conversions, and unsafe basement apartments continue to put undue pressure on city services and present a danger to tenants. During Hurricane, 12 people who died in New York City. Eleven of those people, were in basements when they perished. The city must do a better job ensuring that all tenants live in a safe and secure apartment. The looming construction of a borough-based jail in Kew Gardens is a top issue. Residents are concerned that the jail will put undue stresses on infrastructure, traffic, parking, and public safety. Community Board 9 vehemently opposed the package of citywide text amendments known as the City of Yes initiative. Particularly in opposition to lessening input from neighborhoods, Community Boards and elected officials in the planning, zoning and land use process through an increase in "as of right conditions" where presently commercial uses are limited or prohibited; and allowing unfettered commercial development on residential blocks throughout the city as per the 18 proposals included in this initiative. Community Board 9 is committed to working with elected officials and the Department of City Planning to create developments projects that are a benefit to the community.

Trash removal and cleanliness

Our district is plagued with illegal dumping, trash accumulation along our retail corridors, derelict vehicles, and overall cleanliness on our streets. There must be a multi-agency approach to stop illegal dumping. The installation of surveillance cameras, the deployment of additional sanitation inspectors coupled with aggressive prosecution would help in stopping illegal dumping. Additionally, along our retail corridors litter baskets are being abused some residents who drop their household garbage. Cutting funding to litter basket service will further exacerbate the current trash issue on our retail corridors. The Department of Sanitation does an outstanding job responding and resolving our numerous complaints; however, we need to do a better job in preventing behavior that adversely impacts the cleanliness of our streets.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Queens Community Board 9

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention programs

New York City is facing a drug overdose crisis. Every three hours, someone dies of an overdose in NYC. Substances like fentanyl and xylazine make the drug supply unpredictable and increase the risk of overdose and other harms of drug use. With the proper resources and programs, overdose death is preventable. According to the NYC Department of Health, among the six million adults in New York City, nearly one in four experience a mental health disorder in a given year, similar to the national average. More than two thirds of adults with a diagnosis received treatment in the past year but 34 percent report unmet mental health needs — not receiving as much treatment as they would have wanted, not receiving it as soon as they wish they had, or not easily accessing it at any point when they wanted it, which can be due to cost or stigma. Community Board 9 supports increased treatment access for all who need assistance.

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

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

Needs for Older NYs

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

Needs for Homeless

Like many communities, our Board has experienced an increase in homelessness. We coordinate multiple outreach operations with DHS, DSS, NYPD and Sanitation to offer services and clean locations inhabited by homeless individuals.

Needs for Low Income NYs

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

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

Priority	Agency	Title
13 / 21	DFTA	Senior Programming
15 / 21	DOHMH	Mental Health Services for Children and Young Adults
16 / 21	DOHMH	Veteran Mental Health Services
18 / 21	HRA	Domestic Violence Programs

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Queens Community Board 9

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

Students of all backgrounds, including learning and physical disabilities should have access to a quality education. Every effort should be made to ensure that each school has the ability and resources to our special needs children and they satisfy all services detailed in each student's IEP.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

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

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

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

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
2 / 24	SCA	PS 90 Playground Renovation
3 / 24	SCA	PS 66 Playground Renovation
4 / 24	SCA	PS 99 Annex Expansion
12 / 24	SCA	PS 66 Running Track canopy
13 / 24	SCA	PS 62 Gymnasium
14 / 24	SCA	PS 55 Gym Upgrade

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 21	DOE	Expand 3k program
14 / 21	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Queens Community Board 9

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

Thanks to the efforts of the police officers assigned to the 102nd Precinct, Community Board 9 district has experienced an 82% drop in major crimes. Additionally, officers have issued hundreds of quality-of-life summonses to improve living conditions in our neighborhoods. Derelict and abandoned vehicles are restricting parking for residents while we continue to encourage multi-agency response to remove these cars from our streets. Additionally, law enforcement made measurable progress in shutting down illegal cannabis shops operating in our retail corridors. The Police do an outstanding job protecting the community, however public safety is a shared responsibility, and we must continue to build stronger relations between community, anti-violence groups and police.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

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

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
17 / 24	NYPD	102 Pct Parking lot Renovation
18 / 24	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
17 / 21	NYPD	Additional Officers Assigned to 102 Pct
19 / 21	NYPD	Additional Crossing Guards

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Queens Community Board 9

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

Sewer capacity

During recent severe storms it was clear that our current sewer and storm drainage infrastructure is antiquated and not able to mitigate flooding. It is imperative that the city install new sewers, catch basins, and storm drains that function to avoid over flowing water & flooding to protect residents and their properties.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

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

Needs for Sanitation Services

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

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

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

Priority	Agency	Title
3 / 21	DSNY	Graffiti Removal
4 / 21	DSNY	Power washing sidewalks along Jamaica Avenue
6 / 21	DSNY	Litter Basket Service
7 / 21	DSNY	Motorized Litter Patrols
8 / 21	DSNY	Maintaining and cleaning center median
9 / 21	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning
10 / 21	DSNY	Curbside recycling program
11 / 21	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal
12 / 21	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Queens Community Board 9

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

Land use and zoning

Community Board 9 wants to strengthen its partnership with NYC City Planning. There must be a mutual respect for the ULURP process and the important role community boards play in the decision making process. Community District 9 stands in opposition to the "City of Yes – Housing Opportunity" proposed zoning changes issued by the Department of City Planning under Mayor Eric Adams in its entirety, particularly in opposition to A) lessening input from neighborhoods, Community Boards and elected officials in the planning, zoning and land use process through enabling increased "as-of-right" development; B) the imposition of mandated upzonings which would exponentially increase development in lower-density areas of the city, including TODs, ADUs and "Town Center" zoning; and C) radical changes to the basic zoning framework of all R1 through R5 zones, elimination of parking requirements in all new residential construction and other proposed changes that would deregulate residential zoning and drastically change the character of our neighborhoods. Some large scale developments can have a beneficial impact and others can have negative effects on the district. Consequently, it is imperative that the process remain transparent, fair and scrupulous.

Needs for Housing

See budget requests.

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

Needs for Land Use

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

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

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

Priority	Agency	Title
5 / 21	SBS	Awning Replacement program

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Queens Community Board 9

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Parking operations

In Community Board 9, finding a parking spot can be a daunting task. Derelict vehicles are parked in the same spot for months frustrating residents as they drive around for hours looking for a legal parking spot. DOT is expanding the carshare program which will take away even more parking. We need to find ways to increase parking to alleviate residents' frustration.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

See budget requests.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

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

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
11 / 24	NYCTA	Q24 Bus Shelters and Countdown Clock
21 / 24	DOT	Jamaica Avenue Beautification Project
22 / 24	DOT	Queens Boulevard Greenstreet Project
23 / 24	DOT	Woodhaven Boulevard Greenstreet Project

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Queens Community Board 9

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

Community board resources (offices, staff, and equipment)

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

Needs for Parks

See budget requests.

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

Needs for Parks

Community is requesting the construction of a new running/walking track in Phil Rizzuto Park. Additionally much needed improvements are needed for Victory Field and Greenhouse Playground

Needs for Library Services

The renovation of Richmond Hill Library has languished for many years despite being fully funded. Community Board 9 wants this projected to be completed so that local residents can enjoy the library. Increase funding for Libraries and expand weekend service at Richmond Hill, Woodhaven and all Libraries in Community Board 9 Queens.

Needs for Community Boards

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

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 24	DPR	Phil Rizzuto Park Track
5 / 24	DPR	Victory Field Upgrade
6 / 24	DPR	Overlook entrances ADA Compliance
7 / 24	DPR	Phil Rizzuto Park Security Camera
8 / 24	DPR	London Planetree Playground Security Camera
9 / 24	DPR	Phil Rizzuto Park Ballfield Upgrade
15 / 24	DPR	Greenhouse Playground
16 / 24	DPR	Overlook Bench Installation
24 / 24	DPR	Barking Lot Security Cameras
CS	DPR	Overlook ADA Compliance for Access
CS	DPR	ASA Compliance for all Overlook Entrances

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
20 / 21	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)
21 / 21	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

Priority	Agency	Title
10 / 24	NYCTA	Q37 Bus Stop Time Clock
19 / 24	NYCTA	LIRR Babbage and Bessemer Upgrade
20 / 24	DCAS	100th Street Capital Improvement

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
2 / 21	DOB	Funding for additional DOB Inspectors

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Title	Priority Agency	Request	Explanation
Phil Rizzuto Park Track	1 / 24 DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Community is requesting the construction of new running/walking track in Phil Rizzuto Park</i>
PS 90 Playground Renovation	2 / 24 SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Renovation of the PS 90 Playground to include basketball courts</i>
PS 66 Playground Renovation	3 / 24 SCA	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	<i>Renovation of PS 66 playground</i>
PS 99 Annex Expansion	4 / 24 SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Procure or lease building adjacent to PS 99 Annex for expansion</i>
Victory Field Upgrade	5 / 24 DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>New synthetic turf and running track for Victory Field</i>
Overlook entrances ADA Compliance	6 / 24 DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Additional Funding to complete ADA compliance for all Overlook entrances</i>
Phil Rizzuto Park Security Camera	7 / 24 DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Community is requesting security cameras for Phil Rizzuto Park to increase safety</i>
London Planetree Playground	8 / 24 DPR	Enhance park safety through design	<i>Community is requesting security cameras for London Planetree Playground to increase safety</i>

Security Camera		interventions, e.g. better lighting	
Phil Rizzuto Park Ballfield Upgrade	9 / 24 DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Community is requesting the reconstruction of ballfield/athletic field in Phil Rizzuto Park</i>
Q37 Bus Stop Time Clock	10 / 24 NYCTA	Other capital request	<i>Location: Union Turnpike - Queens Boulevard & Queens Boulevard Installation of time clock for the Q37 bus stop at Union Turnpike and Queens Boulevard</i>
Q24 Bus Shelters and Countdown Clock	11 / 24 NYCTA	Other capital budget request for NYCTA	<i>Location: Atlantic Avenue & 111th Street Install bus shelters and and countdown clocks for the Q24 (Atlantic Avenue and 11th Street (Eastbound and Westbound)</i>
PS 66 Running Track canopy	12 / 24 SCA	Renovate other site component	<i>Install canopy to provide shade over existing PS 66 running track</i>
PS 62 Gymnasium	13 / 24 SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Renovation of school gymnasium</i>
PS 55 Gym Upgrade	14 / 24 SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>PS 55 gym upgrade</i>
Greenhouse Playground	15 / 24 DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Reconstruction of Greenhouse Playground</i>
Overlook Bench Installation	16 / 24 DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Install new benches outside the Overlook (along Park Lane South)</i>
102 Pct Parking lot Renovation	17 / 24 NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	<i>The parking lot adjacent to the 102nd Precinct building needs to be resurfaced and repair. This will provide adequate parking for police office and free up street parking in front of residential property</i>
Provide surveillance	18 / 24 NYPD	Provide surveillance	<i>Request the installation of Argus surveillance cameras at problematic or</i>

(Argus) cameras		(Argus) cameras	<i>high crime locations.</i>
LIRR Babbage and Bessemer Upgrade	19 / 24 NYCTA	Other capital request	Location: Babbage Street - Hillside Avenue & Hillside Avenue <i>Capital improvements to LIRR property between Babbage and Bessemer Streets, bounded by Hillside and 84th Avenues, and 126th Street and Metropolitan Avenue (security fencing, improved lighting, façade repair and security cameras).</i>
100th Street Capital Improvement	20 / 24 DCAS	Other capital request	Location: 100 Street - 103 Avenue & 103 Avenue <i>DCAS-Capital improvements to DCAS property currently rented by businesses on 100th Street between 103 Avenue and 101st Avenue</i>
Jamaica Avenue Beautification Project	21 / 24 DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Location: Jamaica Avenue - Lefferts Boulevard & Lefferts Boulevard <i>Jamaica beautification project. Including new lighting on Jamaica Ave from Lefferts Boulevard to Eldert Lane.</i>
Queens Boulevard Greenstreet Project	22 / 24 DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	Location: Queens Boulevard - Union Turnpike & Van Wyck Expressway <i>Incorporate Greenstreet Program on Queens Boulevard. Beautify medians with trees and gardens where appropriate.</i>
Woodhaven Boulevard Greenstreet Project	23 / 24 DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	Location: Woodhaven Blvd - Myrtle Ave & 103rd Avenue <i>Incorporate Greenstreets Program on Woodhaven Blvd. Additional tree plantings on Woodhaven Blvd. from Myrtle Ave. to 103 Ave. and gardens where appropriate.</i>
Barking Lot Security Cameras	24 / 24 DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>Installation of security camera in The Overlook Barking Lot</i>
Overlook ADA Compliance for Access	CS DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Additional funding to complete ADA compliance for all Overlook Entrances</i>
ASA Compliance for all Overlook Entrances	CS DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Additional funding to complete ADA compliance project for all Overlook entrances</i>

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Title	Priority Agency	Request	Explanation
Expand 3k program	1 / 21 DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Expand 3k program and enrollment opportunities</i>
Funding for additional DOB Inspectors	2 / 21 DOB	Other expense request for DOB	<i>Funding for additional inspectors to address issues resulting from the City of Yes</i>
Graffiti Removal	3 / 21 DSNY	Increase Graffiti Removal/Cleaning	<i>Graffiti Removal</i>
Power washing sidewalks along Jamaica Avenue	4 / 21 DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Power washing sidewalks along Jamaica Avenue</i>
Awning Replacement program	5 / 21 SBS	Assist with on-site business compliance with City regulations	<i>Provide assistance to small businesses to comply with awning replacement mandates</i>
Litter Basket Service	6 / 21 DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests	<i>Maintaining and increasing litter basket service</i>
Motorized Litter Patrols	7 / 21 DSNY	Other expense budget request for DSNY	<i>Maintaining and increasing MLP services to address illegal drop off and dump out conditions</i>
Maintaining and cleaning center median	8 / 21 DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Maintaining and cleaning center median</i>
Increase vacant lot cleaning	9 / 21 DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	<i>Maintaining and increasing funding levels for vacant lot cleaning</i>
Curbside recycling program	10 / 21 DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	<i>Maintaining curbside recycling program</i>
Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	11 / 21 DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	<i>Restore the Curbside E-Waste collection program</i>
Provide more	12 / 21	Provide more	<i>Continuation of funds for school truck</i>

frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions	DSNY	frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions	<i>services, assistance to schools to maximize recycling and assist schools comply with collection schedules</i>
Senior Programming	13 / 21 DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	<i>Our seniors deserve programs that improve the mental, physical, financial and emotional health. It is important we increase funding to programs that will greatly improve the quality of life of our senior population.</i>
Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	14 / 21 DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>Continue to fund Beacon Program at Middle School 210 and expand to other district schools. The Beacon Program provides educational, sports and mentoring opportunities outside normal classroom hours. Funding should be maintained or increased.</i>
Mental Health Services for Children and Young Adults	15 / 21 DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>In this technologically advanced environment and the use of various social media platforms can cause stress and anxiety in our children and young adults. There should be access to mental health programs to help individuals cope with stress and depression.</i>
Veteran Mental Health Services	16 / 21 DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>Many veterans return to civilian life that require mental health support. Issues can be dealing with PTSD, substance abuse or difficulties returning to civilian life. It is important that we have programs to help our veteran population.</i>
Additional Officers Assigned to 102 Pct	17 / 21 NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>We must receive our fair share of Police Officers. Our district will be home to high-rise community jail and also includes Queens Borough Hall, Forest Park, and a number of churches, synagogues and temples that are in need of constant attention.</i>
Domestic Violence Programs	18 / 21 HRA	Provide social services for domestic violence survivors (legal services, counseling, referral to supportive	<i>Domestic violence does not discriminate. Anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion or gender can be a victim – or perpetrator – of domestic violence. It can happen to people who are married, living together or who are dating. It affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels. We need programs to</i>

		services, etc.)	<i>help these victims</i>
Additional Crossing Guards	19 / 21 NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	<i>Hire additional crossings and assign to local schools</i>
Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	20 / 21 DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Fund Park Enforcement Patrol Unit for Forest Park. Forest Park is host to many athletic facilities, recreational programs, and special events. It also has 543 acres of forest, which feature numerous hiking trails and a 4-mile equestrian path. Our park has a high volume of events and activities. Problems such as user conflicts permit violations, crowd control, vandalism, deviant behavior and other enforcement issues are in need of attention. Often, PEP nits are not available to respond to Forest Parks needs due to citywide distribution of their staff, and summer staffing of pools and beaches. This has created a rise in misuse of and vandalism to park facilities, damage to the landscape, criminal activity and mischief.</i>
Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	21 / 21 DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Fund Pruning Contract for Forest Park This is now a safety issue. Branches have fallen during park concerts and events. It is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or killed. The 543-acre park has large mature trees that are 150 years plus. We desperately need a PIP (Parks Inspection Project) funded along with pruning dollars.</i>