

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from July to November, 2021.

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 FY23 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

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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.

Queens Community District 2

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	113,200	100.00	137,981	100.00	24,781	21.9	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	19,533	17.3	21,892	15.9	2,359	12.1	-1.4
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	113,200	100.0	137,981	100.0	24,781	21.9	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	39,207	34.6	40,659	29.5	1,452	3.7	-5.1
White non-Hispanic	32,470	28.7	39,290	28.5	6,820	21.0	-0.2
Black non-Hispanic	2,132	1.9	3,784	2.7	1,652	77.5	0.8
Asian non-Hispanic	36,239	32.0	48,826	35.4	12,587	34.7	3.4
Some other race, non-Hispanic	782	0.7	1,563	1.1	781	99.9	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,370	2.1	3,859	2.8	1,489	62.8	0.7
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	47,525	100.0	60,766	100.0	13,241	27.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	43,352	91.2	56,413	92.8	13,061	30.1	1.6
Vacant housing units	4,173	8.8	4,353	7.2	180	4.3	-1.6

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.

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
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3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Overview of Community District Community Board 2 represents the areas of Sunnyside, Woodside, Long Island City, Blissville and a portion of West Maspeth. The district is bounded on the north by Queens Plaza North, the northern property line of the Sunnyside Rail Yard and Northern Boulevard; on the east by the ConRail Property; on the south by Calamus, Maurice and Maspeth Avenues and Newtown Creek; on the west by the East River. Community Board 2 has a wide variety of residential housing options, including one, two and three family private homes, two primarily residential landmark districts: Sunnyside Gardens Historic District and the Hunter's Point Historic District, and a wealth of multifamily apartment options, including the burgeoning new communities in Long Island City; Hunters Point South, Queens West and Court Square, coined the fastest growing neighborhoods in the nation. In recent years this new high-rise residential development has been extended east to sites along both Queens Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue in Sunnyside and Woodside. CB2 is home to: an emerging 21st century economy as well as a thriving Industrial Business Zone (IBZ) and Newtown Creek which is a significant, maritime, and industrial area (SMIA) dedicated to preserving manufacturing and industry in NY. a vibrant arts community including PS1 Contemporary Art Museum, LaGuardia Performing Arts Center, the LIC-A (LIC Artists), the Plaxall Gallery, Thalia Hispanic Theatre, the Turkish Cultural Center, Ecuadorian American Cultural Center, Topaz Arts and Silvercup Studios. a robust educational facility, LaGuardia Community College, that in 2019 enrolled over 30,000 students from 150 nations. CB2 is served by many dedicated community-based nonprofits. The Long Island City Partnership and the Sunnyside Business Improvement District both work to improve and enhance commercial districts. Sunnyside Community Services, Woodside on the Move, Hunters Point Park Conservancy, Court Square Civic Association and Catholic Migration Services serve families most in need and work to enrich and preserve quality of life for residents. Access by mass transit to various locations in CB2 include the #7, E, M, F, G, N, W, R subway lines as well as many bus lines. A rapidly growing network of bicycle lanes supports commuters throughout the district.

TOP Three Pressing Issues The top three pressing issues in CB2 are: Land Use Trends Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency Parks, Culture & Other Community Facilities

LAND USE TRENDS Rezoning CB2 has experienced record real estate development and exponential population growth over the past two decades. Rezoning, particularly in Long Island City and along Queens Boulevard, that originally aimed toward commercial growth, poorly anticipated the residential boom and the pressure this has placed on every aspect of the community's needs. Residential real estate development has outpaced the provision of essential services, upkeep of the infrastructure, schools, roads, transit, and open space. Rezoning in Sunnyside and Woodside along Queens Boulevard that incentivized additional FAR for providing optional affordable housing as per the City's initial Inclusionary Housing Program has failed to produce many new affordable apartments. (One recent Zoning Text Amendment in Woodside includes Mandatory Inclusionary Housing but those units have not yet been constructed.) In the last few years, multiple individual sites along Roosevelt Avenue and between Roosevelt and Queens Boulevard have been subject to developer initiated-rezoning to enable new high-rise residential or mixed-use construction, typically much higher than the surrounding residential and commercial fabric. This increased density is not accompanied by substantive city or developer financed improvements in infrastructure, particularly transit which is already overburdened. Also lacking, particularly in Woodside, are improvements to the existing streetscapes. A more comprehensive and coordinated plan for Roosevelt Avenue in conjunction with these on-going rezoning would benefit this part of the CB2 district.

Rising Housing Costs and Commercial Rents Rising housing costs have become a destabilizing factor. Long time renters are being displaced by increased housing costs. Small homeowners - many on fixed incomes - have experienced large property tax increases. The cost of local retail, including basics such as food and other groceries have significantly risen. Very few working class, public employees, or small business owners can afford to buy property. Many of the properties that come on the market are available as knock downs for development or for speculation. Those that are retained are modernized with an eye toward an upscale market (often having previously neglected the property's condition). Among the most important and integrally significant needs in the community are deeply affordable housing along with deeply affordable small business, industrial, maker and artist space. According to the Partnership for New York City, "Housing affordability posed a challenge before COVID-19, with nearly 40% of metropolitan region's residents paying more than 30% of their income in rent. COVID 19 related job losses add to this burden. According to NYC DCP 43% of CB2 households are rent burdened and spend 35% or more of their income on rent. CB2 is seeking a significant number of additional units of affordable housing, ideally for both rental and home ownership, and expanded opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents already living in the community. In addition, renters and homeowners will continue to need housing counseling assistance to preserve and protect their homes in the district.

Rapidly Increasing Commercial Rents. The district has a wealth of small and large manufacturers, tech companies, design firms, retail,

and service industries that innovate and provide jobs. Many have been part of the community for decades. Some are new. All experience the exceptional pressure of rapidly rising rents, resulting in higher failure rates, turnover, layoffs, and unemployment. In many instances zoning allows former manufacturing lots to be replaced by housing which further exacerbates the ongoing problems. Impact on Artists CB2 has been home to a vast community of creative individuals and groups who have given the area much of its unique identity as well as being an important sector for economic growth. PS1 / MoMa is a prime example of how a fledgling space for artist studios was able to evolve into a world class museum that provides a wide range of jobs, artist opportunities, as well as tourism revenue. Additionally, an important synergy exists between local businesses, manufacturers, and artisans - each able to share unique capabilities and ideas where the economic whole becomes greater than the sum. Our district is home to professional dancers, actors, composers, writers, and musicians who work in professional capacity while at the same time innovating and experimenting on their own. This creative sector is among the most immediately threatened populations in the district. Homelessness Community Board 2 has experienced an increase of homelessness within our district during the past few years. And, more recently during the COVID19 emergency, the temporary shelter population in CB2 and adjacent CB1 has spiked. Individuals facing these circumstances can be found in clusters within the district. Some of the more noticeable include encampments behind Big Bush Park, under the elevated #7 subway stations in Sunnyside and Woodside, including the 61st Street MTA/LIRR ticket booth areas as well as under overpasses along the BQE near Laurel Hill Boulevard. An increase in crucial services for our most vulnerable homeless residents and homeless service providers are needed, especially now, when we are still in the ongoing fight to slow the pandemic, that support these vulnerable New Yorkers. According to DHS, our Community District is home to six shelters with a total of 548 residents. These are comprised of two permanent shelters, the Metro Family Shelter in Woodside, and the North Star Shelter in Blissville and 4 temporary shelters (two of which are in Blissville). The Blissville neighborhood is a poor choice for these shelters since it is zoned Industrial/Manufacturing and lacks the most basic of services such as supermarkets, laundry facilities and schools. The identification of sites and resettling of homeless families in the temporary shelters, especially in Blissville, has been disorganized and disruptive to the residents and the community. We request that the City allocate sufficient resources to ensure that all homeless housing sites have appropriate security plans and supportive services in place, that permanent housing programs throughout the city are adequately funded and that the local nonprofits, which will inevitably be tasked with helping these individuals, receive the support they need to do so.

Environmental Issues The not fully addressed challenges of climate change and sea water rise affects the district's vast waterfront. As current information is compiled, we learn that the inland affects are potentially greater than previously understood even in recent planning. Other environmental issues that stem from overdevelopment include poor air quality from traffic congestion, rats from excavation, the ongoing LIRR Borden Avenue train yard diesel fume air pollution from idling trains, and continual dust and debris in the air from construction sites. Resources need to be directed toward maintenance, sustainability, and neighborhood preservation. Land use actions and related project proposals need to move away from those that negatively impact resiliency or further destabilize the existing residential, cultural, and business communities. Land use actions and related rezoning project proposals should preserve and support concepts that comprehensively address environmental issues. Our budgetary needs include those that address a wide range of issues that impact the health, resiliency, and quality of life within our neighborhoods. Our needs are equally directed toward a balance between economic growth, protecting the residents, businesses, artists, and makers who have given the community its special character and ensuring equitable equitable access to housing and services in the district.

Neighborhood Preservation There are multiple overlapping aspects that we see a part and parcel to neighborhood preservation. Older established neighborhoods are experiencing destabilizing levels of density and displacement as well as diminished services. Newer neighborhoods are having difficulty becoming and sustaining as neighborhoods because costs encourage higher turnover and basic services and entities that would be part of an organically evolved community do not exist. We recognize that among the most important integral, significant issues are deeply affordable housing, schools, health care, open green space, essential services and deeply affordable small business, industrial, maker, and artist space. Equally important and integral is commercial district revitalization particularly as it applies to existing small storefronts, small business services and support, and workforce development that dovetails with existing businesses. The district has experienced many rezoning and "development" challenges that continue to bring new housing opportunities and businesses to our community. However, often these come at the expense of preserving the character, diversity, and landscape of what is already here. Support is needed to sustain the existing infrastructure, maintain our scarce resources of public and open space and support our diverse community of

homeowners, renters, families, seniors, immigrants, workers, school children, businesses and artists while seeking to pursue important housing, economic development and land use challenges of the post-COVID 19 era. Our budget requests are informed by the basic, necessity to preserve, protect and expand housing and economic opportunity without compromising the quality, character, services, and economy of existing neighborhoods of CB2.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Queens Community Board 2

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Infrastructure resiliency

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY Core Infrastructure throughout the district is aging and requires ongoing capital repairs. This category has the largest number of the FY22 budget requests. The deteriorating sewer infrastructure in Long Island City is legendary for its insufficient capacity. In 2018 the EDC LIC Investment Strategy included a primary goal to “improve water and sewer infrastructure to strengthen current service and enhance resiliency infrastructure” and \$95M was proposed to implement a first phase of sewer upgrades and complete the LIC amended drainage plan (ADP). CB2 agrees and requests that the City administration upholds this priority to complete the ADP and implement the first phase of sewer upgrades. CB2 also recommends that large impermeable surfaces be redesigned to reduce runoff into sewer system utilizing permeable pavers and green infrastructure. The LIRR has major facilities in CB2, including the massive Sunnyside Yards. The Borden Avenue rail yard parks double decker diesel fueled trains, which run their engines 24-hours a day. These create constant air and noise pollution. Graffiti tagging of local businesses has increased throughout the district (Blissville/Sunnyside). While volunteers have played a major role in graffiti removal, during the COVID-19 crisis, the City needs to restore and expand programs to remove graffiti. Rat infestation is a problem throughout the district; hot spots include Greenpoint Avenue in Sunnyside, between Review and Borden Avenue in LIC. City Services There has been a significant increase in the amount of graffiti, litter, and dumping of waste during the COVID crisis. This has been exacerbated by the removal, or failure to increase the number, of street trash containers, and a reduction in the frequency and number of trash collection from street trash containers. This is particularly so in areas adjacent to the parks and other frequently used open public spaces. The need is urgent to both allocate sufficient manpower and resources throughout the district to remove graffiti and increase the number of trash collection baskets and the number and frequency of trash collection. There has also been an inadequate response to the removal of snow and ice from sidewalk and other pedestrian paths, particularly at ADA Compliant Pedestrian Ramps. There is a pressing need to acquire enough Bobcats and other equipment, and allocate sufficient manpower and resources, to address these dangerous conditions as and when they occur. Resiliency For many years residents of the waterfront community have observed deteriorating bulkheads along Newtown Creek and flooding along the East River waterfront. In September 2020, in response to proposed real estate development plans along Anable Basin and adjacent East River waterfront, CB2 published LIC Waterfront Development: CB2 Comments on Proposed Plans. The document expressed CB2’s #1 priority for the waterfront community is it’s resiliency because the waterfront parcels are among the most vulnerable sites to climate change and sea level rise in NYC. An urgent concern is the erosion of Vernon Blvd at the street end.

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

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particularly transit, public green spaces, and public school capacity, which are already overburdened. Also lacking, particularly in Woodside, are improvements to the existing streetscapes. A more comprehensive and coordinated plan for Roosevelt Avenue, in lieu of the on-going but haphazard rezoning, is badly needed in this part of the CB 2 district. Rising Housing Costs and Commercial Rents Rising housing costs have become a destabilizing factor. Long time renters are being displaced by increased housing costs. Small homeowners - many on fixed incomes - have experienced large property tax increases. The cost of local retail, including basics such as food and other groceries have significantly risen. Very few working class, public employees, or small business owners can afford to buy property. Many of the properties that come on the market are available as knock downs for development or for speculation. 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Blissville is a poor choice for these shelters since it is zoned Industrial/Manufacturing and lacks basic of services such as greenspace, supermarkets, laundry facilities and schools as well as limited public transportation options and adjacent to one of our Nation's largest superfund sites The identification of sites and resettling of homeless families in the temporary shelters, especially in Blissville, has been disorganized and disruptive to the residents and the community. The City must allocate sufficient resources to ensure that homeless housing sites have security plans and supportive services, that permanent housing programs are adequately funded and that local nonprofits, which will inevitably be tasked with helping these individuals, receive the support they need to do so. C. Rapidly increasing commercial rents. The district has a wealth of small and large manufacturers, tech companies, design firms, retail, and service industries that innovate and provide jobs. 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Support is needed to sustain the existing infrastructure, maintain our scarce resources of public and open space and support our diverse community of homeowners, renters, families, seniors, immigrants, workers, school children, businesses and artists while seeking to pursue important housing, economic development and land use challenges of the post-COVID 19 era. Our budget requests are informed by the basic necessity to preserve, protect and expand housing and economic opportunity without compromising the quality, character, services, and economy of existing

neighborhoods of CB2. There are multiple overlapping aspects we see as part and parcel of neighborhood preservation. Older established neighborhoods are experiencing destabilizing levels of density and displacement and diminished services. Newer neighborhoods are having difficulty becoming and sustaining as neighborhoods because costs encourage higher turnover. Basic services and entities part of an organically evolved community do not exist. E. Environmental Issues The inadequately addressed challenges of climate change include sea level rise of particular concern for the district's vast waterfront. As current information is compiled, we learn that the inland effects are potentially greater than understood even in recent planning, which has been exacerbated by the lack of public green space, for example only 29% of LIC's population live within a 5 minute walk to a green space and there is only .4 acres of green space per 1,000 residents compared to 2.5 acres citywide. Other environmental issues that stem from overdevelopment a lack of comprehensive planning include poor air quality from traffic congestion, rats from excavation including a lack of street cleaning in large parts of the District, the ongoing LIRR Borden Avenue train yard diesel fume air pollution from idling trains, and continual dust, debris, and contaminants in the air from construction sites. From NYCAS 2019 data, Long Island City has an average of 8.0 PM2.5 particles compared to 6.5 through Queens and 6.6 Citywide. Woodside/Sunnyside has even worse air quality at 8.4 PM 2.5, which health studies have shown long term exposure leads to increased rates of chronic bronchitis, reduced lung function and increased mortality from lung cancer and heart disease, in particular affecting the young and elderly. CB2 would like to see a greater prioritization of Public EV Chargers within the District given the disproportional cost to adverse air quality within our neighborhoods to the rest of the City. Combined sewage runoffs, in particular when it rains, create billions of gallons of waste overflow into local waterways throughout Newtown Creek and the East River. Although new City rules require new developments to retain significant amounts of rainwater on site, using tools such as green roofs and porous pavements, climate change has exacerbated and accelerated more frequent rain storms and flash flooding, worsening existing conditions.

Parks and open space

PARKS, CULTURE AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES COVID 19 has reminded us of the importance of parks, and other public spaces because these were places where people could exercise and socialize safely. With the Open Culture program, our streets have become cultural venues, along with farmers' markets and Open Restaurants. The quarantine has reinforced the need for good ventilation, open space, clean air to enable safe supports that bind the community together. Long Island City is known as the fastest growing neighborhood in the country and it also has the lowest ratio of people to open space. The overdevelopment of the area in a relatively short period of time has left the Hunters Point and Court Square neighborhoods at a severe deficit. Court Square was initially re-zoned for commercial development however, commercial development did not occur at the pace predicted and instead residential development has exploded. This neighborhood lacks sufficient open space and schools needed to accommodate this growth. Existing publicly owned spaces such as the LIC Underline or Ramps Public Space should be explored and expanded for public community use. Although Blissville is primarily an industrial and manufacturing area, there is a core of group residents totaling over 1,000 that live there - some for generations - along with a cluster of shelters (1 permanent and 2 commercial hotels) housing our most vulnerable population of sheltered homeless. Residents of this community have been seeking to work with the city to identify recreational park space for many years. Recently the addition of the Kosciuszko Bridge pedestrian/bike path has led to a request for the City to do a feasibility study of creating a pedestrian and bicycle greenway and park benches along Review Avenue between Laurel Hill (Kosciuszko Bridge) and the Greenpoint Avenue Bridge. Similar concerns apply to other areas south of Queens Boulevard and those sections of Maspeth and Woodside which have little or no park and community gathering space. In addition to the Blissville Greenway; the City should consider how to support the creation of the Dutch Kills Loop. Greenspace maintenance and development Parts of the district have historic and prized tree canopies. However, many of these trees in CB2 have fallen or been removed because of decay. None of the trees lost to Superstorm Sandy have been replaced. A districtwide replanting is required, with emphasis on Sunnyside Gardens which has lost its 90 +-year-old London plane trees and Bradford Callery pears, planted in 1986 as part of the Skillman Avenue Revitalization Project. This species is no longer planted by NYC as a street tree and those on Skillman Avenue should be replaced by a safer, more suitable tree species. Accordingly, we support funding for continued tree planting, including new and replacement street trees in CB2 District.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Queens Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Health facilities (existing conditions, capacity, new facilities, etc.)

Despite the significant population growth of the District, the area and in particular Western Queens continues to lack primary care medical facilities and outpatient clinics. Our families have to travel out of the district for public pediatric and maternity care. With one of the largest populations of senior citizens, CB2 needs additional support for senior services and modern, full-service senior center facilities. We'd request the City explore a study to expand the City run hospital (NYC Health + Hospitals) location to CB2 District and/or incentivize a private facility to come to the area. During the COVID 19 emergency, it has become evident that food insecurity is a problem for families and seniors. While nonprofits organizations and volunteers have pitched in during the crisis, CB2 requests that the City administration support the efforts of volunteers by establishing a public food pantry in CB2, or partner with existing efforts from organizations such as Mosaic Church. B. Healthcare outreach During the pandemic our ability to reach homebound community members was severely curtailed. This was especially concerning when it came to vaccination. We must act proactively to find ways to protect these residents and their caregivers. C. Healthcare Accessibility There is a severe present need for access to existing hospitals beyond the district. Concurrent with the request to expand City run hospitals to CB2 district we ask the City to explore establishing a ferry route to the Manhattan East Side hospitals.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

No comments

Needs for Older NYs

CB2 is the home to one of the largest populations of senior citizens. CB 2 is in need of expanding the Meals-on-Wheels program. As a growing population in Western Queens we are in need of additional full service senior centers in Hunters Point.

Needs for Homeless

No comments

Needs for Low Income NYs

Community Board 2 would like 200,000 additional units of affordable housing. We are requesting Department of City Planning to review additional sites for rezoning in our community in our order to expand the availability of affordable housing. CB2 seeks to expand opportunities for low and moderate income residents in our community for Long Island City, Woodside, and Sunnyside.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/41	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>Increase number of health care facilities due to COVID-19 and hospital closings in Western Queens within CB 2, expand primary care services to CB 2 area as part of the Caring Neighborhood Initiative.</i>	
8/41	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<i>Establish a formal food pantry in the CB 2 district with SCS.</i>	
17/41	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>Funding site acquisition for site for a new senior / community center in Hunters Point. Replace Center formally in St. Marys.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/47	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	<i>COVID-19 has isolated seniors and disabled population throughout New York. Provide funding for remote social adult day services programs.</i>	
15/47	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	<i>Provide funding for immigrant services such as legal citizenship assistance and ESL. Support for community organizations such as Jacob A. Riis neighborhood settlement, Queens public Library, Sunnyside Community Services and Woodside on the Move to provide programs for immigrant services.</i>	
16/47	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Increase funds for DFTA to meet growing demands for day care programs for seniors including Alzheimer's programs to establish a baseline for funding. Request agency make a community survey to gather aging population data in CB 2 District.</i>	

22/47	DHS	Other facilities for the homeless requests	<i>Provide WIFI digital access for homeless shelters so that children can learn remotely.</i>
28/47	DOHMH	Increase health and safety inspections, e.g. for restaurants and childcare programs	<i>Fund inspection of food trucks. COVID-19 increased demand for open air food establishments that produce debris and litter, in particular at Center Blvd at Hunters Point South.</i>
33/47	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Continue funding NYCDOH bureau of pest control for rodent abatement, mosquito control and invasive species within CB 2.</i>
46/47	DFTA	Enhance home care services	<i>Increase to DFTA to meet growing demands for homecare services within the boundaries of CB 2 Queens.</i>

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Queens Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

YOUTH EDUCATION, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE The Sunnyside and Woodside areas have a high immigrant population in which parents aren't always proficient in speaking English. According to DCP, 40% of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency as compared to 29% in Queens and 23% in NYC overall. English as a second language (ESL) programs such as those provided by Sunnyside Community Services need to be protected and adequately funded. There is also a need throughout the CB district for publicly accessible locations for youth and child welfare service. Budget cuts due to COVID-19 in programs such as Summer Youth Employment Programs have caused hardship for youth who had been quarantined during the pandemic. The construction of schools and provision of youth services have lagged, behind the population growth in CB2, particularly in Long Island City. The 2018 (EDC) LIC Investment Strategy publication included a goal to, "expeditiously, bring online pipeline projects to meet the current needs for additional school seats while also planning for additional population growth and future needs". EDC identified a need for \$60M for the construction of a school in the Court Square neighborhood within School District 30, for which a site has still not been identified or built, despite efforts by the School Construction Authority. In addition, corollary youth services, a multi-service youth center, early child education and a Beacon School should be identified. In LIC, the city owned Department of Education building could serve as a venue for youth and community service..

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

CB2 is requesting funding for a high level early children center within the CB 2 district. CB 2 is requesting SCA conduct an analysis for a middle school within the boundaries of CB 2. In addition, CB 2 is requesting funding for a Beacon School.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
26/41	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Request the SCA conduct an analysis for an additional elementary school within the boundaries of Community Board 2 in Court Square neighborhood.</i>	
41/41	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>Request SCA to identify a site for an additional Middle School with the boundaries of Community Board 2.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
18/47	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services	<i>Workforce development - provide funding for summer youth employment program.</i>	
19/47	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>Increase funding to expand the existing successful Dept. of Youth and community development for community residents in the cornerstone and beacon program within the boundaries of CB 2, PS343</i>	
36/47	DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	<i>Increase funding for purchase of new schools supplies needed for local schools.</i>	

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Queens Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Public safety facilities (precinct, fire houses, etc.)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES The 108th precinct, located on the eastern edge of the CB2 in LIC, is antiquated and overcrowded. The NYPD has failed to sufficiently address the lack of parking for vehicles at this facility causing an ongoing tension in the neighborhood about parking of police vehicles. The budget request to identify a new location, would, as the population continues to grow, enable the station to identify a more central location, improve response time for locations outside of LIC, address neighborhood congestion caused by the lack of NYPD parking, and enable the city owned facility in LIC to be used for an alternative purpose. CB2 requests that the city fund a feasibility study to identify alternative location for NYPD facility to be centrally located within the boundaries of the 108th Precinct; study reuse of DSNY facility on 58th Street (Betts Avenue incinerator) location in Woodside for new NYPD facility. for innovative police and Community Center, provide training for police in community engagement, domestic violence, mental illness sensitivity training; and restore community policing programs.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

No comments

Needs for Emergency Services

CB2 is requesting an increase in the number of police officers at the 108th precinct to help decrease response time. CB 2 is requesting funding to FDNY to maintain manpower levels at a minimum of 5 at each engine company and 5 at each ladder company.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
28/41	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<i>Identify location to be more centrally located for a new police station house within the boundaries of the 108th Precinct. We need better response time to respond to the expanding communities. Provide parking spaces.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
17/47	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>Create pilot program for the 108th precinct to engage in the community working in partnership with local community providers when situations warrant it. Expand on City Pilot as seen in Brooklyn, addressing individuals with a variety of mental illness not with just uniform police but with mental health professionals. Other engagements could be traffic safety design specialist to evaluation post crash scene investigations to propose improvements..</i>	
20/47	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Request funding to FDNY to maintain manpower levels at a minimum of 5 at each engine company and 5 at each ladder company that services the CB 2 community and the borough of Queens.</i>	
23/47	NYPD	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	<i>Provide funds for regular/weekly truck traffic enforcement for drag racing and other modes of transportation at 48th Street from Northern Blvd to Queens Blvd and 48th Street and Queens Blvd South to 54th Avenue. Proximity to highways, commercial and industrial areas which create high volume of truck traffic on 48th Street. Target zone on Skillman Ave from Roosevelt Avenue to 39th Street also on Review Avenue to Lauril Hill.</i>	

24/47	NYPD	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	<i>Assign additional staff to address specific crime e.g. Drug, gang related, vice, drug dealing in Blissville, and CB 2 District.</i>
39/47	FDNY	Other expense budget request for FDNY	<i>Provide funding for the purchase of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to be distributed to the elderly and families with young children within the boundaries of CB 2.</i>

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Queens Community Board 2

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

Environmental concerns affecting citizens

Sewer infrastructure The deteriorating sewer infrastructure in LIC is legendary for its insufficient capacity. In 2018 the EDC LIC Investment Strategy included a primary goal to "improve water and sewer infrastructure to strengthen current service and enhance resiliency infrastructure" and \$95M was proposed to implement a first phase of sewer upgrades and complete the LIC amended drainage plan (ADP). CB2 agrees and requests that the City administration upholds this priority to complete the ADP and implement the first phase of sewer upgrades. CB2 also recommends that large impermeable surfaces be redesigned to reduce runoff into the sewer system utilizing permeable pavers and green infrastructure. **Air quality** - The LIRR has major facilities in CB2, including the massive Sunnyside Yards and the Borden Avenue rail yard for its double decker trains. The double decker trains are diesel fueled and their engines are operated 24-hours a day, including when parked in the Borden Avenue yard. These create constant air and noise pollution. Graffiti tagging of local businesses has increased throughout the district (Blissville/Sunnyside). While volunteers have played a major role in graffiti removal, during the COVID-19 crisis, the City needs to restore and expand programs to remove graffiti. Rat infestation is a problem due to the prevalence of construction. Other hot spots include Greenpoint Avenue in Sunnyside, and between Review and Borden Avenue in Blissville, LIC. Litter and dumping of waste throughout the district has increased over the last few years, especially during the COVID crisis. The district needs more and better street trash containers and an increase in the frequency and number of street trash collections. **Sanitation services** - We would like the DSNY to fund a demonstration project with large community bins to complement or replace curbside services. This would control rats and other vermin, and reduce the use of plastic bags. We seek funding for community pantry gardens which collect organic waste for composting and soil enrichment. Projects like this build community connectedness and, hence, resilience. **Public space (non-street) snow removal.** Snow is typically not removed from sidewalks adjacent to parks, creating pedestrian hazards especially in parks adjacent to transit stops. There has also been an inadequate response to the removal of snow and ice from fire hydrants, sidewalks and other pedestrian paths throughout the district, particularly at ADA Compliant Pedestrian Ramps. There is a need to acquire enough Bobcats and other equipment to clear non-vehicular paths, and allocate sufficient personnel and resources, to address these dangerous conditions as and when they occur. **Waterfront resiliency** - For many years residents of the waterfront community have observed deteriorating bulkheads along Newtown Creek and flooding along the East River waterfront.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

No comments

Needs for Sanitation Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/41	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Reconstruct 61st Street from 39th Avenue to 37th Avenue including sewers and catch basins.</i>	61st Street 39th Avenue 39th Avenue
10/41	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Reconstruct Hunters Point Sewers to provide adequate service for new waterfront developments, existing homes and manufacturing companies in LIC Residential area. Complete the LIC amended drainage plan. (ADP) and implement the first phase of sewer upgrades.</i>	
15/41	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Redesign and construct sewers and catch basins to eliminate and prevent flooding. Locations include 58th Street to 69th Street. Tyler Avenue to Maurice Avenue to Laurel Hill Boulevard and Queens Boulevard</i>	
19/41	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Reconstruct Borden Avenue between Van Dam Street and 30th Street, and 30th place, 31st Street, 31st Place between Borden Avenue. Include new catch basins and improved drainage to relieve chronic flooding conditions. DEP to develop drainage plan to build new or expand storm sewers.</i>	
20/41	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Provide funding for green infrastructure for a bioswale at Bradley Avenue and Van Dam Triangle.</i>	
21/41	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Request funds to create a bioswale on the east side of dutch kills turning basin at 29th Street.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/47	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	<i>Inspect storm sewers, with a huge growth in Western Queens has placed a stress on sewer systems throughout the district. Request comprehensive sewer capacity study in LIC waterfront and adjacent. Provide funding for storm sewers for entire CB 2 District..</i>	
10/47	DEP	Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments	<i>Investigate the persistent problem with lead in drinking water in schools, and senior centers within CB 2 to be tested.</i>	
25/47	DSNY	Provide or expand community composting programs	<i>To Expand and incentivize more composting in all neighborhoods within CB2. DSNY can offer a community composting pilot bin for individuals to drop off food scraps to supplement the individual DSNY additional brown bins that serve individual residences within the entire district of CB 2.</i>	
40/47	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Include regular water quality measurements including dissolved oxygen test, water temperature, salinity, PH Levels Turbidity, and Bathymetric survey for waterfront projects. Water quality tests allow water quality to be measured as well as the depth of a water body and map the under water features This information is vital whether waterfront areas are suitable for maritime use or require remedial measures necessary to make it so..</i>	
43/47	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	<i>Inspect Storm and Sanitary Sewers to repair and replace as need on Skillman Avenue from 43rd Street to 50th Street. Also, between Skillman Avenue and 39th Avenue on 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th and 48th Streets,</i>	

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Queens Community Board 2

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

Affordable housing creation

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE Among the most important and integrally significant issues is deeply affordable housing along with deeply affordable small business, industrial, maker and artist space. According to the Partnership for New York City, "Housing affordability posed a challenge before COVID-19, with nearly 40% of metropolitan regions residents paying more than 30% of their income in rent. COVID 19 related job losses add to this burden. In CB2 43% pay 35% or more of their income on rent. CB2 is seeking a significant number of additional units of affordable housing and expanded opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents in the community. Prior to the events of 2020, our district needed economic revitalization for existing storefront businesses, small manufacturers, creative individuals, and organizations. High rents, combined with residential conversions placed pressure on existing small businesses, which in turn reduced growth and job opportunities. The current pandemic crisis has brought the small business community to a near halt eliminating an unprecedented number of jobs throughout the district and forcing several businesses to permanently close. Up to now, the City's economic development strategy has largely focused on supporting trends within the technology and bio-tech fields and development of future centers for innovation and job training. There is an immediate need for attention to existing small businesses. Funds should be made available to enable businesses to hire back employees, train new employees and allow businesses to maintain their ongoing costs. Funding should be made available to increase the visibility of the attractiveness of commercial strips. The LIC Partnership and Sunnyside Shines BID support businesses in their geographic regions but more needs be done, especially in Woodside and Sunnyside to help small storefronts businesses to succeed. CB2 is also beginning to see the emergence of rezoning in the IBZ that enables a hybrid industrial commercial/office zone. These plans propose to expand job opportunity; however, they also threaten the existing makeup of the IBZ. The City needs to protect industrial and small businesses in these rezoning areas, to protect affordable rents and workspace for existing businesses. Land Use actions need to balance the ongoing growth of the district with the needs of the established community. As stated earlier, development has far outpaced the potential for improvements to core infrastructure that had already fallen behind. Additionally, land use actions have favored large scale developers who attract higher income tenants. This has created added tax burden for small property owners. And because many of the smaller stores cannot afford to remain, there are increased costs for food and other goods and services. These economic changes are not merely inconveniences. They have restricted the opportunity for growth from within the community.

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

Needs for Land Use

CB2 is seeking EDC funds to develop open accessible space on EDC property in area north of 44th Drive, west of Department of Education building and east of the east river. CB2 is requesting that 44-02 Vernon Blvd back fill the entire site. This is a site that has been abandoned. City should foreclose and seize property for development.

Needs for Housing

To expand the 421 A exclusion zone to encompass the entire Queens Plaza Sub District and study the impact of increasing the FAR in the subdistrict to accommodate inclusionary zoning.

Needs for Economic Development

CB2 is seeking the Economic Development Corp to develop open accessible space on EDC property in area north of 44th Drive, west of Department of Education building and east of the east river in Long Island City.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/41	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Transfer control of public land from the DOT building SW of DOE building capacity along 44th Drive to parks dept. to preserve open space, coastal resiliency. Advance access to waterfront and further economic development with environment education center on the site. Invest in piers and other capital projects along the waterfront..</i>	
4/41	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>Improve streetcape in business districts to attract and encourage commercial activity within the Commercial corridor at 61st Street / Roosevelt Avenue. To preserve, support enhance, repair, replace Street lighting, sidewalks, loose bricks. In addition, encourage new businesses and preserve existing businesses.</i>	61st Street and Roosevelt Avenue
37/41	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	<i>EDC-Acquire and cease the location known as Lake Vernon at 44-02 Vernon Blvd. CB2 is requesting to back fill the entire site. This is a stalled construction site that CB 2 is looking for the City to condemn and cease property to be appropriate developed to benefit the community.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/47	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	<i>Study use of public land and DOE building on the waterfront for reuse as a cultural and recreation center with focus on resiliency and sustainability.</i>	
2/47	SBS	Support local, long-standing businesses	<i>Provide financial rent relief and job retention support to local small businesses (under 100 employees) effected by covid-19.</i>	

5/47	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	<i>A more comprehensive approach to planning and zoning needs to be taken into account of the Roosevelt Avenue Corridor from 48th Street through Woodside to the Eastern Border of CB 2.</i>	Roosevelt Ave 48th Street through woodside
6/47	DCP	As needed Land use planning, technical and urban design support	<i>Allocate funds to Land Use committee at CB 2 to hire a third party independent Land Use expert on certain rezoning's. Prior discretionary funds from CB 2 obtained from the council for the future of the Anable Basin rezoning. CB2 is requesting more of these third party experts assist with rezoning proposals.</i>	
7/47	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>HPD request: To work with CB 2 to identify affordable housing at various locations in the district. Request HPD provide a neighborhood specific housing need survey to insure local affordable Metrix within CB 2</i>	
21/47	DCP	Planning support for capital investments	<i>New York City Planning designed and wrote a planning document for LIC Ramp Lands in 2001, allowing for new public space for city owned lands. Today part of LIC Ramps has been freed, but not the entirety city owned land. NY City Planning should update its design from 2001 and work with its agency to plan support to convert the rest of the city own land to new public space.</i>	
26/47	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Increase DOB personnel services budget to allow for hiring of additional inspectors for Queens.</i>	
34/47	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Provide additional funds to increase code enforcement inspectors and emergency repair inspectors at HPD.</i>	
35/47	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Increase funding to hire more litigation attorneys for HPD.</i>	

Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors

Fund Graffiti removal programs throughout CB 2.

Queens Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility.

Subway service and quality (frequency, access, crowding, etc.)

Most residents of the district use mass transportation when traveling. While CB2 is well-served by mass transit, the trains are over-crowded during rush hours. Capacity issues remain despite the completion of a 10 year capital improvements on the 7 line. Efforts should be made to provide more frequent service. Long term, a promised stop in Sunnyside as part of the LIRR East Side Access project, as well as cross-honoring MTA fares on the LIRR from stations are needed. Accessibility to the subway is mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act and is a matter of equity. The lack of accessibility is a concern. The volume of commuters at the 61st St. station has increased, causing maintenance issues of the escalator (MTA) and elevator (LIRR). More needs to be done to ensure both are working regularly. Paratransit services (Access-A-Ride) need improvement so they are as flexible and usable as mass transit. NYC Planning proposed a city wide text amendment to fund the construction of subway elevators in exchange for higher density for developers, CB2 would like to see the program expanded to include public restrooms, as often inadequate public facilities have led to human waste in stations. Improved bus service, including bus-only lanes and select buses need to be explored to increase capacity. Buses are friendly for seniors and people with strollers and luggage. Unlike the subway, buses are all accessible to those with mobility challenges. Over the past few years, bike lanes, car share services, Citi Bike stations and other forms of multimodal transportation have become increasingly available in CB2. Our community strongly supports improving neighborhood connectivity and facilitating multimodal transportation while creating a safer experience for vulnerable road users (pedestrians - which we are all - and cyclists.) Private vehicle ownership has been a tradition in our community. However, parking is increasingly difficult. We recognize that residents who own cars like to keep and park them on our streets. The availability of parking for homeowners and businesses remains a priority and due consideration should balance the needs of existing and emerging modes of transportation. During the pandemic private car registrations increased though fewer than 25% of residents own cars. Because of the threat of climate change, we would like to discourage new residents from moving here with cars. Finally, the southernmost section of CB2 is in a public transportation desert. Solutions such as the proposed QNS would reactivate the Lower Montauk Branch of the LIRR for NYC Transit Fares with local stops from Jamaica to Long Island City with stops in Hunters Point, Blissville and Laurel Hill. The existing tracks are currently operating freight tracks and rights-of-way owned by the MTA. This proposal would help alleviate the congestion on existing lines and also assist those areas in CB2 without public transit.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

No comments

Needs for Transit Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/41	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Reconstruct Winfield Industrial Streets from 69th Street to 72nd Drive, Queens Boulevard to Maurice Avenue. Repair or construct new streets, sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads.</i>	
5/41	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Improve and upgrade transit in the district including upgrade and install elevators. CB 2 prioritizes 5 locations for accessibility for all public district wide capital improvements: Vernon/Jackson Court Square, Queensboro plaza 40th Street, 61st Street, 52nd Street</i>	
7/41	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Vernon Blvd at street end near 53rd Avenue and Newtown Creek, as the roadway is collapsing. Provide public pedestrian waterfront access at site similar to Brooklyn right across Newtown Creek.</i>	Vernon Blvd 53rd Ave 53rd Ave
11/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Request funds to improve street lighting under LIRR overpasses as well as under the LIE and BQE overpasses within CB 2. Additional lighting survey needed for specific locations near 61st Street.</i>	
12/41	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Replace sidewalk pavers 58th Street to 63rd Street along Roosevelt Avenue Corridor. 61st Street between Roosevelt Avenue and Woodside Ave</i>	
13/41	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	<i>Additional Capital funding for NYC to replace broken irrigation systems on Jackson Avenue Medians in LIC.</i>	
16/41	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Request full reconstruction of the service roads from Queens Blvd from 73rd Street to 48th Street.</i>	Queens Blvd 69th St 69th St
24/41	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	<i>Support funding for the reconstruction of the 51st Avenue pedestrian bridge over LIRR mainline. Need to increase lighting levels.</i>	

25/41	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>NYCTA - Provide funding to create and install barriers, signage, and birth control to curtail pigeon population and droppings and provide funding to prevent roosting and nesting along the #7 train with the CB 2 boundaries.</i>	
27/41	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Allocate funds to create / install barriers to curtail pigeon droppings and nesting under arterial roadway overpasses in CB 2.</i>	
29/41	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Hunters Point Streets. All side streets west of 11th Street, from 51st Avenue to 44th Drive.</i>	
30/41	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Provide funding to reconstruct the Woodside Avenue Bridge over the LIRR to include sidewalks and replacement fencing</i>	
31/41	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>Request sidewalk installation on Hicks Drive between 63rd Street and 64th Street.</i>	Hicks Dr 63rd St 63rd St
34/41	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Capital funding for NYC DOT to implement cut throughs on Jackson Avenue Medians to allow more pedestrian crossings and safer conditions in the Court Square area.</i>	
35/41	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Capital funding for the removal of concrete slabs in the median on Queens Plaza</i>	
36/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Improve lighting on the 51st Street Pedestrian Bridge as outlined in Capital budget priority. Lighting is needed in the area immediately surrounding the bridge as well.</i>	
40/41	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Barnett Avenue between 48th Street and 52nd Streets to include catch basins, sidewalks, on both sides of the street and retaining walls.</i>	Barnett Ave 48th St 48th St

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
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13/47	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	<i>Improve the efficiency of Access A Ride services for seniors and the disabled. This is in response to the comptrollers report, community needs and demand.</i>
37/47	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>FUND NYCDOT to maintain current levels of manpower assigned to the sign shop, pothole crews, and personnel to conduct traffic studies.</i>
41/47	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Expand Public programming and activation of DOT owned sites with access to piers, docks, and bulkheads. DOT has public space programs to access funding to enable activation of DOT owned sites by the waterfront.</i>
42/47	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Fund a comprehensive transportation study in LIC east of Sunnyside yards, with a focus on exploring ways to address the equitable and resource productive allocation of public streets.</i>
45/47	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Implement a pilot study program for residential parking permits within neighborhoods of CB2 given the implementation of congestion pricing on QBB in the future and lack existing ASP in certain areas, enabling "long-parked" vehicles.</i>

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Queens Community Board 2

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

Insufficient park or open space

PARKS, CULTURE AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES COVID 19 has reminded us of the importance of parks, cultural facilities, and other community services. The quarantine has reinforced the need for good ventilation, open space, clean air, and the need for supports that bind the community together. LIC is known as the fastest growing neighborhood in the country and it also has the lowest ratio of people to open space. The overdevelopment of the area in a relatively short period of time has left the neighborhood at a deficit. Blissville and Court Square fall under similar circumstances. While Blissville is primarily an industrial and manufacturing area, there is a core of group residents that live there: some for generations and now three homeless shelters. Residents of this community have been seeking to work with the city to identify recreational park space for many years. Recently the addition the Kosciusko Bridge pedestrian/bike path has led to a request for the City to do a feasibility study of creating a pedestrian greenway and park benches along Review Avenue between Laurel Hill (Kosciusko Bridge) and the Greenpoint Avenue Bridge. This road would be suitable for a protected bike lane and could be a great way to enhance this greenway for pedestrians as well. Court Square was initially re-zoned for commercial development however, commercial development did not occur at the pace predicted and instead residential development has exploded. This neighborhood lacks sufficient open space and schools needed to accommodate this growth. Throughout the district, many trees in CB2 have fallen or been removed because of decay. None of the trees lost to Superstorm Sandy have been replaced. A board-wide replanting is required, with special emphasis on Sunnyside Gardens which has lost many of its 90+-year-old London planes. In addition, many of the Bradford Callery pears, planted in 1986 as part of the Skillman Avenue Revitalization Project, are now falling apart, losing huge branches on the streets, sidewalks, and cars. This species is no longer planted by NYC as a street tree and those on Skillman Avenue should be replaced by a safer, more suitable tree species.

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

Needs for Parks

No comments

Needs for Cultural Services

No comments

Needs for Library Services

CB2 is welcoming the new Hunters Point South Library that has been in the pipeline for a while. CB 2 is always looking for libraries to be continually funded.

Needs for Community Boards

Community Boards are always in need of additional funding to keep up with the growing and changing needs of our community with changes in technology and provide our community with our charter mandated responsibilities.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/41	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Request funding to identify and acquire site for a park in the Blissville Community. Study feasibility of creating a bike/pedestrian greenway and park benches along review avenue between Laurel Hill (Kosciuszko Bridge) and the Greenpoint Avenue Bridge.</i>	Bradley Ave Van Dam St Van Dam St
14/41	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>Allocate funds to NYC Parks new tree plantings on Dutch Kills Street in Court Square. Nearly an acre of new public space is being created under LIC Ramps on Dutch kills that is being privately funded, street trees are desired to complement and add in the new public space</i>	
18/41	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>Identify location for the Court Square Library</i>	
22/41	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Request Park Department funding to refurbish veterans memorial square (Civil war Monument) parks property in Old Calvary Cemetery.</i>	
23/41	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Replace flag pole and flag at triangle park at location of Van Dam Park at the base of Greenpoint Avenue bridge,</i>	
32/41	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Allocate funds to create a park at Rafferty Triangle and the Altice / Citicorp Building.</i>	
33/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Court Square Park revitalization to move the fountain and restore the park in front of the court house.</i>	

38/41	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>Fund planting of new trees and replace missing street trees within CB 2. Sunnyside gardens Street Trees were severely damaged in recent hurricanes. Hug branches along Skillman Avenue and on mid blocks have damaged streets, sidewalks and cars.</i>
39/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Allocate funds to renovate Baby Park near Queensbridge Houses.</i>

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/47	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Provide funds to Parks Department for tree pruning and stump removal in Sunnyside gardens, and other areas within CB 2. Recently recurring tropical storms are downing trees and branches, damaging homes and parked cars. The street trees require regular maintenance and pruning. Increase funds to NYC Parks Department / Forestry to enable the agency to secure dead trees and stump removal as well as fix bulging sidewalk's due to tree growth .</i>	
9/47	QL	Other expense budget request for QL	<i>Queens Library - Increase funding for purchase of new books and other materials needed to meet the growing demand of library usage within the CB 2 Queens district.</i>	
12/47	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Increase maintenance within all parks throughout the CB 2 district, in particular in Woodside at Crosson Green Park (Woodside / 69th), Steinman Triangle, Green space at 39th and 59th Street, and Green space at 41st Avenue at 66th Street. COVID-19 has increased the use of outdoor spaced and stressed resources of local parks staff.</i>	
27/47	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Provide funding for parks for increased security within Hunters Point South Park to address quality of life issues.</i>	

29/47	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Allocate funding to NYC Parks for an arborist evaluation of the CB 2 district, as well as Street Tree pruning and tree and stump removal and replanting in those same blocks. Northern Sunnyside has aging street trees that have been damaged in recent years due to hurricane sandy and others. For example. Larger trees are a danger if not pruned properly of falling and causing property and Bodley damage.</i>
30/47	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Fund additional Parks staff to increase trash pick up in parks.</i>
31/47	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Continue to support funds for six month seasonal associates and six month playground associates for CB 2 parks and playgrounds.</i>
32/47	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Horticulture maintenance program - funding for this program will provide staffing to maintain park landscapes, gardens, lawns and other horticultural amenities.</i>
47/47	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Continue to support funding for Parks Department to hire maintenance personnel on a full time line to up keep parks within CB 2.</i>

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/47	DOITT	Information technology goods and services	<i>More Technology funds for modernizing CB's including the standardization of digital tools such as video streaming, google docs, and more. Include online training for CB 2. Funds needed in Technology to enable greater inclusivity for communities including translation services, and accessibility over streaming video. A more modern way of inputting in city budget priorities in the website would be welcomed and online training for CB 2 staff.</i>	
11/47	TLC	Other expense budget request for TLC	<i>Investigate and research potential Taxi Medallion Loan forgiveness for in CB 2 district residents from TLC. A large number of drivers live within the CB 2 district including our fellow board members. Investigate and research potential taxi medallion loan forgiveness for in district residents from TLC and various ways it can be implemented</i>	
44/47	DCWP	Other expense budget request for DCA	<i>As added by local law 18 of 2021, the office of Street Vendor enforcement was established in the Dept. of Consumer and Worker Protection. Funding is needed to support educational, culturally competent clinics permitting Street Vending in the CB2 district.</i>	

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/41	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Transfer control of public land from the DOT building SW of DOE building capacity along 44th Drive to parks dept. to preserve open space, coastal resiliency. Advance access to waterfront and further economic development with environment education center on the site. Invest in piers and other capital projects along the waterfront..</i>	
2/41	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Request funding to identify and acquire site for a park in the Blissville Community. Study feasibility of creating a bike/pedestrian greenway and park benches along review avenue between Laurel Hill (Kosciuszko Bridge) and the Greenpoint Avenue Bridge.</i>	Bradley Ave Van Dam St Van Dam St
3/41	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Reconstruct Winfield Industrial Streets from 69th Street to 72nd Drive, Queens Boulevard to Maurice Avenue. Repair or construct new streets, sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads.</i>	
4/41	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>Improve streetscape in business districts to attract and encourage commercial activity within the Commercial corridor at 61st Street / Roosevelt Avenue. To preserve, support enhance, repair, replace Street lighting, sidewalks, loose bricks. In addition, encourage new businesses and preserve existing businesses.</i>	61st Street and Roosevelt Avenue
5/41	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Improve and upgrade transit in the district including upgrade and install elevators. CB 2 prioritizes 5 locations for accessibility for all public district wide capital improvements: Vernon/Jackson Court Square, Queensboro plaza 40th Street, 61st Street, 52nd Street</i>	
6/41	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>Increase number of health care facilities due to COVID-19 and hospital closings in Western Queens within CB 2, expand primary care services to CB 2 area as part of the Caring Neighborhood Initiative.</i>	

7/41	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Vernon Blvd at street end near 53rd Avenue and Newtown Creek, as the roadway is collapsing. Provide public pedestrian waterfront access at site similar to Brooklyn right across Newtown Creek.</i>	Vernon Blvd 53rd Ave 53rd Ave
8/41	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<i>Establish a formal food pantry in the CB 2 district with SCS.</i>	
9/41	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Reconstruct 61st Street from 39th Avenue to 37th Avenue including sewers and catch basins.</i>	61st Street 39th Avenue 39th Avenue
10/41	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Reconstruct Hunters Point Sewers to provide adequate service for new waterfront developments, existing homes and manufacturing companies in LIC Residential area. Complete the LIC amended drainage plan. (ADP) and implement the first phase of sewer upgrades.</i>	
11/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Request funds to improve street lighting under LIRR overpasses as well as under the LIE and BQE overpasses within CB 2. Additional lighting survey needed for specific locations near 61st Street.</i>	
12/41	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Replace sidewalk pavers 58th Street to 63rd Street along Roosevelt Avenue Corridor. 61st Street between Roosevelt Avenue and Woodside Ave</i>	
13/41	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	<i>Additional Capital funding for NYC to replace broken irrigation systems on Jackson Avenue Medians in LIC.</i>	
14/41	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>Allocate funds to NYC Parks new tree plantings on Dutch Kills Street in Court Square. Nearly an acre of new public space is being created under LIC Ramps on Dutch kills that is being privately funded, street trees are desired to complement and add in the new public space</i>	
15/41	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Redesign and construct sewers and catch basins to eliminate and prevent flooding. Locations include 58th Street to 69th Street. Tyler Avenue to Maurice Avenue to Laurel Hill Boulevard and Queens Boulevard</i>	

16/41	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Request full reconstruction of the service roads from Queens Blvd from 73rd Street to 48th Street.</i>	Queens Blvd 69th St 69th St
17/41	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>Funding site acquisition for site for a new senior / community center in Hunters Point. Replace Center formally in St. Marys.</i>	
18/41	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (QL)	<i>Identify location for the Court Square Library</i>	
19/41	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Reconstruct Borden Avenue between Van Dam Street and 30th Street, and 30th place, 31st Street, 31st Place between Borden Avenue. Include new catch basins and improved drainage to relieve chronic flooding conditions. DEP to develop drainage plan to build new or expand storm sewers.</i>	
20/41	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Provide funding for green infrastructure for a bioswale at Bradley Avenue and Van Dam Triangle.</i>	
21/41	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>Request funds to create a bioswale on the east side of dutch kills turning basin at 29th Street.</i>	
22/41	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Request Park Department funding to refurbish veterans memorial square (Civil war Monument) parks property in Old Calvary Cemetery.</i>	
23/41	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Replace flag pole and flag at triangle park at location of Van Dam Park at the base of Greenpoint Avenue bridge,</i>	

24/41	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	<i>Support funding for the reconstruction of the 51st Avenue pedestrian bridge over LIRR mainline. Need to increase lighting levels.</i>	
25/41	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>NYCTA - Provide funding to create and install barriers, signage, and birth control to curtail pigeon population and droppings and provide funding to prevent roosting and nesting along the #7 train with the CB 2 boundaries.</i>	
26/41	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Request the SCA conduct an analysis for an additional elementary school within the boundaries of Community Board 2 in Court Square neighborhood.</i>	
27/41	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Allocate funds to create / install barriers to curtail pigeon droppings and nesting under arterial roadway overpasses in CB 2.</i>	
28/41	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<i>Identify location to be more centrally located for a new police station house within the boundaries of the 108th Precinct. We need better response time to respond to the expanding communities. Provide parking spaces.</i>	
29/41	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Hunters Point Streets. All side streets west of 11th Street, from 51st Avenue to 44th Drive.</i>	
30/41	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Provide funding to reconstruct the Woodside Avenue Bridge over the LIRR to include sidewalks and replacement fencing</i>	
31/41	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>Request sidewalk installation on Hicks Drive between 63rd Street and 64th Street.</i>	Hicks Dr 63rd St 63rd St
32/41	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Allocate funds to create a park at Rafferty Triangle and the Altice / Citicorp Building.</i>	

33/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Court Square Park revitalization to move the fountain and restore the park in front of the court house.</i>	
34/41	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Capital funding for NYC DOT to implement cut throughs on Jackson Avenue Medians to allow more pedestrian crossings and safer conditions in the Court Square area.</i>	
35/41	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Capital funding for the removal of concrete slabs in the median on Queens Plaza</i>	
36/41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>Improve lighting on the 51st Street Pedestrian Bridge as outlined in Capital budget priority. Lighting is needed in the area immediately surrounding the bridge as well.</i>	
37/41	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	<i>EDC-Acquire and cease the location known as Lake Vernon at 44-02 Vernon Blvd. CB2 is requesting to back fill the entire site. This is a stalled construction site that CB 2 is looking for the City to condemn and cease property to be appropriate developed to benefit the community.</i>	
38/41	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	<i>Fund planting of new trees and replace missing street trees within CB 2. Sunnyside gardens Street Trees were severely damaged in recent hurricanes. Hug branches along Skillman Avenue and on mid blocks have damaged streets, sidewalks and cars.</i>	
39/41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Allocate funds to renovate Baby Park near Queensbridge Houses.</i>	
40/41	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Barnett Avenue between 48th Street and 52nd Streets to include catch basins, sidewalks, on both sides of the street and retaining walls.</i>	Barnett Ave 48th St 48th St
41/41	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>Request SCA to identify a site for an additional Middle School with the boundaries of Community Board 2.</i>	

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/47	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	<i>Study use of public land and DOE building on the waterfront for reuse as a cultural and recreation center with focus on resiliency and sustainability.</i>	
2/47	SBS	Support local, long-standing businesses	<i>Provide financial rent relief and job retention support to local small businesses (under 100 employees) effected by covid-19.</i>	
3/47	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	<i>Inspect storm sewers, with a huge growth in Western Queens has placed a stress on sewer systems throughout the district. Request comprehensive sewer capacity study in LIC waterfront and adjacent. Provide funding for storm sewers for entire CB 2 District..</i>	
4/47	DOITT	Information technology goods and services	<i>More Technology funds for modernizing CB's including the standardization of digital tools such as video streaming, google docs, and more. Include online training for CB 2. Funds needed in Technology to enable greater inclusivity for communities including translation services, and accessibility over streaming video. A more modern way of inputting in city budget priorities in the website would be welcomed and online training for CB 2 staff.</i>	
5/47	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	<i>A more comprehensive approach to planning and zoning needs to be taken into account of the Roosevelt Avenue Corridor from 48th Street through Woodside to the Eastern Border of CB 2.</i>	Roosevelt Ave 48th Street through woodside
6/47	DCP	As needed Land use planning, technical and urban design support	<i>Allocate funds to Land Use committee at CB 2 to hire a third party independent Land Use expert on certain rezoning's. Prior discretionary funds from CB 2 obtained from the council for the future of the Anable Basin rezoning. CB2 is requesting more of these third party experts assist with rezoning proposals.</i>	

7/47	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>HPD request: To work with CB 2 to identify affordable housing at various locations in the district. Request HPD provide a neighborhood specific housing need survey to insure local affordable Metrix within CB 2</i>
8/47	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Provide funds to Parks Department for tree pruning and stump removal in Sunnyside gardens, and other areas within CB 2. Recently recurring tropical storms are downing trees and branches, damaging homes and parked cars. The street trees require regular maintenance and pruning. Increase funds to NYC Parks Department / Forestry to enable the agency to secure dead trees and stump removal as well as fix bulging sidewalk's due to tree growth .</i>
9/47	QL	Other expense budget request for QL	<i>Queens Library - Increase funding for purchase of new books and other materials needed to meet the growing demand of library usage within the CB 2 Queens district.</i>
10/47	DEP	Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments	<i>Investigate the persistent problem with lead in drinking water in schools, and senior centers within CB 2 to be tested.</i>
11/47	TLC	Other expense budget request for TLC	<i>Investigate and research potential Taxi Medallion Loan forgiveness for in CB 2 district residents from TLC. A large number of drivers live within the CB 2 district including our fellow board members. Investigate and research potential taxi medallion loan forgiveness for in district residents from TLC and various ways it can be implemented</i>
12/47	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Increase maintenance within all parks throughout the CB 2 district, in particular in Woodside at Crosson Green Park (Woodside / 69th), Steinman Triangle, Green space at 39th and 59th Street, and Green space at 41st Avenue at 66th Street. COVID-19 has increased the use of outdoor spaced and stressed resources of local parks staff.</i>
13/47	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	<i>Improve the efficiency of Access A Ride services for seniors and the disabled. This is in response to the comptrollers report, community needs and demand.</i>

14/47	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	<i>COVID-19 has isolated seniors and disabled population throughout New York. Provide funding for remote social adult day services programs.</i>
15/47	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	<i>Provide funding for immigrant services such as legal citizenship assistance and ESL. Support for community organizations such as Jacob A. Riis neighborhood settlement, Queens public Library, Sunnyside Community Services and Woodside on the Move to provide programs for immigrant services.</i>
16/47	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Increase funds for DFTA to meet growing demands for day care programs for seniors including Alzheimer's programs to establish a baseline for funding. Request agency make a community survey to gather aging population data in CB 2 District.</i>
17/47	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>Create pilot program for the 108th precinct to engage in the community working in partnership with local community providers when situations warrant it. Expand on City Pilot as seen in Brooklyn, addressing individuals with a variety of mental illness not with just uniform police but with mental health professionals. Other engagements could be traffic safety design specialist to evaluation post crash scene investigations to propose improvements..</i>
18/47	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services	<i>Workforce development - provide funding for summer youth employment program.</i>
19/47	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>Increase funding to expand the existing successful Dept. of Youth and community development for community residents in the cornerstone and beacon program within the boundaries of CB 2, PS343</i>
20/47	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	<i>Request funding to FDNY to maintain manpower levels at a minimum of 5 at each engine company and 5 at each ladder company that services the CB 2 community and the borough of Queens.</i>

21/47	DCP	Planning support for capital investments	<i>New York City Planning designed and wrote a planning document for LIC Ramp Lands in 2001, allowing for new public space for city owned lands. Today part of LIC Ramps has been freed, but not the entirety city owned land. NY City Planning should update its design from 2001 and work with its agency to plan support to convert the rest of the city own land to new public space.</i>
22/47	DHS	Other facilities for the homeless requests	<i>Provide WIFI digital access for homeless shelters so that children can learn remotely.</i>
23/47	NYPD	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	<i>Provide funds for regular/weekly truck traffic enforcement for drag racing and other modes of transportation at 48th Street from Northern Blvd to Queens Blvd and 48th Street and Queens Blvd South to 54th Avenue. Proximity to highways, commercial and industrial areas which create high volume of truck traffic on 48th Street. Target zone on Skillman Ave from Roosevelt Avenue to 39th Street also on Review Avenue to Lauril Hill.</i>
24/47	NYPD	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	<i>Assign additional staff to address specific crime e.g. Drug, gang related, vice, drug dealing in Blissville, and CB 2 District.</i>
25/47	DSNY	Provide or expand community composting programs	<i>To Expand and incentivize more composting in all neighborhoods within CB2. DSNY can offer a community composting pilot bin for individuals to drop off food scraps to supplement the individual DSNY additional brown bins that serve individual residences within the entire district of CB 2.</i>
26/47	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	<i>Increase DOB personnel services budget to allow for hiring of additional inspectors for Queens.</i>
27/47	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Provide funding for parks for increased security within Hunters Point South Park to address quality of life issues.</i>

28/47	DOHMH	Increase health and safety inspections, e.g. for restaurants and childcare programs	<i>Fund inspection of food trucks. COVID-19 increased demand for open air food establishments that produce debris and litter, in particular at Center Blvd at Hunters Point South.</i>
29/47	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>Allocate funding to NYC Parks for an arborist evaluation of the CB 2 district, as well as Street Tree pruning and tree and stump removal and replanting in those same blocks. Northern Sunnyside has aging street trees that have been damaged in recent years due to hurricane sandy and others. For example. Larger trees are a danger if not pruned properly of falling and causing property and Bodley damage.</i>
30/47	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Fund additional Parks staff to increase trash pick up in parks.</i>
31/47	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Continue to support funds for six month seasonal associates and six month playground associates for CB 2 parks and playgrounds.</i>
32/47	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Horticulture maintenance program - funding for this program will provide staffing to maintain park landscapes, gardens, lawns and other horticultural amenities.</i>
33/47	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Continue funding NYCDOH bureau of pest control for rodent abatement, mosquito control and invasive species within CB 2.</i>
34/47	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Provide additional funds to increase code enforcement inspectors and emergency repair inspectors at HPD.</i>
35/47	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Increase funding to hire more litigation attorneys for HPD.</i>
36/47	DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	<i>Increase funding for purchase of new schools supplies needed for local schools.</i>

37/47	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>FUND NYCDOT to maintain current levels of manpower assigned to the sign shop, pothole crews, and personnel to conduct traffic studies.</i>
38/47	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>Fund Graffiti removal programs throughout CB 2.</i>
39/47	FDNY	Other expense budget request for FDNY	<i>Provide funding for the purchase of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to be distributed to the elderly and families with young children within the boundaries of CB 2.</i>
40/47	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Include regular water quality measurements including dissolved oxygen test, water temperature, salinity, PH Levels Turbidity, and Bathymetric survey for waterfront projects. Water quality tests allow water quality to be measured as well as the depth of a water body and map the under water features This information is vital whether waterfront areas are suitable for maritime use or require remedial measures necessary to make it so..</i>
41/47	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Expand Public programming and activation of DOT owned sites with access to piers, docks, and bulkheads. DOT has public space programs to access funding to enable activation of DOT owned sites by the waterfront.</i>
42/47	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Fund a comprehensive transportation study in LIC east of Sunnyside yards, with a focus on exploring ways to address the equitable and resource productive allocation of public streets.</i>
43/47	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	<i>Inspect Storm and Sanitary Sewers to repair and replace as need on Skillman Avenue from 43rd Street to 50th Street. Also, between Skillman Avenue and 39th Avenue on 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th and 48th Streets,</i>
44/47	DCWP	Other expense budget request for DCA	<i>As added by local law 18 of 2021, the office of Street Vendor enforcement was established in the Dept. of Consumer and Worker Protection. Funding is needed to support educational, culturally competent clinics permitting Street Vending in the CB2 district.</i>

45/47	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Implement a pilot study program for residential parking permits within neighborhoods of CB2 given the implementation of congestion pricing on QBB in the future and lack existing ASP in certain areas, enabling "long-parked" vehicles.</i>
46/47	DFTA	Enhance home care services	<i>Increase to DFTA to meet growing demands for homecare services within the boundaries of CB 2 Queens.</i>
47/47	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Continue to support funding for Parks Department to hire maintenance personnel on a full time line to up keep parks within CB 2.</i>