Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests

Fiscal Year 2022



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Queens Community District

INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from August to November, 2020.

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 FY22 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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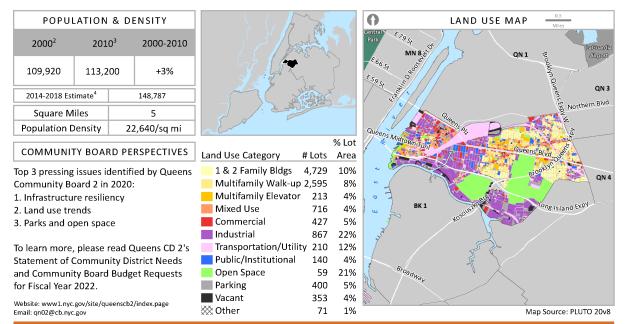
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2. COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE AND LAND USE MAP

Queens Community District 2

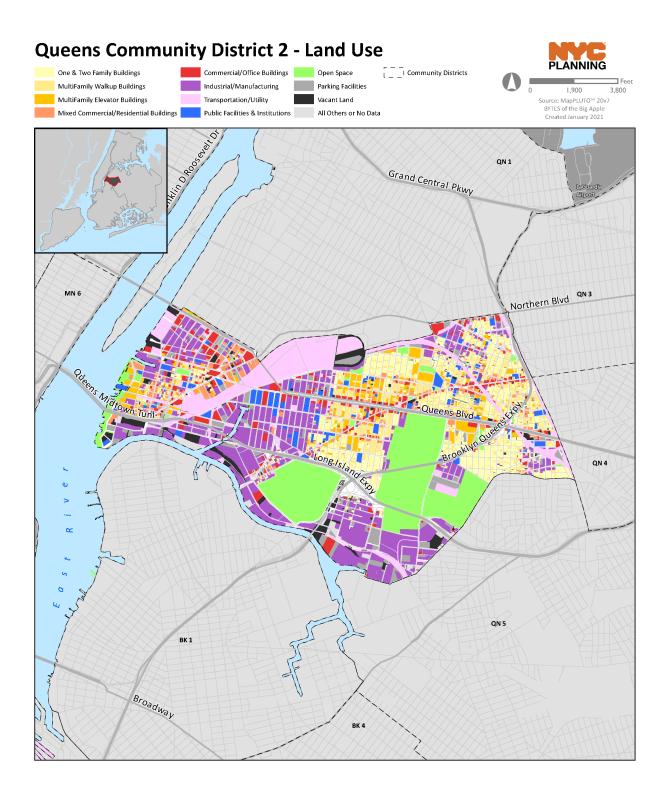


Neighborhoods¹: Blissville, Hunters Point, Long Island City, Sunnyside, Sunnyside Gardens, Woodside



A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators						
COMMUNITY A	SSETS ⁵	RENT BURG	DEN ⁴	ACCESS TO PA	ARKS ⁶	
Public Schools 21		Queens CD 2	Queens	Queens CD 2		
Public Libraries	3	42%	46%	Γ00/	Citywide	
Hospitals and Clinics	6	TZ/0		59%	Target	
Parks	7	of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC	of residents live within walking distance of a	85%	
Visit CapitalPlanning.nyc.gov for	r more information	more of their income on rent	44%	park or open space		
MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ⁴		LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴		CRIME RATE ⁷		
Queens CD 2	Queens	Queens CD 2	Queens	Queens CD 2	Queens	
38	44 minutes	39%	29%	6.4	8.1	
minutes	NYC	of residents 5 years or	NYC	major felonies were reported	NYC	
	41 minutes	older have limited English proficiency	23%	per 1,000 residents in 2019	11	
EDUCATIONAL AT	TAINMENT ⁴	UNEMPLOY	MENT ⁴	NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ⁸		
Queens CD 2	Queens	Queens CD 2	Queens	Queens CD 2	Queens	
38%	32%	3.3%	4%	15%	17%	
of residents 25 years or	NYC	of the civilian labor force	NYC	of residents have incomes below	NYC	
older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	37%*	was unemployed on average from 2014 to 2018	4.4%	the NYCgov poverty threshold	20%	

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ²2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-Year Estimates, approximated by aggregating data from blocks and block-groups. When comparing CD estimates to Borough and City averages, due to survey sampling error values with an asterisk (*) are not statistically significant differences. Visit the Community District Profiles tool online to find Margins of Error (MDeS) for all estimates. ³NVP Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2002), ⁸NVP Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2019). DPR considers wasking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks, see 1/4 mile for parks, and pools. ³NVPD Complaint Data (2019), ⁸ 2014-2018 NVCgov Poverty Measure by Public Use Microdata Area (PUMA), PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.



3. 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 Your 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.)

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 highrise 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

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Parks and 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+-yearold 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. Continue to support funding for continued tree planting new and replace missing street trees.

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.)

The district lacks a primary care medical facility and outpatient clinics. With one of the largest populations of senior citizens, it needs additional support for senior services and modern, full-service senior center facilities. 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 formal food pantry in CB2.

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 ourder to expand the availability of afforable 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
8/47	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	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.	
11/47	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	Establish a formal food pantry in the CB 2 district.	
19/47	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Funding site acquisition for site for a new senior / community center in Hunters Point.	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/37	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	COVID-19 has isolated seniors and disabled population throughout New York. Provide funding for remote social adult day services programs.	
12/37	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	Increase funds for DFTA to meet growing demands for day care programs for seniors including Alzheimer's programs to establish a baseline for funding.	
16/37	DHS	Other facilities for the homeless requests	Provide WIFI digital access for homeless shelters so that children can learn remotely	
19/37	DOHMH	Increase health and safety inspections, e.g. for restaurants and childcare programs	Fund inspection of food trucks. COVID-19 increase demand for open air food establishments that produce debris and litter.	
23/37	DFTA	Enhance home care services	Increase to DFTA to meet growing demands for homecare services within the boundaries of CB 2 Queens.	

24/37	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	Continue funding NYCDOH bureau of pest control for rodent abatement and spraying for west nile virus within CB 2.
33/37	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	Provide funding for immigrant services such as legal citizenship assistance and ESL.

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. 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. 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
30/47	SCA	Renovate other site component	To establish and locate an early childhood center within the Community Board 2 district with the location of PS11 and renovate other sites within CB 2.	
31/47	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	Request SCA to identify a site for an additional Middle School with the boundaries of Community Board 2.	
32/47	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Request the SCA conduct an analysis for an additional elementary school within the boundaries of Community Board 2.	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
27/37	DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	Increase funding for purchase of new schools supplies needed for local schools.	
34/37	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services	Workforce development - provide funding for summer youth employment program.	
35/37	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	Increase funding to expand the Dept of Youth and community development for community residents in the cornerstone and beacon program within the boundaries of CB 2, PS343	

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 officiers at the 108th precinct to help decrease response time. CB 2 is requesting funding to FDNY to maintain manpower levels at a miminum 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
20/47	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	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.	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/37	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Assign additional uniform police officers at the 108th precinct for community engagement.	
14/37	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	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.	
22/37	NYPD	Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang- related, vice, etc.)	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.	
32/37	FDNY	Other expense budget request for FDNY	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.	

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

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 -The waterfront community has 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.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental ProtectionNo comments

Needs for Sanitation Services
No comments

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/47 DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	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.	
12/47 DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	Reconstruct 61st Street from 39th Avenue to 37th Avenue including sewers and catch basins.	61st Street 39th Avenue 39th Avenue
17/47 DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	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	
21/47 DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	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.	
23/47 DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	Provide funding for green infrastructure for a bioswale at Bradley Avenue and Van Dam Triangle.	
24/47 DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	Request funds to create a bioswale on the east side of dutch kills turning basin at 29th Street.	

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/37	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	Inspect storm sewers, with a huge growth in Western Queens has placed a stress on sewer system throughout the district. Services needed for livable space. Provide funding for storm sewers for entire CB 2 Disrict	
5/37	DEP	Investigate air quality complaints at specific location	Air Monitors, request annual air quality testing by expert firm or vendor to conduct testing and locations to be determined within the boundaries of Community Board 2 and the following areas: Borden Avenue, 5th Street, Aviation HS, Queens Blvd, Midtown Tunnel, rail yards, General Woodside area, proximity of the Airport.	
8/37	DEP	Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments	Investigate the persistent problem with lead in drinking water in schools, and senior centers within CB 2 to be tested.	
36/37	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	Include Bathymetric survey for waterfront projects. Bathymetric surveys allow us to measure the depth of a water body as well as map the under water features of a water body. This information allows us to access whether waterfront areas are suitable for maritime use or require remedial measures necessary to make it so.	

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 Your 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 biotech 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 44thDrive, 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
1/47	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Transfer control of ownership of the DOE building (Parks, EDC) and budget funds to renovate the building as a community arts center, with space for mixed used, job training, arts, recreational facility and maker space to be managed by a non profit Community has advocated for these uses for many years.	
2/47	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Transfer control of public land from the DOT building SW of DOE building along 44th Drive to parks department 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.	
5/47	EDC	Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts	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.	61st Street and Roosevelt Avenue
16/47	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	DCP request: to work with with CB 2 to identify sites for affordable housing at various locations in the district.	
47/47	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	EDC - Acquire and seize the location known as Lake Vernon at 44-02 Vernon Blvd. CB 2 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 seize property to be appropriately developed to benefit the community.	44-02 Vernon Boulevard, Queens, New York, NY

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/37	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	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. Comprehensive development plan for the entire CB 2 district.	

2/37	SBS	Support local, long-standing businesses	Provide financial rent relief and job retention support to local small businesses (under 100 employees) effected by covid-19.
6/37	SBS	Other commercial district revitalization requests	Provide assistance to local businesses to Improve the shopping and pedestrian experience and help to sustain the existing Commercial businesses in the District of Woodside from 56th Street to 69th Street
7/37	EDC	Reinvest in the graffiti free removal program for private sites	Fund Graffiti removal programs throughout CB 2.
17/37	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	Increase DOB personnel services budget to allow for hiring of additional inspectors for Queens.
25/37	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Provide additional funds to increase code enforcement inspectors and emergency repair inspectors at HPD.
31/37	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Increase funding to hire more litigation attorneys for HPD.
37/37	EDC	Expand public programming and activation of Cityowned sites	Access state of all piers, docks, and bulkheads. This will determine whether our piers, docks and bulkheads are safe and ready to accommodate public access and maritime use. Should access state of maintenance load capacity, presence and condition of fendering, cleats and bollards, guard rails, provisions for access, adders and life-rings and utilities.

TRANSPORTATION

Queens Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY Community Board 2 is in a unique position. Directly across the East River from Midtown Manhattan and north of Brooklyn, it is crossed by two major highways—the Long Island Expressway and the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway. Queens Boulevard is heavily utilized to access the Queensboro Bridge with over 170,000 vehicles a day. The Kosciuszko Bridge carries over 160,000 vehicles a day. Inevitable traffic jams create noise, air pollution on and accidents. While CB 2 is generally well-served by mass transit, the trains are over-crowded during rush hours. Efforts should be made to provide more frequent and reliable service. Handicapped entrances must be installed to give greater access to mass transit for the elderly and handicapped, as well as for those with strollers. Access-A-Ride should be improved. Over the past few years, bike lanes, car share services, Citi Bike stations and other forms of multimodal transportation have increasingly become available in the district. CB2 supports improving neighborhood connectivity and facilitating multimodal transportation while creating a safer pedestrian experience. The availability of parking for homeowners and local businesses remains a high priority for many residents and due consideration should be exercised to balance the needs of existing and emerging modes of transportation. Long term, a promised stop in Sunnyside should be provided as part of the LIRR East Side Access project to Grand Central Station, as well as cross-honoring MTA fairs on the LIRR from the 61st Street station to Penn Station. Most residents of the district use mass transportation when traveling to and from work. Although capital improvements have been ongoing on the number 7-line, overcrowding has generally, continued to be a problem and there are often delays during rush hour. The lack of accessibility is a major concern. The volume of commuters at the 61st St. station has increased exponentially, causing constant maintenance issues of the escalator (MTA) and elevator (LIRR). More needs to be done to ensure both are working property on a regular basis. In additional, more stations need to be made handicapped accessible including the Queensboro Plaza hub.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation InfrastructureNo comments

Needs for Transit Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/47	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	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.	
6/47	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	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	
10/47	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Vernon Blvd at street end near 53rd Avenue and Newtown Creek, as the roadway is collapsing.	Vernon Blvd 53rd Ave 53rd Ave
14/47	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	Additional Capital funding for NYC to repair broken irrigation systems on Jackson Avenue Medians in LIC.	
15/47	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	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.	
18/47	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Request full reconstruction of the service roads from Queens Blvd from 73rd Street to 48th Street.	Queens Blvd 69th St 69th St
22/47	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Barnett Avenue between 48th Street and 52nd Streets to include catch basins, sidewalks, on both sides of the street and retaining walls.	Barnett Ave 48th St 48th St
26/47	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct street on Greenpoint Avenue between Starr Avenue and Review Avenue	Greenpoint Ave Starr Ave Starr Ave
28/47	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	Support funding for the reconstruction of the 51st Avenue pedestrian bridge over LIRR mainline. Need to increase lighting levels.	

29/47	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	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. Provide funding for powerwashing to entrances and subway stairs at stations.	
33/47	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Hunters Point Streets. All side streets including 11th Street, 21st Street and 23rd Street and Vernon Boulevard from 51st Avenue to 44th Drive.	
34/47	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Provide funding to reconstruct the Woodside Avenue Bridge over the LIRR to include sidewalks and replacement fencing	
35/47	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	Install and replace sidewalks at 69th place between Garfield Avenue and 51st Avenue.	69th Place Garfield Ave Garfield Ave
36/47	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	Request sidewalk installation on Hicks Drive between 63rd Street and 64th Street.	Hicks Dr 63rd St 63rd St
37/47	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Allocate funds to create / install barriers to curtail pigeon droppings and nesting under arterial roadway overpasses in CB 2.	
38/47	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Replace sidewalk pavers from 58th Street to 63rd Street along Roosevelt Avenue corridor., 61st Street between Roosevelt Avenue and Woodside Avenue.	
41/47	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	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.	
42/47	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Capital funding for the removal of concrete slabs in the median on Queens Plaza	
43/47	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	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.	

45/47	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Fund a comprehensive transportation study with a focus on parking. as DOT has previously proposed in the IBZ area east of Sunnyside Yards.	
46/47	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Request funds for the design and reconstruction of 48th Avenue between 65th Place and 72nd Street in the Winfield area of Woodside	48th Ave 65th place 65th place

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/37	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	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.	
30/37	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	FUND NYCDOT to maintain current levels of manpower assigned to the sign shop, pothole crews, and personnel to conduct traffic studies.	

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+-yearold 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 mandidated responsibilities.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/47	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	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.	Bradley Ave Van Dam St Van Dam St
9/47	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	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.	
13/47	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funds to renovate Baby Park near Queenscbridge Houses.	
25/47	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Request Park Department funding to refurbish veterans memorial square (Civil war Monument) parks property in Old Calvary Cemetery.	
27/47	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Replace flag pole and flag at triangle park at location of Van Dam Park at the base of Greenpoint Avenue bridge,	
39/47	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funds to create a park at Rafferty Triangle and the Citicorp Building.	
40/47	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Court Square Park revitalization to move the fountain and restore the park in front of the court house.	
44/47	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Identify location for the Court Square Library	

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/37	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Provide funds to Parks Department for tree pruning and stump removal in Sunnyside gardens, and other areas within CB 2. In 2020 hurricane ISAIAS downed trees and branches which damaged 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.	
9/37	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Increase maintenance within all parks throughout the CB 2 district. COVID-19 has increased the use of outdoor spaced and stressed resources of local parks staff.	
18/37	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Provide funding for parks for increased security within the parks throughout CB 2.	
20/37	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Fund additional Parks staff to increase trash pick up in parks.	
21/37	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Continue to support funds for six month seasonal associates and six month playground associates for CB 2 parks and playgrounds.	
26/37	QL	Other expense budget request for QL	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.	
28/37	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Horticulture maintenance program - funding for this program will provide staffing to maintain park landscapes, gardens, lawns and other horticultural amenities.	
29/37	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Continue to support funding for Parks Department to hire maintenance personnel on a full time line to up keep parks within CB 2.	

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
15/37	Other	Other expense budget request	Mayors office of technology and innovation or DOITT Study WIFI access to determine digital deserts throughout the CB 2 District.	

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/47	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Transfer control of ownership of the DOE building (Parks, EDC) and budget funds to renovate the building as a community arts center, with space for mixed used, job training, arts, recreational facility and maker space to be managed by a non profit Community has advocated for these uses for many years.	
2/47	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Transfer control of public land from the DOT building SW of DOE building along 44th Drive to parks department 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.	
3/47	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	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.	
4/47	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	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.	
5/47	EDC	Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts	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.	61st Street and Roosevelt Avenue
6/47	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	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	

7/47	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	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.	Bradley Ave Van Dam St Van Dam St
8/47	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	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.	
9/47	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests	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.	
10/47	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Vernon Blvd at street end near 53rd Avenue and Newtown Creek, as the roadway is collapsing.	Vernon Blvd 53rd Ave 53rd Ave
11/47	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	Establish a formal food pantry in the CB 2 district.	
12/47	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	Reconstruct 61st Street from 39th Avenue to 37th Avenue including sewers and catch basins.	61st Street 39th Avenue 39th Avenue
13/47	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funds to renovate Baby Park near Queenscbridge Houses.	
14/47	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	Additional Capital funding for NYC to repair broken irrigation systems on Jackson Avenue Medians in LIC.	
15/47	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	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.	
16/47	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	DCP request: to work with with CB 2 to identify sites for affordable housing at various locations in the district.	

DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	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	
DOT	Reconstruct streets	Request full reconstruction of the service roads from Queens Blvd from 73rd Street to 48th Street.	Queens Blvd 69th St 69th St
DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Funding site acquisition for site for a new senior / community center in Hunters Point.	
NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	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.	
DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	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.	
DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Barnett Avenue between 48th Street and 52nd Streets to include catch basins, sidewalks, on both sides of the street and retaining walls.	Barnett Ave 48th St 48th St
DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	Provide funding for green infrastructure for a bioswale at Bradley Avenue and Van Dam Triangle.	
DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	Request funds to create a bioswale on the east side of dutch kills turning basin at 29th Street.	
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25/47	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Request Park Department funding to refurbish veterans memorial square (Civil war Monument) parks property in Old Calvary Cemetery.	
26/47	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct street on Greenpoint Avenue between Starr Avenue and Review Avenue	Greenpoint Ave Starr Ave Starr Ave
27/47	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Replace flag pole and flag at triangle park at location of Van Dam Park at the base of Greenpoint Avenue bridge,	
28/47	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	Support funding for the reconstruction of the 51st Avenue pedestrian bridge over LIRR mainline. Need to increase lighting levels.	
29/47	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	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. Provide funding for powerwashing to entrances and subway stairs at stations.	
30/47	SCA	Renovate other site component	To establish and locate an early childhood center within the Community Board 2 district with the location of PS11 and renovate other sites within CB 2.	
31/47	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	Request SCA to identify a site for an additional Middle School with the boundaries of Community Board 2.	
32/47	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Request the SCA conduct an analysis for an additional elementary school within the boundaries of Community Board 2.	
33/47	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Hunters Point Streets. All side streets including 11th Street, 21st Street and 23rd Street and Vernon Boulevard from 51st Avenue to 44th Drive.	
34/47	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Provide funding to reconstruct the Woodside Avenue Bridge over the LIRR to include sidewalks and replacement fencing	

35/47	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	Install and replace sidewalks at 69th place between Garfield Avenue and 51st Avenue.	69th Place Garfield Ave Garfield Ave
36/47	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	Request sidewalk installation on Hicks Drive between 63rd Street and 64th Street.	Hicks Dr 63rd St 63rd St
37/47	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Allocate funds to create / install barriers to curtail pigeon droppings and nesting under arterial roadway overpasses in CB 2.	
38/47	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Replace sidewalk pavers from 58th Street to 63rd Street along Roosevelt Avenue corridor., 61st Street between Roosevelt Avenue and Woodside Avenue.	
39/47	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Allocate funds to create a park at Rafferty Triangle and the Citicorp Building.	
40/47	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Court Square Park revitalization to move the fountain and restore the park in front of the court house.	
41/47	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	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.	
42/47	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Capital funding for the removal of concrete slabs in the median on Queens Plaza	
43/47	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	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.	
44/47	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Identify location for the Court Square Library	

45/47	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Fund a comprehensive transportation study with a focus on parking. as DOT has previously proposed in the IBZ area east of Sunnyside Yards.	
46/47	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Request funds for the design and reconstruction of 48th Avenue between 65th Place and 72nd Street in the Winfield area of Woodside	48th Ave 65th place 65th place
47/47	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	EDC - Acquire and seize the location known as Lake Vernon at 44-02 Vernon Blvd. CB 2 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 seize property to be appropriately developed to benefit the community.	44-02 Vernon Boulevard, Queens, New York, NY

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/37	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	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. Comprehensive development plan for the entire CB 2 district.	
2/37	SBS	Support local, long-standing businesses	Provide financial rent relief and job retention support to local small businesses (under 100 employees) effected by covid-19.	
3/37	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	Inspect storm sewers, with a huge growth in Western Queens has placed a stress on sewer system throughout the district. Services needed for livable space. Provide funding for storm sewers for entire CB 2 Disrict	
4/37	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Provide funds to Parks Department for tree pruning and stump removal in Sunnyside gardens, and other areas within CB 2. In 2020 hurricane ISAIAS downed trees and branches which damaged 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.	
5/37	DEP	Investigate air quality complaints at specific location	Air Monitors, request annual air quality testing by expert firm or vendor to conduct testing and locations to be determined within the boundaries of Community Board 2 and the following areas: Borden Avenue, 5th Street, Aviation HS, Queens Blvd, Midtown Tunnel, rail yards, General Woodside area, proximity of the Airport.	
6/37	SBS	Other commercial district revitalization requests	Provide assistance to local businesses to Improve the shopping and pedestrian experience and help to sustain the existing Commercial businesses in the District of Woodside from 56th Street to 69th Street	
7/37	EDC	Reinvest in the graffiti free removal program for private sites	Fund Graffiti removal programs throughout CB 2.	

8/37	DEP	Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments	Investigate the persistent problem with lead in drinking water in schools, and senior centers within CB 2 to be tested.
9/37	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Increase maintenance within all parks throughout the CB 2 district. COVID-19 has increased the use of outdoor spaced and stressed resources of local parks staff.
10/37	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	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.
11/37	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	COVID-19 has isolated seniors and disabled population throughout New York. Provide funding for remote social adult day services programs.
12/37	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	Increase funds for DFTA to meet growing demands for day care programs for seniors including Alzheimer's programs to establish a baseline for funding.
13/37	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Assign additional uniform police officers at the 108th precinct for community engagement.
14/37	FDNY	Provide more firefighters or EMS workers	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.
15/37	Other	Other expense budget request	Mayors office of technology and innovation or DOITT Study WIFI access to determine digital deserts throughout the CB 2 District.
16/37	DHS	Other facilities for the homeless requests	Provide WIFI digital access for homeless shelters so that children can learn remotely
17/37	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	Increase DOB personnel services budget to allow for hiring of additional inspectors for Queens.

18/37	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Provide funding for parks for increased security within the parks throughout CB 2.
19/37	DOHMH	Increase health and safety inspections, e.g. for restaurants and childcare programs	Fund inspection of food trucks. COVID-19 increase demand for open air food establishments that produce debris and litter.
20/37	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Fund additional Parks staff to increase trash pick up in parks.
21/37	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Continue to support funds for six month seasonal associates and six month playground associates for CB 2 parks and playgrounds.
22/37	NYPD	Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang- related, vice, etc.)	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.
23/37	DFTA	Enhance home care services	Increase to DFTA to meet growing demands for homecare services within the boundaries of CB 2 Queens.
24/37	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	Continue funding NYCDOH bureau of pest control for rodent abatement and spraying for west nile virus within CB 2.
25/37	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Provide additional funds to increase code enforcement inspectors and emergency repair inspectors at HPD.
26/37	QL	Other expense budget request for QL	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.

27/37	DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	Increase funding for purchase of new schools supplies needed for local schools.
28/37	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Horticulture maintenance program - funding for this program will provide staffing to maintain park landscapes, gardens, lawns and other horticultural amenities.
29/37	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Continue to support funding for Parks Department to hire maintenance personnel on a full time line to up keep parks within CB 2.
30/37	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	FUND NYCDOT to maintain current levels of manpower assigned to the sign shop, pothole crews, and personnel to conduct traffic studies.
31/37	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Increase funding to hire more litigation attorneys for HPD.
32/37	FDNY	Other expense budget request for FDNY	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.
33/37	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	Provide funding for immigrant services such as legal citizenship assistance and ESL.
34/37	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services	Workforce development - provide funding for summer youth employment program.
35/37	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	Increase funding to expand the Dept of Youth and community development for community residents in the cornerstone and beacon program within the boundaries of CB 2, PS343

36/37	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	Include Bathymetric survey for waterfront projects. Bathymetric surveys allow us to measure the depth of a water body as well as map the under water features of a water body. This information allows us to access whether waterfront areas are suitable for maritime use or require remedial measures necessary to make it so.
37/37	EDC	Expand public programming and activation of Cityowned sites	Access state of all piers, docks, and bulkheads. This will determine whether our piers, docks and bulkheads are safe and ready to accommodate public access and maritime use. Should access state of maintenance load capacity, presence and condition of fendering, cleats and bollards, guard rails, provisions for access, adders and life-rings and utilities.