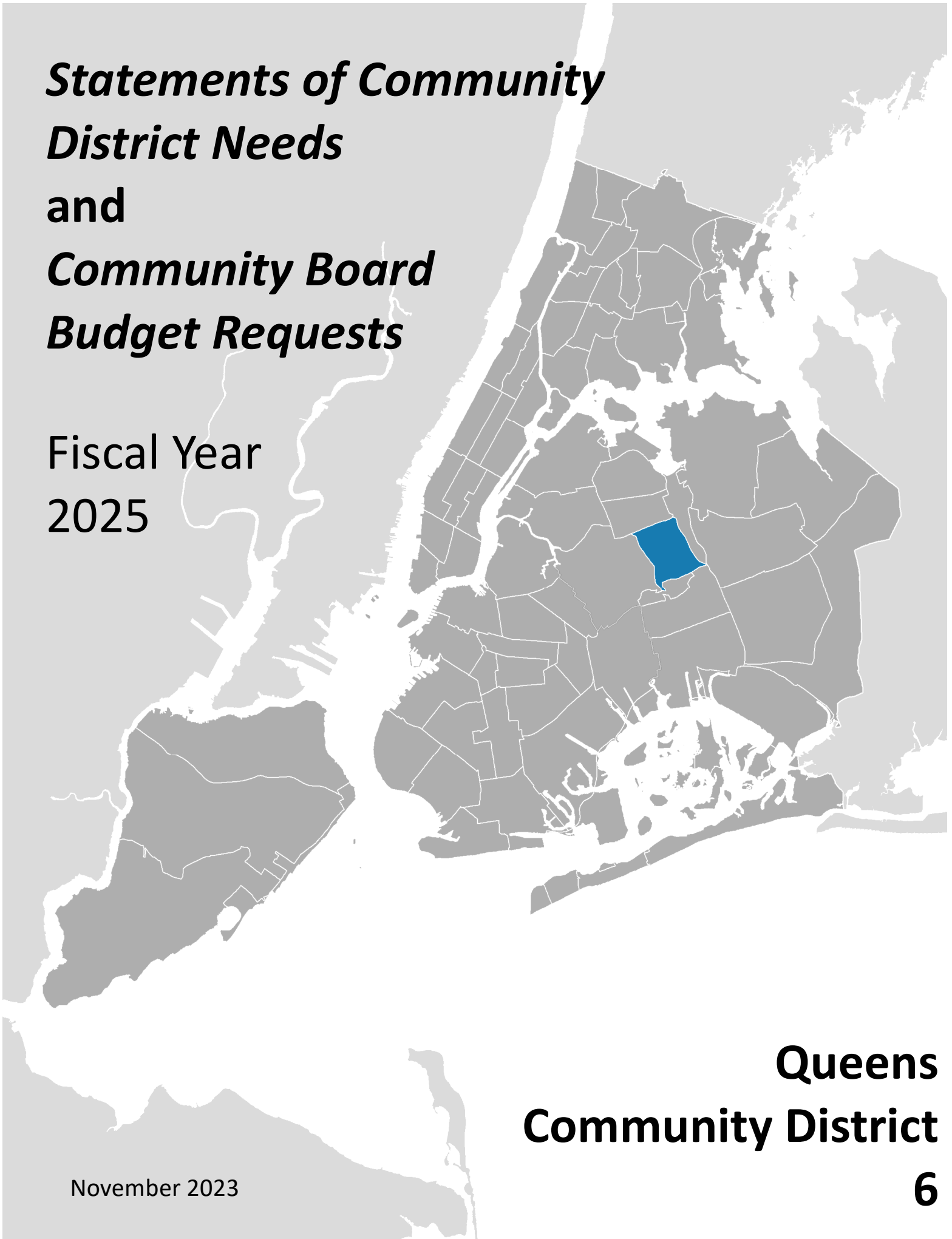


***Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests***

Fiscal Year
2025

**Queens
Community District
6**

November 2023



INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

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

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

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
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Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

The 1969 Plan for New York Cities Community Boards describes Community Board 6 as “fine private homes on tree lined streets, attractive garden apartments, and towering modern apartment houses, including condos and co-op’s, as well as older rent-controlled apartment houses that make this district a most desirable place to live”. Community Board 6 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, jazz concerts, cultural events, and a Green Market on weekends. However, the quality of life issues of the district have changed. The swift increase in population has taxed the capacity of some public facilities. This coupled with increased frequency and severity of storms has pushed our public facilities beyond their limits resulting in never before seen flooding. The schools are overcrowded, the subway is jammed during rush hours, and land use matters are becoming a major concern in Community Board 6. In spite of some problems the district provides a good living environment and prosperous commercial enterprises. However, both population and commercial growth have strained many components of the district’s physical and social infrastructure...we have most certainly changed. Community Board 6 requests the following: 1. Adequate staffing in the 112th Precinct. 2. Protect our established low density residential areas from over building. 3. Discourage intensive and or inappropriate commercial development. 4. Maintain and improve municipal services and infrastructure with regard to sewers and flooding issues in the district. 5. Encourage the integration of new citizens into the society and institutional fabric of our community. 6. Promote stable, long term residential tenure. 7. See continued enhancement of health care in the district, especially with respect to emergency room and hospital bed availability. 8. Maintain schools throughout district, with specific emphasis on Beacon Program. 9. Vision Zero incentives with regard to safety concerns along Queens Boulevard.

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 need parents to relocate for better educational opportunities. Every child in CB 6 should have a seat in his or her neighborhood school.

Senior services

Senior Services - Senior services need to be continued as the "Baby Boomer" generation ages and the immigrant population increases.

Transit (buses & subways)

Transit - Safe, reliable subway and surface transportation within this community is a major priority as opposed to people using their automobiles.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Queens Community Board 6

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

The elderly 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 Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

CB 6 supports funding for enhanced education regarding availability and access , to services and resources Many of the non-senior population of CB 6 have long term illnesses that can also be life threatening such as cancer, multiple sclerosis, dementia, long-covid etc. These individuals need many of the same services required by the senior population.

They include but are not limited to:

1. Improved and timely transportation pertaining to the Access-A-Ride system.
2. Delivery of meals
3. Counseling services - including for the homebound
4. Appropriate housing support
5. Hospice services
6. Increased home care services
7. Recreation activities - including library services for homebound
8. Translation services
9. Appropriate Medication support and Management
10. Respite care for caregivers
11. Bereavement services for family
12. The services offered through ThriveNYC

CB 6 encourages funding for research leading to an end to all life threatening diseases, particularly AIDS, Alzheimer's ; Cancer, and Diabetes. CB 6 supports any program to educate with the aim of eliminating domestic violence. We also support any services which provide assistance to victims of domestic violence

Needs for Older NYs

CB 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 for homebound and elderly.
6. Affordable mental health services-also to be available to homebound
7. Affordable legal services
8. Recreation including library services for homebound

Our community consists of a significant number of older adults, many of which are living their lives largely independent of family members who live far away. They turn to their neighborhood based senior services for assistance. The social adult day program aims to keep at risk elderly 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. For the families of the dementia population, social adult day care provides a respite for the family members, and more are needed. These programs have long waiting lists and are underfunded. There is increased demand for services for persons with early dementia as there are waiting lists for the programs for persons who suffer from middle and late stage dementia. A population at risk is the large diverse immigrant elderly 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. Also, the cultural and language barriers have created increased tensions in the community that are being addressed by the Queens Community House through dialogue groups and the 112th Precinct. These programs are funded through government dollars. The demand for services is huge and the waitlist, long and discouraging.

Needs for Homeless

CB 6 supports funding for homeless services, including housing and social services support for the unhoused.

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.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/30	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<i>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.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<i>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.</i>	
2/25	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>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>	
4/25	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	<i>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>	

6/25	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<i>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</i>
10/25	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>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>
12/25	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Career training and job placement for seniors and people with disabilities. There is an ongoing need for career training and job placement among seniors and the disabled population. COVID19, has increased the necessity of this program as both groups sustained higher job loss than the rest of the population.</i>
16/25	DFTA	Enhance home care services	<i>This request is to increase funding for mental health services for senior citizens who are unable to leave home.</i>
22/25	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>This is a request to fund more health issue programs in the community, especially diabetes.</i>

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Queens Community Board 6

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

After school programs

Beacon programs are highly effective programs that offer positive youth development through educational, cultural and literacy programs. Currently we have Beacon sites that serve the needs of many of our communities youth. 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 drop out prevention. Youth employment programs should be expanded to address youth employment, develop jobs, and job training programs. In order to make certain that we are doing the best for our youth, the Dept. of Youth and Community Development, must engage in cooperative planning, ensure the most effective use of current youth programs, as well as the development of additional programs in Community Board 6.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

Community Board 6 enjoys working closely with District 28 as well as all the public, private, and parochial schools. More importantly, the lines of communication between the board and the schools should be more transparent. As our communities continue grow, a majority 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. We are also concerned that our public schools in our district are not 100% ADA accessible. This creates an unfair inequity that urgently needs addressed.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

Affordable Day Care for Children - There has been a substantial increase in the number of two parent families in which both parents are working and also 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 match the demand in our communities. It is also crucial that these seats be evenly distributed throughout our neighborhoods.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/30	SCA	Renovate other site component	<i>This request is to renovate interior and exterior building components to supply full ADA Accessibility Compliance in all public schools in CB 6.</i>	
8/30	SCA	Renovate other site component	<i>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</i>	
10/30	SCA	Renovate other site component	<i>This request is to fund school safety improvements by increasing funding to complete the installment and upgrade of security cameras at District schools.</i>	
15/30	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	<i>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.</i>	
22/30	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>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.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>CONTINUE FUNDING BEACON PROGRAMS AT JHS 190 AS WELL AS GENERAL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN COMMUNITY BOARD 6</i>	
5/25	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>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>	

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Queens Community Board 6

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Police-community relations

Community policing is the first step toward community safety and repairing relationships. We must build back neighborhood partnerships while securing the safety and fair treatment of civilians and the police that risk their lives every day.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

More than 95 percent of CB 6, traditionally a safe, low crime area, is served by the 112th Precinct which has one of the smallest patrol forces in the City. For this reason, the 112th Precinct should not be pulled to assist with events in Flushing Meadow Park, Citifield, and the U.S. Open.

The principal public safety need in this Community District is for real increases in the size of our patrol force, for these reasons:

1. A significant rise in population, the influx of new immigrants and a substantial increase in ethnic/racial diversity have made policing in CB 6 more complex and time-consuming
2. Other demographic changes, particularly a great increase in youth population, add burdens to the precinct's workload
3. The district's relative affluence continues to attract burglars, bank robbers and shoplifters
4. The 112 Pct. must also provide police services for many tens of thousands of non-residents who enter our District daily - either to transfer (and often shop) at our three intermodal transit hubs along Queens Blvd. (at Union Turnpike, 71 Avenue, and 63 Road) or to visit the upscale retail/entertainment area along Forest Hills' Austin Street - or to access the Rego Park regional shopping center.
5. Traffic safety remains an urgent focus of community concern, in view of the long history of pedestrian fatalities on Queens Blvd. Contributing factors that need enforcement are: Increasing use of e-bikes and illegal scooters and an increasing number of motorists ignore the prohibition against use of hand-held cell phones while driving. Enforcement of these laws, while difficult, is essential; In addition, greater emphasis should be placed on the guidelines of vision zero.
6. Quality of Life complaints (some not within NYPD's purview) continue to be numerous in CB 6.
7. The urgent new counter-terrorism mission for NYPD, which requires extensive training time, assignment of officers to additional posts/duties within the precinct, and their detail for special situations elsewhere in the City, logically will affect performance in a small precinct more seriously than a larger one.
8. Increase police enforcement near schools, particularly the Metropolitan Avenue schools, and at all NYCHA Housing.
9. Support for CB 6's Community Emergency Response Team. (CERT) and a continued focus on the 112th Precinct Explorer's Program.
10. Recruiting and retaining school crossing guards should be a major priority in CB 6.

Needs for Emergency Services

As is well known, CB 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. Increased routine or complaint follow-up inspections by FDNY are viewed as essential fire protection actions by this community. 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 or SRO's. We believe that participation by DOB, FDNY, and its Fire Prevention Bureau, to the fullest extent possible under existing laws, in the campaign to halt and reverse/remediate illegal conversions, would serve this community well.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
26/30	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	<i>This request is to provide funding for security cameras 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)</i>	
30/30	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>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.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/25	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	<i>This request is to recruit and retain local school crossing guards to ensure the safety of students.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Queens Community Board 6

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

The current economic climate has given rise to growing quality of life problems such as graffiti. Graffiti continues to be a problem that has come back on both public and private property throughout CB 6. We should encourage the private sector to provide funding to help keep our neighborhoods clean. Additional mechanical brooms are needed to keep our streets clean.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

2021 saw two back to back storms that brought unprecedented flooding in our district. The current pace of maintenance is no match for the storms we are facing. An overhaul of the sewage system would be ideal, but that takes time and federal resources. In the meantime, we need maintenance schedules accelerated and increased assessments. As severe storms approach we need increased catch basin cleanings throughout the district. Lastly, adding rain gardens to our flood prone areas (Grand Central Parkway corridor, Kessel Street, Selfridge Street and the area around Park City) would aid in mitigating the flood risk to 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 litter basket pickups on commercial strips and a litter basket truck.
2. Fund regularly scheduled cleanup of medians.
3. Maintain weekly recycling and composting.
4. Hire more Sanitation Enforcement agents.
5. Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalks and streets
6. Mechanical broom for the fall leaf season, a 10 yard alley truck, and a graffiti power washer

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/30	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>This request is to increase funding for the upgrade of all CB 6 sewers to accommodate the increasing population and storm severity as a result of climate change that leads to perpetual flooding within the district.</i>	
12/30	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>This request is to fund the construction of Rain Gardens throughout the district in order to reduce risk of flooding and increase rain reabsorption into the soil.</i>	
14/30	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	<i>This is a request to fund the installation of Smart Bins throughout the district for composting</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/25	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	<i>This request is for the following - Expand the organics recycling program throughout the District - Expand composting throughout the District including but not limited to curbside residential pickup</i>	
15/25	DSNY	Other expense budget request for DSNY	<i>Address sidewalk and community cleanliness through increased frequency of trash collection/sidewalk cleaning, increasing trash receptacles, and rodent management - Increase frequency of trash collection in business districts - Increase number of trash and recycling bins on commercial streets with focus on businesses - Increase frequency of sidewalk cleaning - Improve rodent management in commercial zones by increasing abatement for rodents/roaches</i>	

17/25	DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>This is a request for DSNY to clear catch basins within District 6 of debris 24 hours prior to a significant precipitation event.</i>
25/25	DSNY	Improve snow removal	<i>This is a request for funding the hiring of laborers to ensure the timely removal of snow/ice from sidewalks/crosswalks/bike lanes in the district. The crosswalks on Queens Blvd are a specific problem area after significant snow storms.</i>

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

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 on 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 Government would assist the commercial districts in making progress.

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 electrical grid, gas supply, water supply, sewerage, garbage disposal, 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 mandatory inclusionary housing. It is necessary to study the current and future as-of-right developments in CB6 in relation to these two categories. 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 clear a bank before removing the violation.

Needs for Housing

CB 6 supports funding for affordable and senior housing as well as supportive housing.

Needs for Economic Development

There is a need for programs to assist the commercial strips in Forest Hills and Rego Park to improve business and cope with the growing problem of vacancies. There is a need to help small businesses in our community and elsewhere in the city. We support the small business first initiative to help small business owners, in particular the restaurants.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/30	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors	<i>This request is to fund affordable housing for the elderly by prioritizing and increasing affordable housing inventory for the elderly.</i>	
5/30	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>This request is to provide funding to encourage the development of more affordable housing with AMI bands aligned with CB6-based AMI</i>	
28/30	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>This request is for business district signage directing people to the following locations: 1. Austin Street 2. Metropolitan Avenue 3. FH LIRR 4. FH Stadium 5. Subway Station (s) 6. Other locations as needed</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/25	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Funding for affordable housing development to include but not be limited to funding for MIH projects, community land trusts, and Accessory Dwelling Units [ADU's]. This request is considered as a multi-pronged approach to providing a range of funding for and types of affordable housing development within CD6.</i>	

19/25	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<i>Funding for Basement Apartment Conversion Pilot Program administered by HPD/CHLDC. 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 or cellar 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 related to climate change & aging stormwater infrastructure.</i>
21/25	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current uses or neighborhood character	<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.</i>

Queens Community Board 6

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Traffic congestion

In terms of traffic / traffic flow, adequacy, pedestrian and vehicular safety and resource allocation, transportation concerns impact Community Board 6 in a variety of significant ways that require priority attention. Future projects like the "Queens Boulevard Capital Project" will go a long way to alleviate some of our most congested areas.

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. As the plan has been implemented in both western and eastern portion of Queens Boulevard, we need to ensure that the temporary flexiposts are replaced with 15 foot jersey barriers throughout.

Woodhaven Boulevard - It is especially important to balance the legitimate needs of streamlining traffic flow with the vital safety concerns of the 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. Lanes of traffic 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 sidewalk and railroad bridge approaches leading to the Stop and Shop area.

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.

Needs for Transit Services

Forest Hills is a major transportation hub for New York City. Thousands of commuters pass through these two destinations 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, Queens Community Board 6 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 taken 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 generally. 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 platforms and mezzanines at 71st Ave. station The creation of better bus shelters for the thousands of commuters who wait for buses in all weather. There is a growing need for a reduced fare city ticket for the LIRR that is not merely limited to weekend commutes.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/30	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>This request calls for the funding and installation of elevators at all subway and LIRR stations within the district. Highlighting 63rd Drive Subway Station and FH LIRR Station as critical need due to proximity to shopping and connections to other transportation.</i>	
4/30	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>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); 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.</i>	
13/30	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>This request is for the installation of security cameras at all subway stations in CB 6</i>	
17/30	DOT	Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share	<i>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>	
18/30	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>Improve safety in subway stations by funding installation of platform screen door systems at all subway stations in CB6</i>	
25/30	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Fund new speed humps in the district to reduce speeding dangers, including but not limited to Austin Street between Union Turnpike & Ascan Avenue and 67th Rd., between Austin Street and Queens Blvd</i>	

27/30	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>This request is to fund the planting of trees, shrubbery and other vegetations along the Long Island Expressway boundaries within CB 6 to serve as a sound barrier from highway traffic.</i>
29/30	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>This request is to fund the planting of trees, shrubbery and other vegetations along the Jackie Robinson Parkway within CB 6 to serve as a sound barrier from highway traffic.</i>

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/25	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>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.</i>	
13/25	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	<i>Fund, expand and improve alternative transportation programs for the elderly and those with disabilities. This request seeks continued and new funding to improve transportation programs for the elderly 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</i>	
14/25	NYCTA	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	<i>This request is for additional funding for routine subway station cleaning & maintenance in CB6.</i>	
24/25	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Fund Open Streets projects within the District. This request for funding would make it possible and sustainable to establish some Open Streets segments within the District that would not be reliant on volunteers for setup & takedown.</i>	

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 over crowded 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. CB 6 feels that all libraries should be ADA Accessible.

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

Needs for Parks

Outreach through the Parks Dept. should be made to local business, Civic organizations and schools to “adopt” a Park or Vest Pocket to assist with planting, landscaping, clean up and also in monetary contributions. Forestry: Pruning of all trees within CB 6, both in Parks and in residential areas as well as removal of all dead or infected trees and stumps/roots as part of regularly scheduled maintenance. Additionally, replanting or new planting of shade trees within all Park areas. Parks, Playgrounds & Recreation: CB6 requests CONTINUED AND INCREASED MAINTENANCE of all playground equipment including safety matting and also additional “sprinkler” apparatus for children. All local parks, vest pocket park areas, 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 support upgrading and improvement in all respects. Flushing Meadow & Willow Lake Park areas should be made available to residents along the south side of the Park area and enhanced with benches and access routes. Whenever open land becomes available in high density areas, Parks Dept. should secure the property to provide a green space for residents. However, if additional parks are added to the district, staff should be added to accomodate. Green Infrastructure: With an increasing number of rain gardens being installed throughout our community, we are requesting regular maintenance and cleaning of these structures.

Needs for Cultural Services

Cultural events within our community provide life enrichment, bring a diverse community together, and attract tourist dollars. CB6 requests adequate funding for the Department of Cultural Affairs Expense Budget to enable local arts programs; for cultural and arts programs within CB6 serving Queens as a whole (including Veterans groups - Memorial Day Parade, etc and the Chamber of Commerce - Jazz Thursday); and for performances, workshops, and other cultural opportunities.

Needs for Library Services

The libraries in Community Board 6 are heavily utilized by growing numbers of immigrants. It is essential that the libraries remain accessible to all people as an educational tool. Expansion of the Rego Park Library is a major priority of CB 6, along with weekend service to be permanently put in the budget. All libraries must be made ADA Accessible

Needs for Community Boards

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/30	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>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.</i>	
11/30	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>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>	91-41 63 Drive
16/30	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>A request for a modernized North Forest Park library. This will allow the library to sustain all age groups of the neighborhood.</i>	98-27 Metropolitan Avenue, Forest Hills, NY 11375
19/30	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>This request is to fund a permanent annex of the Rego Park Library to serve members of the community on the North Side of Queens Boulevard.</i>	
20/30	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>This request is for funding the purchase of a Gator XVU855MS for use at CB6 parks. This equipment is necessary for improved maintenance, cleanliness, and safety for all parks. (We currently share a truck with another community district and this is limiting for all parks in both communities.)</i>	
21/30	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>This is a request to fund a new park, specifically around Austin Street and 67th Avenue. There is a high density of schools and residential buildings in the area.</i>	
23/30	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>This request is for funding to increase water pressure and maintain all water fountains in CB 6 Parks. Water pressure in some water fountains make them difficult to utilize.</i>	
24/30	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>This request is to construct a comfort station structure in Yellowstone park for all ages to enjoy.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
18/25	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>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>	
20/25	QL	Other expense budget request for QL	<i>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 Rego Park (South) is being completed. This branch will then continue to serve the community on the north side of Queens Blvd.</i>	
23/25	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>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>	

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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

Other Expense Requests

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/30	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors	<i>This request is to fund affordable housing for the elderly by prioritizing and increasing affordable housing inventory for the elderly.</i>	
2/30	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>This request is to increase funding for the upgrade of all CB 6 sewers to accommodate the increasing population and storm severity as a result of climate change that leads to perpetual flooding within the district.</i>	
3/30	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>This request calls for the funding and installation of elevators at all subway and LIRR stations within the district. Highlighting 63rd Drive Subway Station and FH LIRR Station as critical need due to proximity to shopping and connections to other transportation.</i>	
4/30	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>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); 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.</i>	
5/30	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>This request is to provide funding to encourage the development of more affordable housing with AMI bands aligned with CB6-based AMI</i>	
6/30	SCA	Renovate other site component	<i>This request is to renovate interior and exterior building components to supply full ADA Accessibility Compliance in all public schools in CB 6.</i>	

7/30	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<i>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.</i>	
8/30	SCA	Renovate other site component	<i>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</i>	
9/30	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>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.</i>	
10/30	SCA	Renovate other site component	<i>This request is to fund school safety improvements by increasing funding to complete the installment and upgrade of security cameras at District schools.</i>	
11/30	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>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>	91-41 63 Drive
12/30	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>This request is to fund the construction of Rain Gardens throughout the district in order to reduce risk of flooding and increase rain reabsorption into the soil.</i>	
13/30	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>This request is for the installation of security cameras at all subway stations in CB 6</i>	
14/30	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	<i>This is a request to fund the installation of Smart Bins throughout the district for composting</i>	

15/30	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	<i>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.</i>	
16/30	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>A request for a modernized North Forest Park library. This will allow the library to sustain all age groups of the neighborhood.</i>	98-27 Metropolitan Avenue, Forest Hills, NY 11375
17/30	DOT	Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share	<i>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>	
18/30	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>Improve safety in subway stations by funding installation of platform screen door systems at all subway stations in CB6</i>	
19/30	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>This request is to fund a permanent annex of the Rego Park Library to serve members of the community on the North Side of Queens Boulevard.</i>	
20/30	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>This request is for funding the purchase of a Gator XVU855MS for use at CB6 parks. This equipment is necessary for improved maintenance, cleanliness, and safety for all parks. (We currently share a truck with another community district and this is limiting for all parks in both communities.)</i>	
21/30	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>This is a request to fund a new park, specifically around Austin Street and 67th Avenue. There is a high density of schools and residential buildings in the area.</i>	
22/30	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>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.</i>	

23/30	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>This request is for funding to increase water pressure and maintain all water fountains in CB 6 Parks. Water pressure in some water fountains make them difficult to utilize.</i>
24/30	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>This request is to construct a comfort station structure in Yellowstone park for all ages to enjoy.</i>
25/30	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Fund new speed humps in the district to reduce speeding dangers, including but not limited to Austin Street between Union Turnpike & Ascan Avenue and 67th Rd., between Austin Street and Queens Blvd</i>
26/30	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	<i>This request is to provide funding for security cameras 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)</i>
27/30	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>This request is to fund the planting of trees, shrubbery and other vegetations along the Long Island Expressway boundaries within CB 6 to serve as a sound barrier from highway traffic.</i>
28/30	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>This request is for business district signage directing people to the following locations: 1. Austin Street 2. Metropolitan Avenue 3. FH LIRR 4. FH Stadium 5. Subway Station (s) 6. Other locations as needed</i>
29/30	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>This request is to fund the planting of trees, shrubbery and other vegetations along the Jackie Robinson Parkway within CB 6 to serve as a sound barrier from highway traffic.</i>

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.

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<i>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.</i>	
2/25	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>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>	
3/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>CONTINUE FUNDING BEACON PROGRAMS AT JHS 190 AS WELL AS GENERAL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN COMMUNITY BOARD 6</i>	
4/25	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	<i>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>	
5/25	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>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>	
6/25	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<i>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</i>	

7/25	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	<i>This request is to recruit and retain local school crossing guards to ensure the safety of students.</i>
8/25	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>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.</i>
9/25	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Funding for affordable housing development to include but not be limited to funding for MIH projects, community land trusts, and Accessory Dwelling Units [ADU's]. This request is considered as a multi-pronged approach to providing a range of funding for and types of affordable housing development within CD6.</i>
10/25	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>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>
11/25	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	<i>This request is for the following - Expand the organics recycling program throughout the District - Expand composting throughout the District including but not limited to curbside residential pickup</i>
12/25	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Career training and job placement for seniors and people with disabilities. There is an ongoing need for career training and job placement among seniors and the disabled population. COVID19, has increased the necessity of this program as both groups sustained higher job loss than the rest of the population.</i>

13/25	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	<i>Fund, expand and improve alternative transportation programs for the elderly and those with disabilities. This request seeks continued and new funding to improve transportation programs for the elderly 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</i>
14/25	NYCTA	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	<i>This request is for additional funding for routine subway station cleaning & maintenance in CB6.</i>
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16/25	DFTA	Enhance home care services	<i>This request is to increase funding for mental health services for senior citizens who are unable to leave home.</i>
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FY25 Community Board Budget Requests with Agency Responses - Capital

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01/30	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors	<i>This request is to fund affordable housing for the elderly by prioritizing and increasing affordable housing inventory for the elderly.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
02/30	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>This request is to increase funding for the upgrade of all CB 6 sewers to accommodate the increasing population and storm severity as a result of climate change that leads to perpetual flooding within the district.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
03/30	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>This request calls for the funding and installation of elevators at all subway and LIRR stations within the district. Highlighting 63rd Drive Subway Station and FH LIRR Station as critical need due to proximity to shopping and connections to other transportation.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
04/30	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>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); 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.</i>	Pedestrian ramps will be constructed at all locations citywide by NYCDOT over the next several years. DOT received additional funding for this purpose.
05/30	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>This request is to provide funding to encourage the development of more affordable housing with AMI bands aligned with CB6-based AMI</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
06/30	DOE	Renovate other site component	<i>This request is to renovate interior and exterior building components to supply full ADA Accessibility Compliance in all public schools in CB 6.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
07/30	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<i>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.</i>	Homelessness prevention is one of the Agency's priorities. Funds have been allocated in the budget for these services.
08/30	DOE	Renovate other site component	<i>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</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
09/30	QPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>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.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway.
10/30	DOE	Renovate other site component	<i>This request is to fund school safety improvements by increasing funding to complete the installment and upgrade of security cameras at District schools.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

11/30	QPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>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>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the final design contract has been let.
12/30	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>This request is to fund the construction of Rain Gardens throughout the district in order to reduce risk of flooding and increase rain reabsorption into the soil.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
13/30	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>This request is for the installation of security cameras at all subway stations in CB 6</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
14/30	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	<i>This is a request to fund the installation of Smart Bins throughout the district for composting</i>	High-end litter baskets are sponsored by local elected officials, businesses, community groups, etc.
15/30	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	<i>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.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
16/30	QPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>A request for a modernized North Forest Park library. This will allow the library to sustain all age groups of the neighborhood.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway.
17/30	DOT	Improve mobility options, including bike share and car share	<i>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>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
18/30	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>Improve safety in subway stations by funding installation of platform screen door systems at all subway stations in CB6</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
19/30	QPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>This request is to fund a permanent annex of the Rego Park Library to serve members of the community on the North Side of Queens Boulevard.</i>	This request is not recommended for funding.
20/30	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>This request is for funding the purchase of a Gator XVU855MS for use at CB6 parks. This equipment is necessary for improved maintenance, cleanliness, and safety for all parks. (We currently share a truck with another community district and this is limiting for all parks in both communities.)</i>	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.

21/30	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>This is a request to fund a new park, specifically around Austin Street and 67th Avenue. There is a high density of schools and residential buildings in the area.</i>	This park/playground is not currently funded for capital renovations.
22/30	DOE	Renovate interior building component	<i>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.</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
23/30	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>This request is for funding to increase water pressure and maintain all water fountains in CB 6 Parks. Water pressure in some water fountains make them difficult to utilize.</i>	This park/playground is not currently funded for capital renovations.
24/30	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>This request is to construct a comfort station structure in Yellowstone park for all ages to enjoy.</i>	This park/playground is not currently funded for capital renovations.
25/30	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Fund new speed humps in the district to reduce speeding dangers, including but not limited to Austin Street between Union Turnpike & Ascan Avenue and 67th Rd., between Austin Street and Queens Blvd</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
26/30	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	<i>This request is to provide funding for security cameras 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)</i>	Argus cameras are funded via allocations from elected officials for use within their districts. Specific location recommendations should be provided to the local precinct commander for submission to the Information Technology Bureau once funding is allocated. The NYPD will attempt to accommodate specific location requests whenever funding is provided, but reserves the right to place cameras as appropriate due to current crime trends and operational needs.
27/30	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>This request is to fund the planting of trees, shrubbery and other vegetations along the Long Island Expressway boundaries within CB 6 to serve as a sound barrier from highway traffic.</i>	This should be referred to NYC DPR as it is a Park property issue.
28/30	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>This request is for business district signage directing people to the following locations:1. Austin Street2. Metropolitan Avenue3. FH LIRR4. FH Stadium5. Subway Station (s)6. Other locations as needed</i>	Securing funding for this request is outside of EDC's jurisdiction; please contact the agency if you have any questions about the EDC budget process.
29/30	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>This request is to fund the planting of trees, shrubbery and other vegetations along the Jackie Robinson Parkway within CB 6 to serve as a sound barrier from highway traffic.</i>	This should be referred to NYC DPR as it is a Park property issue.

30/30	NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>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.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
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FY25 Community Board Budget Requests with Agency Responses- Expenses

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01/25	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<i>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.</i>	The Agency serves more than 3 million low-income New Yorkers through a broad range of programs to address poverty and income inequality and prevent homelessness.
02/25	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>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>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
03/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>CONTINUE FUNDING BEACON PROGRAMS AT JHS 190 AS WELL AS GENERAL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN COMMUNITY BOARD 6</i>	DYCD has increased funding in this service area.
04/25	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	<i>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>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
05/25	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>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>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
06/25	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<i>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</i>	During the COVID pandemic funds were added to the budget to purchase additional food.
07/25	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	<i>This request is to recruit and retain local school crossing guards to ensure the safety of students.</i>	Based on the latest budget, the NYPD has a specific budgeted headcount. The agency is working on filling vacancies in order to get to that headcount.
08/25	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>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.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.

09/25	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Funding for affordable housing development to include but not be limited to funding for MIH projects, community land trusts, and Accessory Dwelling Units [ADU's]. This request is considered as a multi-pronged approach to providing a range of funding for and types of affordable housing development within CD6.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
10/25	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>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>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
11/25	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	<i>This request is for the following- Expand the organics recycling program throughout the District - Expand composting throughout the District including but not limited to curbside residential pickup</i>	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.
12/25	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Career training and job placement for seniors and people with disabilities. There is an ongoing need for career training and job placement among seniors and the disabled population. COVID19, has increased the necessity of this program as both groups sustained higher job loss than the rest of the population.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
13/25	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	<i>Fund, expand and improve alternative transportation programs for the elderly and those with disabilities. This request seeks continued and new funding to improve transportation programs for the elderly 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</i>	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
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