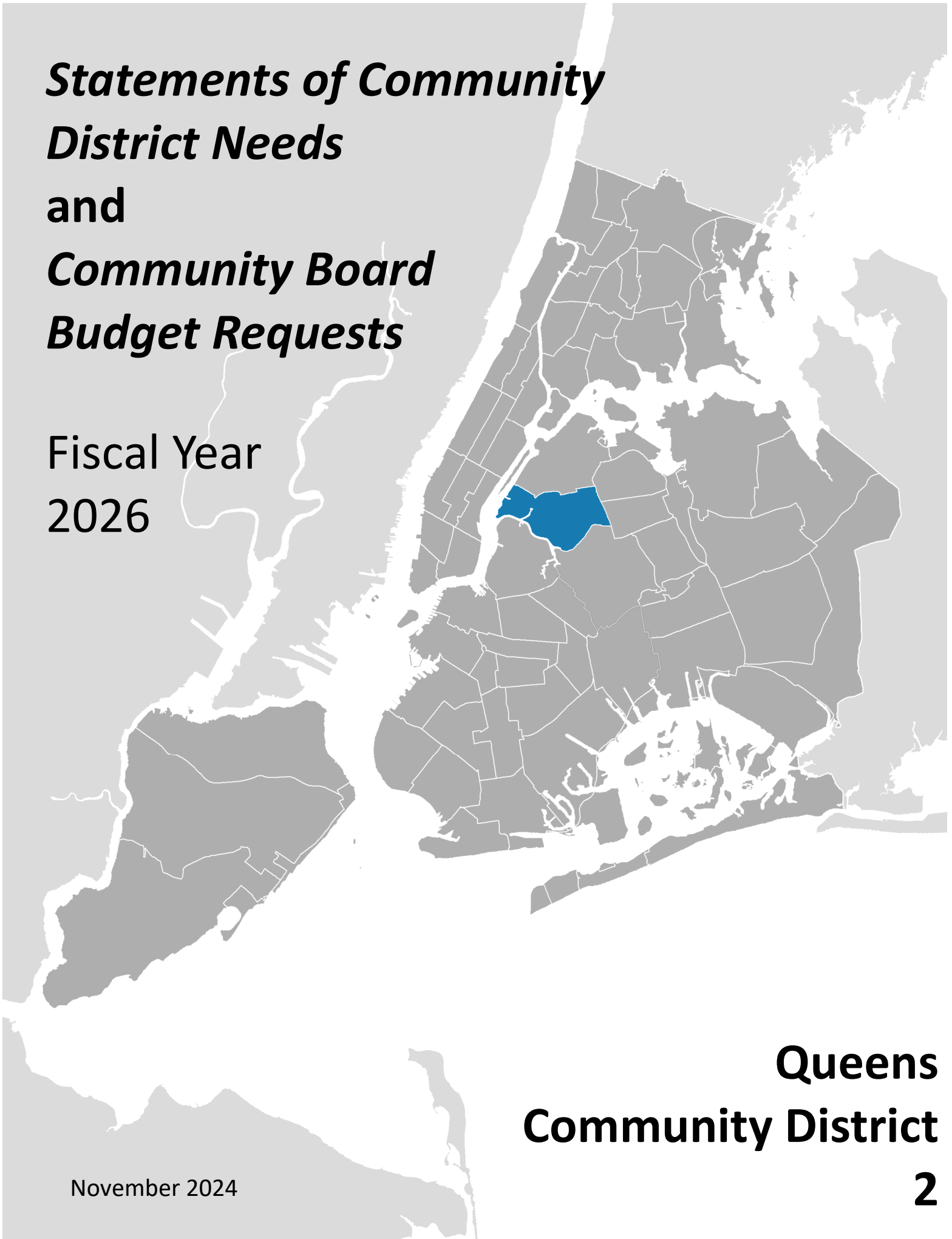


***Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests***

Fiscal Year
2026

**Queens
Community District
2**

November 2024



INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2024.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. **Overarching Community District Needs**

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

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

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

3. **Community Board Budget Requests**

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

Queens Community Board 2

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	8,175,133	100.00	8,804,190	100.00	629,057	7.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	1,768,111	21.6	1,740,142	19.8	-27,969	-1.6	-1.8
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	8,175,133	100.0	8,804,190	100.0	629,057	7.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	2,336,076	28.6	2,490,350	28.3	154,274	6.6	-0.3
White non-Hispanic	2,722,904	33.3	2,719,856	30.9	-3,048	-0.1	-2.4
Black non-Hispanic	1,861,295	22.8	1,776,891	20.2	-84,404	-4.5	-2.6
Asian non-Hispanic	1,028,119	12.6	1,373,502	15.6	345,383	33.6	3.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	78,063	1.0	143,632	1.6	65,569	84.0	0.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	148,676	1.8	299,959	3.4	151,283	101.8	1.6
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	3,371,062	100.0	3,618,635	100.0	247,573	7.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	3,109,784	92.2	3,370,448	93.1	260,664	8.4	0.9
Vacant housing units	261,278	7.8	248,187	6.9	-13,091	-5.0	-0.9

Queens

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

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

Queens Community District 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
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Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

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. Finally, in LIC are also communities zoned for manufacturing only, like Blissville, containing manufacturing and grandfathered homes. Today, Blissville houses our most vulnerable in permanent homeless shelters and converted hotels. CB2 is home to: an emerging 21st century economy and an active 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, CultureLab LIC, Thalia Hispanic Theatre, the Turkish Cultural Center, Ecuadorian American Cultural Center, Topaz Arts, and Silvercup Studios. A robust higher educational facility, LaGuardia Community College, that in 2019 enrolled over 30,000 students from 150 nations. Several thriving areas of small businesses and manufacturers, including 2 (?) IBZ districts. These segments of CB2 are critical to the entire city's economy and are vulnerable to zoning changes and rising rents. 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, Blissville 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 and many bus lines. A rapidly growing network of bicycle lanes supports commuters throughout the district. However, there are neighborhoods within our district who remain in a transportation desert such as the Blissville section of Long Island City, Wynwood Gardens in Woodside, parts of Maspeth and the far reaches of Hunter's Point South.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Queens Community Board 2

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Land use trends

A. 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 floor area ratio (FAR) to provide optional affordable housing through the City's initial Inclusionary Housing Program has failed to produce many new affordable apartments for existing residents in the District. (One recent Zoning Text Amendment in Woodside includes Mandatory Inclusionary Housing, but those units have not yet been constructed.) Rent levels of 130% AMI, which are most commonly offered in privately financed MIH buildings, are unaffordable to those local residents most in need, and do little to alleviate the housing crisis. An exception is a building on Barnett Ave which has been approved, and will have 100% affordable units, ranging from 30 to 80% AMI. CB2 is disappointed that we have not seen any signs of construction for over one year. 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, 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 ongoing but haphazard rezoning, is badly needed in this part of the CB2 district. In Hunters point, there is pressure to increase housing along the waterfront and into the IBZ. Public investments in resiliency, sustainability, and infrastructure repairs need to come first. Small businesses and the creative community have been deeply impacted by prior zoning. Any future zoning must make preservation of the existing economy the number one priority before favoring new business development.

B. Rising Housing Costs 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 classes, public employees, or small business owners can afford to buy property. Many properties that come on the market are available as knockdowns for development or for speculation. Those that are retained are modernized with an eye toward an upscale market (the previous owners often having previously neglected the property's condition).

1. Affordable housing CB2 is seeking a significant number of additional units of affordable housing, ideally for both rental and homeownership, 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. Repair of the existing infrastructure, notably sewers, and resiliency measures must come first and be based on the most current scientific evidence and recommendations.

2. Sheltered and Unhoused Individuals and Families Community Board 2 has experienced an increase of homelessness within our district during the past few years. And, more recently, during the COVID-19 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. Increased crucial services for our most vulnerable homeless residents and homeless service providers are needed to support these vulnerable New Yorkers, especially now, with anew influx of asylum seekers. According to DHS as of October 2022, CB2 is

home to six shelters with a total of 548 residents. These include 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). We support our unhoused neighbors and the right to shelter, and we are deeply concerned that there are no sufficient resources to support these vulnerable populations. Blissville is zoned Industrial/Manufacturing and lacks basic services such as green space, supermarkets, laundry facilities and schools as well as limited public transportation options and adjacent to one of our Nation's largest Superfund sites. Additionally, the identification of sites and resettling of unhoused families in the temporary shelters, especially in Blissville, has been disorganized and disruptive to the residents and the community in and around Blissville. Furthermore, the recent sharp increase in asylum seekers has caused New York City to experience a corresponding explosion in housing needs, with now around 11,000 individuals having entered New York City's shelter system since May 2022. The City must seek and allocate sufficient resources to ensure that 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. 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. Often, zoning allows former manufacturing lots to be replaced by housing, which further exacerbates the ongoing problems. Zoning has also allowed existing space appropriate for small manufacturers to be replaced by higher cost office space that is not suited for industry. Investment and dedication of assets to attract and support new business growth must be matched by the same investment and support for existing small business.

D. Impact on artists. Community Board 2 has been home to a vast community of creative individuals and groups who have given the area much of its unique identity and being an important sector for economic growth. PS1 / MoMa is a prime example of how a fledgling space for artist studios evolved into a world-class museum that provides a wide range of jobs, artist opportunities, and tourism revenue. 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 a professional capacity while innovating and experimenting on their own. This creative sector is among the most immediately threatened populations in the district. Zoning has allowed existing productive space to be replaced by space more suited for new and often speculative ventures, while permanently eliminating the community that has played a major role in placing the district on the map. We need a community center that facilitates the incubation and support of these artists who define the character of the district.

E. Neighborhood Preservation 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 eras. Our budget requests are informed by the basic necessity to preserve, protect and expand housing and economic opportunity without compromising the quality, 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.

Parks and open space

Parks, Culture & Other Community Facilities, especially those communities within our district absent Parks, Playgrounds and Greenspace and remain part of the 1% of NYC residents who must walk greater than 20 minutes to reach a park or greenspace.

Other - Write In (Required)

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. Storm surge and rain events have created threats to health, safety, and even lives. New buildings and those in the pipeline have been addressing these issues with insufficient and outdated approaches that generally only protect their own buildings and add to area wide negative impact.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Queens Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Health facilities

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 Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Homeless

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

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

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 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.

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
6 / 41	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility
7 / 41	HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers
8 / 41	DHS	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless
13 / 41	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility
17 / 41	DFTA	new senior center

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
15 / 52	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations
28 / 52	DHS	Homeless Prevention Study
29 / 52	DHS	Unhoused Workforce Programs
30 / 52	DHS	Mental Health Support for Unhoused Communities
50 / 52	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place
51 / 52	DFTA	Other senior center program requests
52 / 52	HRA	Immigrant Services and CBOs

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.)

The Sunnyside and Woodside areas have a high immigrant population in which parents aren't always proficient in speaking English. According to NYC Department of City Planning (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. The construction of schools and provision of youth services, such as Summer Youth Employment Programs, have lagged behind the population growth in CB2, particularly in Long Island City. The 2018 Economic Development Corporation (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 UC, 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.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
36 / 41	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
45 / 52	DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material
46 / 52	DOE	Assign more teaching staff
47 / 52	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services
48 / 52	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)
49 / 52	DOE	Daycare Funding

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Queens Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Other - Write In (Required)

Law Enforcement Role. Important as are the police for public safety, it is recognized that many functions traditionally assigned to the police can and should be accomplished through alternative services. For example, street safety can be promoted by roadway re-design and automated enforcement. Further, we seek meaningful in person community policing. We'd like to see police regularly on foot or on bikes. We like to see a transformation of their ethos from the current situation where they are "officers" with military ranks and the rest of the community are "civilians." Human service professionals are needed to actively engage in policing operations and not just to provide training for police in community engagement, domestic violence, mental illness sensitivity training. Enforcement by non-NYP agencies. For example, increased enforcement of vehicles with defaced plates, expired out-of-state temporary plates, and abandoned vehicles would alleviate need for parking by residents. Similarly, enforcement of sanitation violations would alleviate rat infestations.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
16 / 41	NYPD	New precinct

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
18 / 52	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers
19 / 52	NYPD	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)
20 / 52	NYPD	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)
22 / 52	NYPD	108th Precinct Uniformed Officers

Queens Community Board 2

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

Environmental concerns affecting citizens

Core infrastructure throughout the district is aging and requires ongoing repair. Sewer infrastructure-Deteriorating sewer infrastructure in Long Island City is legendary for insufficient capacity. In 2018 EDC LIC Investment Strategy included 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. B.Air quality-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 Borden Avenue yard. These create constant air and noise pollution. C.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. D.Rat infestation is a problem throughout the district due to prevalence of construction. Other hot spots include Greenpoint Avenue in Sunnyside, and between Review and Borden Avenue in Blissville, LIC. E.Litter and dumping of waste throughout district has increased over last few years during COVID crisis. The district needs more and better street trash containers and an increase in frequency and number of street trash collections. F.Sanitation services-DSNY to fund a demonstration project with large community bins to complement or replace curbside services in certain low density residential areas. 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. G.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 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 pressing need to acquire enough Bobcats and other equipment to clear non-vehicular paths and allocate sufficient personnel and resources to address these dangerous conditions. H.Waterfront Resiliency-Deteriorating bulkheads along Newtown Creek and flooding along East River waterfront. Requesting DCP initiate a comprehensive planning process for development sites on LIC waterfront and Vernon Boulevard corridor community as was promised.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 41	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP
2 / 41	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP
3 / 41	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP
12 / 41	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
7 / 52	DSNY	More trash containers in parks
12 / 52	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP
13 / 52	DEP	Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments
14 / 52	DSNY	Provide or expand community composting programs
16 / 52	DSNY	LIRR Underpass Cleaning
23 / 52	DSNY	Illegally Parked Cars - Auto Repair Shops
31 / 52	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed
32 / 52	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed
33 / 52	DEP	Blissville Backflow Study

Queens Community Board 2

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

Other - Write In (Required)

A. One of the critical issues is the availability of truly affordable housing. According to the Partnership for New York City, "Housing affordability posed a challenge before COVID-19 with nearly 40% of metro area residents paying more 30% of their income in rent." COVID-19 related job losses exacerbate this. In CB2, 43% pay 35% or more of their income on rent, prompting a call for more affordable housing units for low & moderate income residents in the community. B. Economic development: Prior to the events of 2020, our district needed to revitalize existing storefront businesses, small manufacturers, creative individuals and organizations. High rents and commercial conversions have put pressure on small businesses, reducing growth and job opportunities. The pandemic created substantial job loss and forced some businesses to close entirely. The City's economic strategy should shift focus to support existing small businesses, providing funds for employee rehiring, training, ongoing costs, and enhancing commercial strip visibility. The LIC Partnership and Sunnyside Shines Business Improvement District (BID) supports businesses in their geography, but more needs to be done, especially in Woodside and Sunnyside, to help small storefront businesses grow in CB2. Rezoning in industrial business zones (IBZ) needs careful consideration to protect existing businesses. C. Land use actions increase density, but have not been adequately paired with upgrades to parks, libraries, schools, and especially water and sewage infrastructure. Luxury developments in areas like Long Island City create a tax burden for existing property owners, contributing to the pricing out of residents. Responsible development must address resource limits, climate change, and the need for diverse housing. D. The community, known for welcoming newcomers, faces challenges in supporting asylum seekers, particularly in areas like Blissville and Long Island City lacking essential businesses. The influx further strains resources, emphasizing the need for domestic support services, including supermarkets, laundry facilities, green grocers, and gyms.

Needs for Housing

See budget requests.

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.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
9 / 41	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront
10 / 41	EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront
25 / 41	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts
28 / 41	HPD	Housing needs for unhoused
30 / 41	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 52	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD
21 / 52	EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors
24 / 52	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth
25 / 52	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth
26 / 52	DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs
42 / 52	SBS	Support local, long-standing businesses
44 / 52	SBS	Small and Affordable Business Support

Queens Community Board 2

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

The district uses mass transportation when traveling. CB2 is generally well-served by mass transit, trains are over-crowded. Capacity issues remain despite the completion of a major 10 year capital improvements on the 7 line. Efforts should be made to provide frequent, reliable service. Long term, a promised stop in Sunnyside should be provided as part of the LIRR East Side Access project. as well as cross-honoring MTA fares on the LIRR from stations in the City. Accessibility to subway system is both mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act and is a matter of equity. The lack of accessibility is a major concern and volume of commuters at the 61st St. station has increased, causing constant maintenance issues of the escalator (MTA) and elevator (LIRR). More needs to be done to ensure both are working properly 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 private developers, CB2 would like to see the program expanded to include public restrooms, as inadequate public facilities have led to human waste in subway stations. Improved bus service, including bus-only lanes and select buses need to be explored to increase capacity. Over the past few years, bike lanes, car share services, Citi Bike stations and other forms of multimodal transportation have become increasingly available in the City and particularly in CB2. Our community strongly supports improving neighborhood connectivity and facilitating multimodal transportation while creating a safer experience for vulnerable road users. Private vehicle ownership has been a long tradition in our community. Parking is increasingly difficult to find. Residents who own cars would like to keep and park them on our streets. Because of the severe threat of climate change, we would like to discourage new residents from moving here with cars. There is increasing recognition that using private cars in urban environments has a negative effect on the environment. The availability of parking for homeowners and local businesses remains a priority, which will be strained by the introduction of congestion pricing. To prevent commuters from using our district as a parking lot, 12 hour metering should be replaced by 4 hour, or market-rate pricing. Consideration should balance the needs of existing and emerging modes of transportation. During the pandemic private car registrations increased. Directly across the East River from Manhattan and north of Brooklyn it is crossed by two major highways-LIC and BQE, Queens Blvd is heavily used to access the Queens Borough Bridge. CB2 is a 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 LIC with stops in Hunters Point Blissville and Laruel Hill.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

See budget requests.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Most residents of the district use mass transportation when traveling to and from work. While CB 2 is generally well-served by mass transit, the trains are over-crowded during rush hours. Capacity issues remain despite the completion of a major 10 year capital improvements on the number 7 line. Efforts should be made to provide more frequent and reliable service. 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 fares on the LIRR from stations within the city. Accessibility to the subway system is both mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act and is a matter of equity to which our citizens are committed. 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 properly 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 private developers, CB2 would like to see the program expanded to include public restrooms, as often inadequate public facilities have led to human waste in subway stations. Improved bus service, including bus-only lanes and select buses need to be explored to increase capacity. Buses are especially friendly for seniors and people with strollers and luggage. Unlike the subway system, city 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 the City and particularly 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 long tradition in our community. However, parking is increasingly difficult to find. We recognize that residents who own cars would like to keep and park them on our streets. Because of the severe threat of climate change, we would like to discourage new residents from moving here with cars. There is increasing recognition that using private cars in urban environments has a negative effect on the environment. The availability of parking for homeowners and local businesses remains a priority, which will be further strained by the introduction of congestion pricing. To prevent commuters from using our district as a parking lot, 12 hour metering should be replaced by 4 hour, or market-rate pricing. Due consideration should balance the needs of existing and emerging modes of transportation. During the pandemic private car registrations increased even though fewer than 25% of residents own cars. These concerns are exacerbated by Community Board 2's 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 used 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 and vehicular crashes. 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. A potential added benefit is to consider increasing rail use while also serving people to reduce the number of trucks and vehicles traversing the district.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
4 / 41	NYCTA	repair 52nd Street station
11 / 41	DOT	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)
15 / 41	DOT	Electric Charging stations
19 / 41	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways
20 / 41	NYCTA	new lirr station sunnyside yards
24 / 41	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights
26 / 41	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT
29 / 41	DOT	Reconstruct streets
32 / 41	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.
33 / 41	DOT	Reconstruct streets
34 / 41	DOT	Reconstruct streets
37 / 41	NYCTA	Transit elevators
40 / 41	DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps
41 / 41	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
17 / 52	DOT	Livable, Open Streets
37 / 52	NYCTA	Other transit service requests
38 / 52	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests
39 / 52	DOT	Public DOT Site Activation
40 / 52	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests
41 / 52	NYCTA	Bus Frequency
43 / 52	TLC	Other expense budget request for TLC

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

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, Dutch Kills, 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 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, which can and have become dangerous to residents and property. Accordingly, we support funding for continued tree planting and care of existing trees, including new and replacement street trees in CB2 District.

Needs for Parks

See budget requests.

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

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.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
5 / 41	DPR	new park at 29th street
18 / 41	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library
21 / 41	DPR	Noonoon playground
22 / 41	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements
23 / 41	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements
27 / 41	DPR	Other street trees and forestry services requests
31 / 41	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements
35 / 41	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
38 / 41	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements
39 / 41	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
3 / 52	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR
4 / 52	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance
5 / 52	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests
6 / 52	DPR	Plant new street trees
8 / 52	DPR	Provide better park maintenance
9 / 52	DPR	Provide better park maintenance
10 / 52	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests
11 / 52	DPR	new park
34 / 52	QL	Other expense budget request for QL
35 / 52	DCLA	CASA and CII
36 / 52	QL	Increased QL Hours

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
14 / 41	HPD	affordable housing

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
2 / 52	DHS	renter assistance
27 / 52	DCP	Other expense request

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Title	Priority Agency	Request	Explanation
Other capital budget request for DEP	1 / 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>
Other capital budget request for DEP	2 / 41 DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Reconstruct sewers and catch basins throughout to alleviate chronic flooding. Locations between 60th Street and 65th place and. Tyler Avenue and Laurel Hill Boulevard.</i>
Other capital budget request for DEP	3 / 41 DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	<i>Develop a capital project to reduce flooding across CB 2 due to climate change, bounded as follows:: western prolongation of Queens plaza north, to the east river, Queens Plaza north Queens Blvd, the northern property line of Sunnyside yards, woodside avenue, northern blvd, BQE, New York connecting railroad, calamus avenue, Maurice avenue, Maspeth avenue, 49th Street, Maspeth Creek, Newtown Creek, east river.</i>
repair 52nd Street station	4 / 41 NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	<i>Reconstruct 52nd Street Station for safety</i>
new park at 29th street	5 / 41 DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Offset the impact of flooding, serve local workers and students, provide water access to the Newtown Creek, and improve tree cover by creating a new park at 29th Street Location: Between 27th street & 29th Street and 47th Avenue</i>
Provide a new or expanded health care facility	6 / 41 HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>Comprehensive women's health services via Elmhurst Hospital include a birthing center</i>
Other request	7 / 41	Other request for	<i>Establish a city sponsored food pantry in</i>

for services to support low-income New Yorkers	HRA	services to support low-income New Yorkers	<i>the CB 2 district in partnership with Sunnyside Community services and woodside on the move..</i>
Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless	8 / 41 DHS	Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless	<i>Provide fire safe charging for lithium-ion batteries used in micromobility devices in multifamily buildings throughout CB2, with a priority toward our unhoused communities.</i>
Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	9 / 41 EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Transfer ownership of existing DOE building and provide funding for adaptive reuse of structure, creating new performance and recreation space, as well as space for artists, makers, and other creatives and an environmental education center that would serve as a community hub during severe climate events. Community organizations are united in this request.</i>
Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	10 / 41 EDC	Invest in capital projects to improve access to waterfront	<i>Transfer ownership of existing DOT property and provide funding for resilient open public space. Community organizations are united in this request.</i>
Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	11 / 41 DOT	Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Reconstruct Winfield Industrial Streets from 69th Street to 73rd Street, Queens Boulevard to Calamus Avenue. Repair or construct new streets, sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads to prevent chronic and hazardous flooding.</i>
Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	12 / 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 upstream from Blissville at Bradley Avenue, between Borden Ave and Van Dam Street. This will help alleviate the sewer backflow issues in Blissville due to limited sewer capacity.</i>
Provide a new or expanded health care facility	13 / 41 HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>Increase number of public health care facilities due to COVID-19 and hospital closings in Western Queens within CB 2, expand primary care services to CB 2 area such as Woman's health services, mental health services as part of the Caring Neighborhood Initiative. Expand services from Elmhurst Hospital.</i>

affordable housing	14 / 41 HPD	Other capital request for HPD	<i>Need variety of units within the same building (two- and three-bedroom units to accommodate families along with single people in one-bedrooms and studios).</i>
Electric Charging stations	15 / 41 DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>Activate the parking areas under the 7 train with electric vehicle charging stations as a potential source of city income and to support transition away from polluting fossil fuels.</i>
New precinct	16 / 41 NYPD	Add NYPD parking facilities	<i>Provide an additional precinct or a sub-precinct serving the eastern portion of CB2. Location: suggested Future complex on PC Richards' site at 50-02 Queens Blvd.</i>
new senior center	17 / 41 DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>Funding site acquisition for site for a new senior/ community center in CB2 (Woodside/Maspeth). Note: replace center formerly in St Mary's</i>
Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	18 / 41 QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Relocate and reopen the Court Square Library</i>
Upgrade or create new greenways	19 / 41 DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>Implement proposed bike/pedestrian Greenway and park amenities such as benches, water fountain, historical signage, way finding, etc. in blissville along review avenue between Borden and Laurel Hill(Kosciusko bridge) and the Green point Ave Bridge DOT-484255-k7Q6)</i>
new lirr station sunnyside yards	20 / 41 NYCTA	Other capital budget request for NYCTA	<i>Create an LIRR Station at Sunnyside Yards.</i>
Noonoon playground	21 / 41 DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Improve access to electricity for permitted community events in Noonan Playground in Sunnyside. Arts and culture events providing free public programming, such as theater and dance productions, have limited options when electricity is needed for sound systems and the like.</i>
Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	22 / 41 DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Improve access to electricity for permitted community events in Windmuller Park in Woodside. Arts and culture events providing free public programming, such as theater and dance</i>

productions, have limited options when electricity is needed for sound systems and the like.

Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	23 / 41 DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Improve access to electricity for permitted community events in Court Square Park in LIC from the street lamp at the Park. Free public programming have limited options when electricity is needed for sound systems and the like.</i>
Repair or provide new street lights	24 / 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>
Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	25 / 41 EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>Widen the sidewalk over Sunnyside Yards for the purpose of improving pedestrian and cyclist safety. Create barrier to protect pedestrians entering the subway.</i>
Other capital budget request for DOT	26 / 41 DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	<i>Improve Streetscape to attract and encourage commercial activity within the commercial corridor from 58th to 61st Street / Roosevelt Avenue, including Woodside Avenue. Improvements must include more accessible curb cuts so seniors and disabled residents may access the sidewalk safely. To preserve, support, and enhance, and repair, replace street lighting, sidewalks. Request to initiate neighborhood DOT Study of Roosevelt Ave Corridor.</i>
Other street trees and forestry services requests	27 / 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>
Housing needs for unhoused	28 / 41 HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless (C) Transition unhoused community members from shelters and temporary housing to permanent or supportive housing. Provide supportive housing for Veterans, victims of domestic violence, and adults with developmental disabilities.</i>

Reconstruct streets	29 / 41 DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Reconstruct Wynwoode Streets from 65th Place to 60th Street, Laurel Hill to Tyler Avenue. Repair or construct new streets, sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads to prevent CHRONIC AND HAZARDOUS FLOODING.</i>
Other capital budget request for EDC	30 / 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>
Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	31 / 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>
Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	32 / 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 4 locations for accessibility for all public district wide capital improvements: Hunters Point 40th Street, 52nd Street 69th Street</i>
Reconstruct streets	33 / 41 DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Location: Queens Blvd - 69th St & 69th St Request full reconstruction of the service roads from Queens Blvd from 73rd Street to 48th Street.</i>
Reconstruct streets	34 / 41 DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Location: Vernon Blvd - 53rd Ave & 53rd Ave Construct streets Explanation: Replace concrete wall with waterfront access on Vernon Blvd at street end near 53rd Avenue to mirror the Brooklyn site right across Newtown Creek. Responsible Agency: Department of Transportation Location Address: Vernon Blvd Cross Street 1: 53rd Ave Cross Street 2: 53rd Ave Supported By: Newtown Creek Alliance</i>
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	35 / 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>

Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	36 / 41 SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>Complete an additional elementary school within the boundaries of Community Board 2 in the court square neighborhood.</i>
Transit elevators	37 / 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 2 locations for accessibility for all public district wide improvements 33rd Street and 46th Street.</i>
Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	38 / 41 DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Complete the Blissville Veteran's Memorial, including the flag at triangle park at the location of Van Dam Park at the base of Greenpoint Avenue bridge,</i>
Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	39 / 41 DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Install additional public space lighting at the new part of Hunter's Point Park South, large areas are unlit at night in populated area and there will be new construction. Need lighting for safety purposes.</i>
Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps	40 / 41 DOT	Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps	<i>Location: Hicks Dr - 63rd St & 63rd St Request sidewalk installation on Hicks Drive between 63rd Street and 64th Street on south side</i>
Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	41 / 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>

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Title	Priority Agency	Request	Explanation
Other expense budget request for HPD	1 / 52 HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<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>
renter assistance	2 / 52 DHS	Other expense request for DHS	<i>Expand city renter assistance programs for those in shelters.</i>

Other expense budget request for DPR	3 / 52 DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	<i>CB2 ranks 56th out of 59 CB districts in tree canopy. Provide funding for increased street trees planting, Blissville is especially in need of tree cover.</i>
Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	4 / 52 DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Provide funds to Parks Department for an arborist evaluation of trees for safety followed by tree pruning, stump removal and repair of bulging sidewalks due to tree roots in Sunnyside, Wynwoode Gardens, and other areas in CB2. Recently, recurring storms are downing trees and branches, damaging homes and parked cars. .</i>
Other park maintenance and safety requests	5 / 52 DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Provide funding for parks for increased security and trash pickup within CB2 to address quality of life issue.</i>
Plant new street trees	6 / 52 DPR	Plant new street trees	<i>Nearly an acre of new public space is being created under LIC Ramps in Dutch Kills that is being privately funded. Street trees are desired to compliment and add to the new public space.</i>
More trash containers in parks	7 / 52 DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	<i>Increase waste containers within all parks throughout the CB2 district, in particular in Woodside at Crosson Park (Woodside Ave/69th), Steinmann Triangle, Green Space at 39th & 59th Street, and Green Space at 41st Ave & 66th St. Increased use of outdoor space due to population growth has stressed resources of local park staff to account for increased sanitation needs.</i>
Provide better park maintenance	8 / 52 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>
Provide better park maintenance	9 / 52 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>
Other park maintenance and safety requests	10 / 52 DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Increasing hours that park bathrooms are publicly available.</i>
new park	11 / 52 DPR	Provide new type and/or specific type of program	<i>Conduct study for a new park south of 47th Avenue in Sunnyside</i>

Other expense budget request for DEP	12 / 52 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 in determining whether waterfront areas (the east river and Newtown creek) are suitable for maritime use or require remedial measures necessary to make it so..</i>
Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments	13 / 52 DEP	Investigate and address water quality complaints at an address or on specific street segments	<i>Investigate and test the persistent problem with lead in drinking water throughout the district, especially in schools, senior centers and other public facilities within CB 2.</i>
Provide or expand community composting programs	14 / 52 DSNY	Provide or expand community composting programs	<i>Provide more trash and recycling receptacles to encourage clean streets with the CB2 district..</i>
Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	15 / 52 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>
LIRR Underpass Cleaning	16 / 52 DSNY	Other cleaning requests	<i>Reduce pigeon droppings at LIRR underpasses. An example of an improvement would be the 48th Ave & 70th St. LIRR underpass.</i>
Livable, Open Streets	17 / 52 DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Encourage more livable streets including open streets as 32% of CB2 do not have access to cars according to U.S. Census</i>
Hire additional uniformed officers	18 / 52 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</i>

Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	19 / 52 NYPD	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	<i>Substance use specialist to address drug dealing around shelters within the CB 2 District.</i>
Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	20 / 52 NYPD	Hire additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	<i>Provide funds for more frequent truck traffic enforcement 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 Laurel Hill Blvd.</i>
Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	21 / 52 EDC	Expand clean space initiatives for public sites and graffiti free removal program for private sites along commercial business corridors	<i>Fund increase Graffiti removal programs throughout CB 2.</i>
108th Precinct Uniformed Officers	22 / 52 NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>108th Precinct more uniformed officers. We have 3 hour response times for domestic violence.</i>
Illegally Parked Cars - Auto Repair Shops	23 / 52 DSNY	Other enforcement requests	<i>Cars associated with auto repair shops in CB2 constitute an environmental and sanitary risk since they are illegally parked.</i>
Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth	24 / 52 DCP	Study land use and zoning to better provide for future neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth	<i>Feasibility study to rezone the Northern Boulevard Corridor to prioritize affordable housing, small businesses, and people-friendly amenities</i>
Study land use and zoning to better provide for future	25 / 52 DCP	Study land use and zoning to better provide for future	<i>A detailed study to develop a comprehensive plan for the zoning of the Roosevelt Avenue Corridor in CB2, especially from 48th Street through</i>

neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth		neighborhood needs like affordable housing and job growth	<i>Woodside to the eastern border of CB2.</i>
Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	26 / 52 DCP	Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs	<i>Study use of public land and public assets for reuse as a cultural and recreation centers, with focus on resiliency and sustainability.</i>
Other expense request	27 / 52 DCP	Other expense request	<i>Allocate funds to land use committee at CB2 to hire a 3rd party independent land use expert on certain rezoning. CB2 would like to work with the Dept of City Planning on a comprehensive rezoning study and to have consultant services assist with rezoning proposals.</i>
Homeless Prevention Study	28 / 52 DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Allocate funds for a study and creation of a comprehensive approach to address unhoused and shelters and the pathway from homelessness to shelter to supportive housing to housing. Engage shelters and unhoused to understand the needs for the district and how it intersects with overall affordable housing needs.</i>
Unhoused Workforce Programs	29 / 52 DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Workforce program support for unhoused communities.</i>
Mental Health Support for Unhoused Communities	30 / 52 DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	<i>Mental health support for unhoused communities.</i>
Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	31 / 52 DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	<i>Create a comprehensive sewer capacity study throughout CB 2. With a huge growth in Western Queens, the increase in the extreme storms via climate change, and the age of the sewers, there is inordinate stress on sewer systems throughout the district. R</i>
Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	32 / 52 DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	<i>Increase funding to Inspect Storm 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 Street, prioritizing Sunnyside Gardens and</i>

Blissville Backflow Study	33 / 52 DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>Study on sewer backflow issues in Blissville that have begun in 2023 in unprecedented amounts.</i>
Other expense budget request for QL	34 / 52 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>
CASA and CII	35 / 52 DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	<i>Fund more arts programming in CB2 public schools especially Cultural Afterschool Adventures (CASA) and Cultural Immigrant Initiative (CII)</i>
Increased QL Hours	36 / 52 QL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	<i>Increased funding for Queens Public Library branches for more hours to serve the community</i>
Other transit service requests	37 / 52 NYCTA	Other transit service requests	<i>Study and improve the efficiency of the MTA's Access A Ride services for seniors and the disabled. This is in response to the comptrollers report, community needs and demand.</i>
Other traffic improvement requests	38 / 52 DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Increase funding NYCDOT to increase levels of manpower assigned to the pothole crews, and personnel to conduct traffic studies.</i>
Public DOT Site Activation	39 / 52 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>
Other traffic improvement requests	40 / 52 DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<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>
Bus Frequency	41 / 52 NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>Increase frequency of buses running throughout CB2, especially in underserved areas as aligned with the 2026 bill to come into effect.</i>
Support local, long-standing businesses	42 / 52 SBS	Support local, long-standing businesses	<i>Provide financial rent relief and job retention support to local small businesses (under 100 employees)</i>

effected by covid-19.

Other expense budget request for TLC	43 / 52 TLC	Other expense budget request for TLC	<i>Investigate and research potential taxi medallion loan forgiveness for in district residents from TLC and various ways to be implemented.</i>
Small and Affordable Business Support	44 / 52 SBS	Support local CBO's efforts to provide or expand retail attraction and retention assistance	<i>High-priced businesses are catering to luxury housing and displacing affordable businesses. Also increase in chain and franchised businesses edging out small, family-owned businesses.</i>
Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	45 / 52 DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	<i>Conduct study of unmet needs for school supplies for local schools. This existing challenge is exacerbated by new asylum-seeking residents in the CB 2 district.</i>
Assign more teaching staff	46 / 52 DOE	Assign more teaching staff	<i>Hire more teaching staff to account for new asylum-seeking residents of the CB 2 district.</i>
Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services	47 / 52 DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services	<i>Continue to increase workforce development funding for summer youth employment program.</i>
Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	48 / 52 DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>Continue to 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>
Daycare Funding	49 / 52 DOE	Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Child Care and Head Start programs	<i>Expand funding for daycare centers to reduce the current 1-year waiting lists.</i>
Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	50 / 52 DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	<i>Provide funding to decrease isolation experienced by homebound seniors and persons with disabilities throughout Queens CB2 via remote social adult day services programs. Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place.</i>

Other senior center program requests	51 / 52 DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Request agency make a community survey to gather aging population data in CB2 district. To be followed by Increase funds for DFTA to meet growing demands for day and home care programs for seniors, including Alzheimer's programs.</i>
Immigrant Services and CBOs	52 / 52 HRA	Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers	<i>Provide additional funding for immigrant services such as legal citizenship assistance and ESL. Support for community organizations such as Queens Public Library, Sunnyside Community Services, and Woodside on the Move.</i>