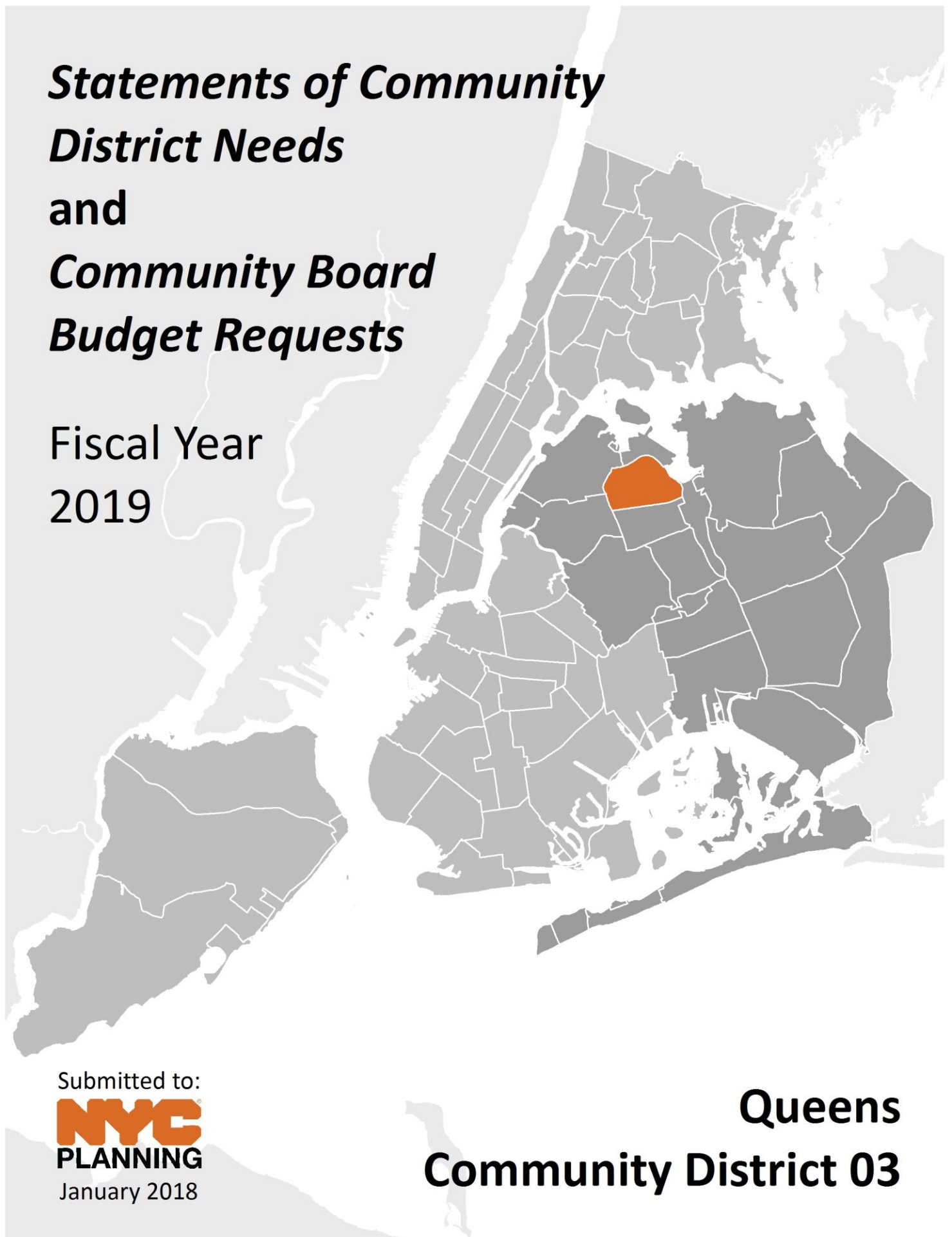


***Statements of Community
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and
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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Queens Community Board 3's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019*. 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 2017.

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.

If you have questions about this report or suggestions for changes please contact:

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

a) 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.

b) 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.

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY19 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

Supporting Materials: Some community boards provided substantive supplemental information. This supportive material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting the links provided in the Appendix into a browser.

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1. Community Board Information

Queens Community Board 3

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Mr. Frank Taylor, Member

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2. Community District Profile

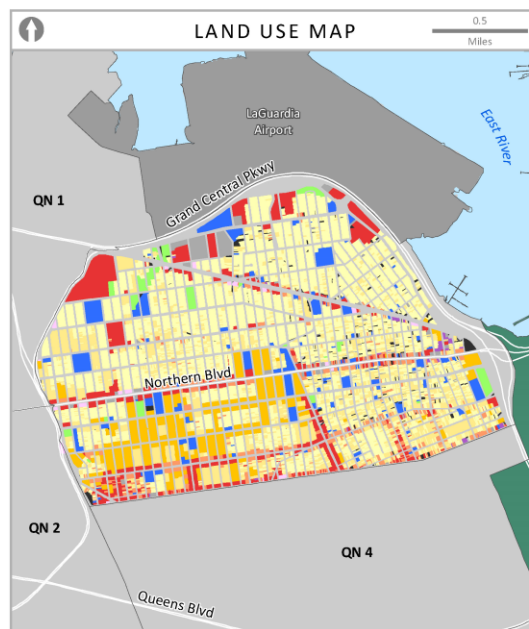
Visit the Community District Profiles to view data, maps, and other resources describing New York City's 59 community districts at: <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/>

Queens Community District 3



Neighborhoods¹: East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, North Corona

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
169,083	171,576	+1%
2011-2015 Estimate ⁴		183,644
Square Miles		3.0
Population Density		57,192/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Queens Community Board 3 in 2017:

1. Affordable housing
2. Schools
3. Senior services

To learn more, please read [Queens CD 3's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2018](#).

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	9,267	44%
Multifamily Walk-up	3,376	19%
Multifamily Elevator	197	10%
Mixed Use	759	5%
Commercial	469	11%
Industrial	30	<1%
Transportation/Utility	19	<1%
Public/Institutional	146	7%
Open Space	27	2%
Parking	138	2%
Vacant	232	1%
Other	25	<1%

[Click here for a more detailed land use map of Queens CD 3](#)

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	31
Public Libraries	4
Hospitals and Clinics	10
Parks	15
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Queens CD 3	Queens
53%	48%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Queens CD 3	Citywide Target
70%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Queens CD 3	Queens
41	43 minutes
minutes	NYC
	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Queens CD 3	Queens
48%	29%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Queens CD 3	Queens
10.1	9.1
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

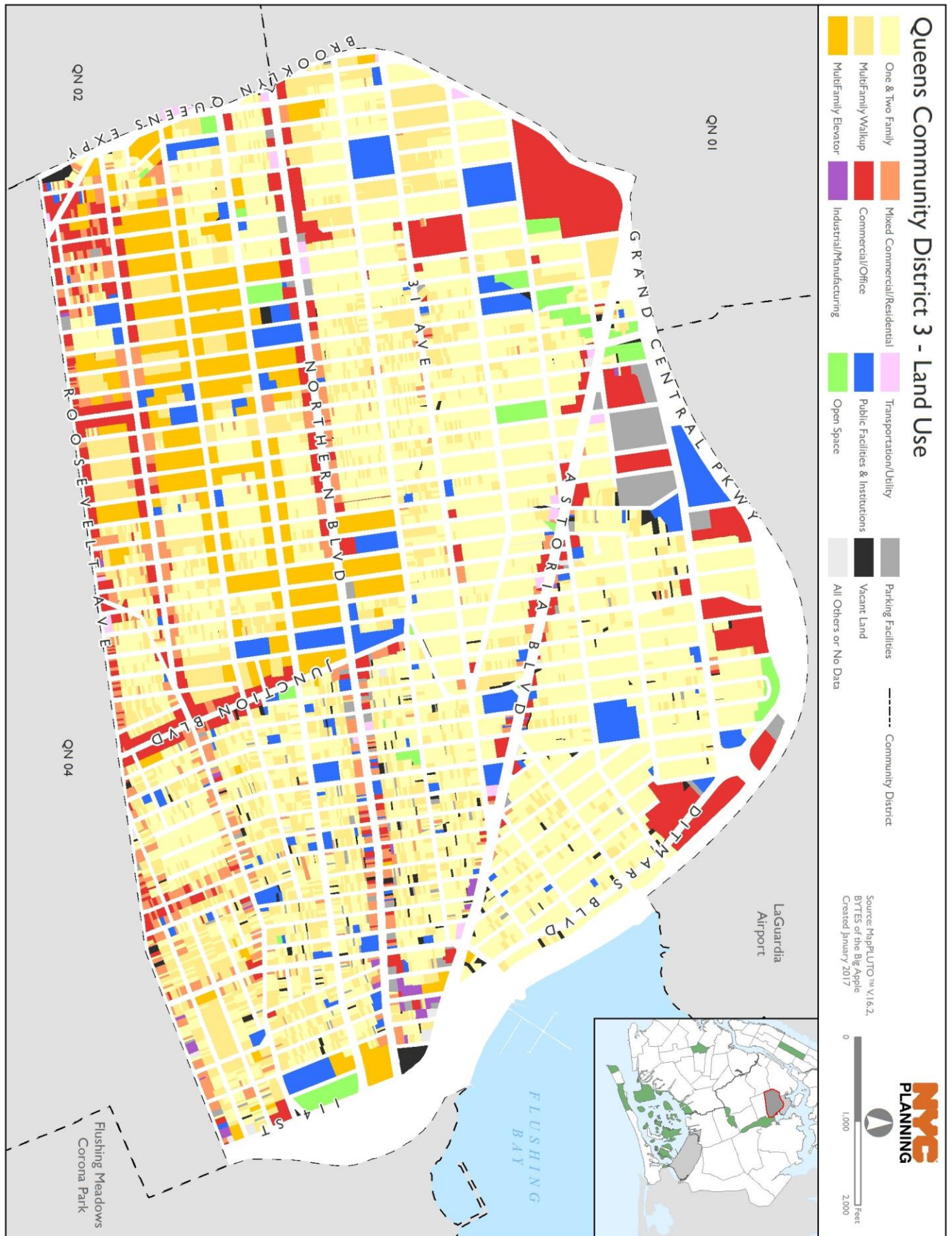
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Queens CD 3	Queens
21%	30%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Queens CD 3	Queens
7.3%	8.6%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2011 to 2015	NYC
	9.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Queens CD 3	Queens
26%	18%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here .	NYC
	21%

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2011-2015 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. 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.

2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Community Board 3 FY2019 District Needs Statement

The community is changing but our basic priorities remain the same. Community Board 3's goal is to enhance the quality of life for all of its residents from our very young to seniors. Community Board 3 is comprised of the neighborhoods of North Corona, East Elmhurst and Jackson Heights, bounded by the Brooklyn- Queens Expressway to the west, Grand Central Parkway to the north, Flushing Meadow Corona Park to the east and Roosevelt Avenue to the south. The district encompasses zip codes 11368, 11369, 11370 and 11372.

CB3's land area is 3.0 square miles and is serviced by the 115th Police Precinct; Sanitation Queens West 3; Fire Engine Company 307/Ladder 154 and Engine Company 316; 15 Public schools; 11 private and parochial schools; 2 postsecondary degree granting institutions; 4 public libraries; 1 private library; 28 Day Care/ Head Start facilities; 11 known mental health facilities; 12 residences that provide services for individuals with developmental disabilities; 9 park/playgrounds; 1 vest pocket park; 7 sitting areas; 8 park strips, Diversity Plaza , 78th Street Play Street and Fisher Pool.

The District lies in the shadow of La Guardia Airport, where some of its residents are employed. Airport related uses along a portion of its northernmost street Ditmars Boulevard, are obvious with the presence of hotels such as the Garden Hotel, the Marriott Hotel, the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, the Quality Hotel, and on the GCP, the Marriott Courtyard Hotel. National Car Rental maintains a major facility and the Vaughn College- School of Aeronautics is located in the vicinity.

Our major shopping districts and commercial corridors are located along Roosevelt Avenue on the southern boundary of the District; Astoria Boulevard on the northern boundary; 37th Avenue, Northern Boulevard, 73 Street; 74th Street, 82nd Street, 90th Street, Junction Boulevard, 103rd Street .

The District's showplaces within the M-1 zone is the Bulova Corporate Center, Home Depot and Bed, Bath and Beyond. Nearby in Flushing Meadow Corona Park, CITIFIELD New York Mets and USTA. Willets Point is a stone's throw away from our borders.

Housing Stock The housing stock is very diversified encompassing brick apartment houses and Tudor style row and two-family homes. Some of the finest, architecturally distinctive dwellings in Queens County and the City can be found in Community Board3, particularly in East Elmhurst and the Jackson Heights neighborhoods. Just to mention a few notable sites; the Jackson Heights Historic District, America's first planned "garden city" and the Louis Armstrong House/Museum, a national landmark in North Corona.

Demographics Community Board 3 is a densely populated and probably the most diverse community on the planet.

According to NYU Furman Center, 62.8% of our population is foreign born and the majority of our citizens originate from Latin America. Nearly Forty Eight percent (47.7%) of these residents have limited English proficiency in contrast to the Borough which is at 28.89% and the city of New York at 23.1%. We have the 4th largest population in the city of New York with residents that have limited English proficiency. More services for these constituents is critically needed.

The 2010 Census reports that our population is 171,576, which means that our numbers have increased by 1.5%-(2,493) since the 2000 census. It is widely known, however, that New York was severely under-counted in the last census. We therefore believe that NYU Furman Center's single year indicator for 2013 which projects our population to be at 185,815 is probably a more accurate count.

Priorities While there are three distinct neighborhoods, North Corona, East Elmhurst and Jackson Heights, we are all working towards a common goal to improve the quality of life for our families and community. We therefore continue to advocate for our top priorities:

- Construct New School Facilities in CB3- Early Childhood Center, Primary and High School - Clean Up Flushing Bay and

3. Overview of Community District

Implement the Army Core of Engineers Recommendations

- Expand the Capacity of the Jackson Heights Library - Expand the East Elmhurst Library - Expand Corona Library - Construct a Library north of Northern Blvd. within Jackson Heights & East Elmhurst. - Create Affordable Housing - Reconstruct/Repair Sewers to Alleviate Backups and Flooding
- Construct an Intergenerational Facility in Jackson Heights that will accommodate both youth and seniors (Boys and Girls Club) - Increase Youth Programs - Increase Senior Programs - Increase Hospital Beds - Expand Medical Services at the Corona Health Center - Increase Police Personnel at the 115th Precinct - Increase park and open space in Community Board 3, particularly in Jackson Heights - Conduct a Commercial District Needs Assessment

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Queens Community Board 3 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Schools*
- *Senior services*

There are many issues facing Community Board 3 affordable housing, senior services, health services, school overcrowding, quality of life and neighborhood preservation. It is impossible to narrow our concerns down to a few issues. All the aforementioned are important to the success of our community.

Affordable Housing

According to the NYU Furman Center for renter households Community Board 3 ranks number one citywide for severe crowding. Clearly the creation of affordable housing is important for our district.

School Overcrowding

Our primary and intermediate schools feed into severely overcrowded high schools that are located outside of the District.

Community Board 3's highest priority is to provide a first class education for our children. In order to accomplish that goal, we must first address overcrowding on all levels from elementary, intermediate to high school. Census projections indicate more overcrowding is on the horizon. While we have been fortunate to have classrooms added, along with a new elementary and intermediate school on the way; additional schools are needed. We therefore continue to advocate for more schools and keep education as our top priority.

Senior Services

Seniors comprise 9.9 % of our overall population, transportation, mental health services, home care and escort services are urgently needed. Funding must be increased in order to ensure that our seniors receive the services that they require.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Programs, services or facilities for seniors

Elder Abuse Program/DFTA Citywide there has been an increase in elder abuse cases; physical, emotional, financial or neglect. Increase funding for this program so that resources will always be available to assist any senior who may require services.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

As per the Department of Health, community health profiles 2015, 38% of adults that reside in Community Board 3 do not have health insurance. We have the highest rate within the city. That is why, it is important that the Corona Health Center's services be enhanced. Upgrade and expand services at the Corona Health Center. The majority of the residents in the catchment area of the center are either under or uninsured and in dire need of medical assistance. Reinststate the dental clinic and expand services to include primary care , free screenings for eye, ear, sickle cell anemia, asthma, diabetes, cholesterol, prostate and breast cancer. Promote education and awareness on nutrition, smoking cessation, mental health and treatment. A full service clinic is urgently needed in North Corona. Constituents residing in this section of the district do not have the means to travel to the health center that is located in Brooklyn; it is the only city operated facility that is offering these critical services. Increase Hospital Beds at Elmhurst Hospital and Borough-Wide Since 2008, five hospitals have closed in the Borough of Queens. Our area hospital is feeling the impact. Elmhurst Hospital is now accommodating many of the patients that used to go to the hospitals that are now closed. Elmhurst Hospital reports that in the last 7 years the emergency department volumes have gone up 33% which is very significant. Patient wait time has considerably increased. Additional hospital beds and expansion of the emergency room is sorely needed. Although Urgent Care facilities are opening around the board area and borough, it does not diminish the fact that more hospitals and the services that they provide are still needed.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers

Senior Services The senior members of our district make up nearly 10% of our population. In addition to home care, escort services, transportation and mental health services, seniors need assistance with legal and benefit services. Funding levels for DFTA and related agencies that provide these critical services must be increased.



Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
21/25	DOHMH	<i>Increase health inspections, e.g. for restaurants</i>	<i>Request: Hire additional Department of Health Inspectors to conduct night inspections. Explanation: Unlicensed food vending along Roosevelt Ave, Broadway, 74th and 37th Avenues are increasing. The community would benefit from having more inspections conducted particularly at night where the problem is most prevalent.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
22/25	HHC	<i>Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility</i>	<i>Request: Increase hospital beds in the Borough of Queens and upgrade the emergency room at Elmhurst Hospital. With the closing of several Hospitals in the Borough of Queens, area hospitals such as Elmhurst Hospital are feeling the impact. Additional hospital beds are sorely needed.</i>	<i>Elmhurst Hospital 7901 Broadway</i>
23/25	DFTA	<i>Enhance NORC programs and health services</i>	<i>Request: Provide funding to increase NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) Programming in CB3. Explanation: Seniors are the second largest population within CB3. It is important that senior programming such as NORC be made available to our elder residents. Providing health and social services within the confines of their coop/apartment complex would significantly improve their quality of life.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

After school programs

Increase Funding for After School Programs. Working parents who have school aged children need these important services. In today's world, both parents are required to work and financially contribute to the household income. Children who participate in after school programs are assured of being in a safe and nurturing environment where they have homework assistance, recreation and an opportunity to spend time with their peers. After school programs are sorely needed.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Eliminate School Overcrowding Community Board 3's highest priority is to provide a first class education for our children. In order to accomplish that goal, we must first address overcrowding on all levels from elementary, intermediate to high school. Overcrowding in our neighborhood schools have been a problem for many years. The utilization rate for P. S. 228 is 173%, P. S. 212 is 139% and P. S. 222 is 139%. Census projections indicate more overcrowding is on the horizon. While we have been fortunate to have more seats added, along with a new elementary and intermediate school on the way; additional schools are still needed. We therefore will continue to advocate for more schools and keep education as our top priority.

Supporting Materials:

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) found in the Appendix into a browser.

[- School Utilization Projections- District Needs Statement 2017](#)

Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

Affordable Child Care Affordable child care services are vital to working families. Parents who have children under the age of four rely on these hard to find services. In order to support our moderate income families; fully fund and open up additional day care facilities.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Community Board 3, Queens supports the expansion of the program and increase in funding for SYEP. We call upon DYCD to secure sufficient funds to employ any young person who wishes to work next summer

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/31	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Request: Construct new school facilities in CB3, especially Early Childhood Centers, Elementary, Intermediate & a High School. Explanation: We are pleased that two new sites have been earmarked for the construction of an elementary & intermediate school; every seat will be utilized. Overcrowding of classrooms is still our most pressing problem and must be addressed. The need for additional school seats and the construction of a high school remains our first priority.	Community Wide
26/31	SCA	Renovate other site component	Acquire the vacant parcel - Block 1376 Lot 18 located across the street from P.S 329 (26-25 97th St) for additional recreational and programmatic uses for the school.	Across from P.S 329 26-25 97 Street

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/25	DYCD	Other youth workforce development requests	<i>Request: Restore and Increase funding for youth, adult and senior programming in Jackson Heights, North Corona and East Elmhurst. Explanation: There is a severe shortage of programs in CD3 that cater to the recreational needs of our youth and seniors. Our community deserves quality facilities and programming that will enrich our lives.</i>	Community Wide
8/25	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Request: Fund gifted programs in CB3 Explanation: There is a severe shortage of gifted programs within our district. Our children deserve quality education and enrichment programs that are based in our neighborhood schools.</i>	Community Wide
9/25	ACS	Other child care requests	<i>Request: Restore Day Care Slots and after school programs. Explanation: Our Community's population has increased. Many of our young working families require day care services & after school programs. Working parents deserve programs that will serve the needs of their pre-school children ages three months to five years old.</i>	Community Wide



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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

Community Board 3 supports the funding of the fire prevention and fire safety initiatives Juvenile Fire-Setters Program, Queens Fire Safety House and the Fatal Fire Team. In addition, our fire stations need upgrading. Replace the apparatus door and upgrade the kitchen. Ensure that the project is fully funded and done as expeditiously as possible. Lastly, purchase a backup generator for the 307.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

Police Department Community Board 3 continues to support the Roosevelt Avenue Task Force. Keep the Roosevelt Avenue Task Force and Impact Zone initiatives in place. Our local precinct is doing an outstanding job but could benefit from an increase in personnel and additional resources. Hire civilians to cover administrative duties so that police officers can be freed up to address crime and quality of life complaints. School Crossing Guards. Hire additional school crossing guards to cover all of our area schools. The NCO program was recently implemented in Community Board 3. We see the value of the program and its potential to make a significant impact on the quality of life of our residents. That is why, we support the proposal to have additional NCO personnel so there will be 24 hour/seven days per week coverage. We hope that serious consideration is given to our request.

Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

Fund FDNY's Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors Distribution Program Community Board 3 supports this life saving program.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
28/31	FDNY	Upgrade communication equipment to improve emergency response	Replace the apparatus door.	FDNY Engine 307 8119 Northern Blvd
29/31	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	Upgrade the FDNY Engine 307 kitchen.	FDNY Engine 307 8119 Northern Blvd
30/31	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	Purchase a Back-up Generator for 307.	FDNY Engine 307 8119 Northern Blvd
CS	NYPD	Assign additional traffic enforcement officers	Cont. Support: Hire additional Traffic Enforcement Agents. Explanation: Hire additional white hat agents to address traffic congestion in high traffic areas within the district.	Community Wide
CS	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	Cont. Support: Provide funding for the pointing of the brick work at the 115th Precinct. The exterior walls of the precinct are beginning to show its age. Before the structure suffers any further damage, pointing of the exterior walls would be in order.	115 Precinct 92-15 Northern Blvd



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/25	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Request: Hire additional uniform personnel. NCO officers, administrative aides, custodial personnel and school safety guards. Explanation: Hire additional custodial personnel for the 115 precinct. The additional staff will improve the precinct's day to day operations and upkeep.	115 Precinct 92-15 Northern Blvd



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Air quality and pollution

Air Pollution Monitors CB3 is surrounded by Laguardia Airport, BQE and Grand Central Parkway. Our residents are concerned about the impact of fumes emitting from motor vehicles and planes in the community. There is a high incidence of asthma & respiratory disease in our district. The need to install air monitors in our area is clear

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Water, Sewer and Environmental Protection Clean Up Flushing Bay, Build an Additional CSO Tank in order to Dredge, Reduce Odors and Improve Water Quality. The environmental studies and recommendations on the ecological decline of Flushing Bay must be acted upon expeditiously. We call upon the City to build a CSO tank so the bay can be dredged- and the Army Corp of Engineers odor abatement recommendations can be implemented. Our objective is to bring Flushing Bay back to its Pre-World's Fair (1964) condition and suitable for recreational uses.. **Catch Basins** In order to reduce the incidence of costly emergency repairs, a regular maintenance and cleaning schedule must be established and adhered to. **Fund A Study For The Replacement of The Combined Sewer System In CB3.** Conduct a study to determine the feasibility to change out the existing combined sewer system to a storm sewer. Over the years, the incidence of flooding and sewer backups have been more frequent. In previous years, sewer backup conditions and flooding were more prevalent in East Elmhurst and North Corona where there were primarily 1-2 family homes. Today, flooding and backups can occur in any part of the district whenever there are heavy. because of the extensive development. We ask DEP to give serious consideration of our request.

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Increase Litter Basket Collections Along Our Commercial Strips In order to improve the level of cleanliness throughout the district, increase litter basket collection to three times per day. Urgent attention is needed along 37th Ave.; Junction Blvd.; Roosevelt Ave.; Northern Blvd.; 103rd St. and 74th Streets; Astoria Blvd, 73rd Street and 72nd Street in Jackson Heights. Providing these additional services will have a positive impact on the affected businesses and overall community.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency



Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/31	DEP	Build new, expand, or repair wastewater treatment or water pollution control facilities	Request: Construct Additional Holding / CSO Tanks in Flushing Bay In Order to Reduce Odors, Improve Water Flow and Quality. Explanation: Construct additional holding tanks in Flushing Bay in order to reduce the amount of waste entering into the bay. The holding tanks must be put in place before the Bay is dredged and the Army Corp of Engineers recommendations are implemented.	Community Wide
25/31	DEP	Build new, expand, or repair wastewater treatment or water pollution control facilities	Employ interim measures to control floatables going into Flushing Bay and restore the wetlands	Flushing Bay
CS	DEP	Build new, expand or repair sanitary sewers	Request: Fund a Study For The Construction of a Separate Sewer System for 103rd & Northern Blvd., 25th Avenue & 81st Street, 77th Street & 30th Avenue, 25th Avenue and 77th Street and 25th Avenue and 76th Street. Explanation: Neighborhoods that were once comprised of one & two family homes have been replaced with units of six to ten families. These changes have increased the demand on our infrastructure & sewer system. Before 1996, conditions were confined to East Elmhurst or North of Northern Blvd. Sewer backup conditions are now district-wide.	Community Wide
CS	DEP	Build new, expand or repair storm sewers	Request: Reconstruct Sewers on Astoria Blvd btw 84 through 96 Sts; 114 St btw Ditmars Blvd & 23 Ave; 25 Ave from Gilmore St to the Cul-De-Sac; 110 St from Astoria to Northern Blvd; Northern Blvd btwn 98 & 99 Sts; 99 St btwn Ditmars Blvd & 27th Ave; 87 St btwn Astoria Blvd & 25 Ave; Astoria Blvd Corner 108th and Northern Blvd. at Elmcort Senior Center; 99 St & Astoria Blvd-Blessed Sacrament Church & School, 93 St & 35 Ave. Explanation: The District has experienced serious flooding and property damage. Whenever there is heavy rainfall, water and sewage back-up into residential basements. Reconstruction of the sewers is urgently requested.	Community Wide
CS	DEP	Address air quality issues	Request: Install Air Monitors in the Neighborhoods of Jackson Heights and East Elmhurst that are located near LaGuardia Airport. Explanation: CB3 is surrounded by LaGuardia Airport, BQE and Grand Central Parkway. Our residents are concerned about the impact of fumes emanating from motor vehicles and planes in the community. There is a high incidence of asthma & respiratory disease in our district. The need to install air monitors in our area is clear.	Community Wide

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/25	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Request: Increase Litter Basket Collections to Three Times Per Day in our Commercial Strips. 37th Ave.; Junction Blvd.; Roosevelt Ave.; Northern Blvd.; 103rd St. and 74th Streets; Astoria Blvd and 73rd Street and 72nd Street in Jackson Heights. Explanation: Provide more frequent litter basket collections along commercial strips.	Community Wide
15/25	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	Request: Purchase a small sanitation truck with plow for Alley Collections and an additional small truck for school refuse collections. Explanation: Community Board 3 needs its own school refuse collection truck. Three new schools have been brought online and the additional equipment would be certainly welcomed. The purchase of an additional alley truck will increase productivity.	Community Wide



Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Affordable housing programs

Affordable Housing and Homelessness Across the city, the incidence of homelessness has increased and is climbing because of the lack of affordable housing. In our district, affordable housing is one of our top concerns because there are few affordable housing units. According to the Furman report more than 53.3% of our population pay 35% or more of their income for rent. In addition, 25.5% of our residents live below the poverty level. For many of these families, it is a struggle each month. They have to make the difficult decision as to whether to pay the rent or forgo other essential needs. They are always at risk for eviction and homelessness. Our housing courts tell the story; there is a disproportionate number of minority, low income and at risk individuals in housing court. Many cannot afford an attorney and end up losing their homes. We are in a housing crisis, fewer affordable units are being developed and the focus now is to build luxury market rate apartments that cater to wealthier clientele. While there is housing construction all over the district none of the developments are intended for low to middle income families. To add to the mix, some unscrupulous landlords are forcing out families that are poor, have fixed incomes, those who cannot afford the higher rents, many seniors and disabled individuals have been impacted. Further, some of the participating property owners are opting out of the rent stabilization program. Community Board 3 therefore calls upon the City of New York to put systems in place to encourage the development of affordable housing. More has to be done, set a plan of action to encourage landlords to remain in the rent stabilization program. Develop incentives to attract new property owners to participate in rent stabilization. We critically need more affordable housing and ask that urgent attention be given to this important issue.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

: Increase staffing levels for Administrative & Community Outreach Units. Additional administrative and community personnel is needed to improve the agency's ability to disseminate information and work with property owners.

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

Construct Affordable Housing for Middle, Low Income Families and Seniors Around the district new buildings are going up, but nearly none of are affordable. A recent survey reported that "49 % of Queens residents shell out as much as 48% of their income on housing." In CB3, the average rental rate for apartments is approximately \$1600 a month for one bedroom, which is far out of range for most working families. Young people who were born and raised in our community and seniors on fixed incomes cannot afford to live in the District. There is a urgent need for mid-low income housing facilities. We have noted that in order to pay expensive rents families are doubling and tripling up in apartments and houses. We need affordable housing that will fit in and support the needs of the existing community. Strategies and programs must be developed to stimulate the production of affordable housing facilities. Employ programs such as No property taxes for 5 years to encourage the development of affordable housing.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Conduct a Commercial District Needs Assessment- Last winter Community Board 3 conducted a forum for our area businesses. There was a good turnout, many of the operator's questions centered around gaining access to capital, taxes, high rental rates, marketing, doing business with the City of New York and merchant organizing. CB3 requests that funding be provided to conduct a Commercial District Needs Assessment to support our local businesses.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/31	HPD	<i>Other affordable housing programs requests</i>	<i>Request: Create Affordable Housing for Middle & Low-Income families including seniors. Explanation: Strategies and programs must be developed to stimulate the production of new/affordable housing facilities. There is a severe shortage of housing for the aforementioned income groups.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
CS	DOB	<i>Expand code enforcement</i>	<i>Cont. Support: Increase staffing levels for DOB Compliance Unit. Explanation: Additional administrative and community relations personnel is needed to improve the agency's ability to disseminate information and work with property owners.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/25	EDC	<i>Expand graffiti removal services on private sites</i>	<i>Request: Increase Graffiti Removal Programs. Explanation: To combat the increased incidence of graffiti throughout the City and in particular in CD#3, additional monies are needed to support programs.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
11/25	SBS	<i>Other business regulatory assistance requests</i>	<i>Implement Economic Development programs to include entrepreneurial training, loan packaging, micro Loan Program, management training, export assistance. Coordinate neighborhood redevelopment, Marketing & Anti-Graffiti programs will benefit the residents of North Corona, East Elmhurst & Jackson Heights.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
14/25	HPD	<i>Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations</i>	<i>HPD - Hire additional inspectors to address code enforcement, demolition and seal-up complaints.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Traffic safety

District Wide Traffic Study / Traffic Light/ Left Turn Signal/ Speed Bump Requests Community Board 3 is concerned about many of the transportation issues that are outlined in this section but a Traffic Study would be beneficial to the safety of the overall community. The Department of Transportation has implemented several safety improvements projects within the district. We have seen the positive effects. Community Board 3 requests that a comprehensive study be conducted to examine pedestrian, vehicular and parking patterns throughout the entire district. The assessment will assist us in developing a plan to effectively manage conditions on our streets. The following problematic locations have been identified for consideration for a traffic study: Ditmars Boulevard from 31st Drive to the Round About (traffic circle) to 100 Street and 23rd Avenue. For many years residents have complained about speeding and the lack of a traffic light in that area. A study is requested for a speed hump, traffic light or any traffic calming method to make the length of the boulevard safer. A study for the installation of a left turn signal at Astoria Blvd. and 29th Ave. /East Bound is requested. There is a left turn lane and signal on Astoria Blvd and 29th Ave, going in the direction of Manhattan currently/ West Bound, BUT, none for traffic leading towards Long Island, East Bound. The Q23 bus travels along this route as well. Astoria Blvd is heavily utilized and therefore it is extremely difficult and can become dangerous to make a left turn. What happens is that cars and buses are making the left during the red lights before the 29th Avenue traffic begins to proceed. Attention must be given to this very hazardous situation. The residents close to 103 St and 31 Ave, request that the recent changes made to the intersection be reevaluated. As it stands, a stop sign governs 103 St. and traffic governs both. The problem occurs when the traffic light changes and cars enter on to Astoria Blvd, 31 Ave, they have the right of way. The cars located on 103 St Force their way in; due to the fact they have missed the opportunity to enter Astoria Blvd, causing possible accidents. The light on Astoria Blvd has a 30 + seconds timing. Is it possible to make that intersection a three way light, maintaining the 30 + seconds on Astoria Blvd. and dividing that time in a suitable manner for 103 St and 31 Ave so that traffic will continue to flow and keep everyone safe? Install a left turn signal at the intersection of 82nd Street and the Grand Central Parkway. A signal is needed for eastbound traffic. There are times when westbound traffic is so heavy that vehicles that are travelling Eastbound cannot safely make a left turn. A study of this situation is warranted. (Diagram attached) Along the stretch of 31st Ave starting at 75th St (i.e., the south side of the shopping plaza where the Modell's and Petco is located) and ending at 78th St (i.e., where the Jackson Heights Islamic Center is located) is a traffic congestion nightmare, where multiple of traffic accidents and near accidents have occurred. Residents who on or near these streets are very concerned about their safety. residents report that pedestrians have almost been hit by oncoming traffic because motorists are not yielding to pedestrians who are legally crossing in a cross walk because of the way this stretch of road is designed. The problems: At the entrance/exit to the shopping plaza on 31st Ave (bet. 75th St and 76th St), while the exit has a stop sign for drivers leaving the shopping plaza, drivers rarely stop at it and the entrance is a death trap for pedestrians. Further, motorist does not slow down when entering the plaza. The T-section at 76th St where pedestrians legally cross at 76th St are subject to near collisions with traffic making turns on to 76th St from 31st Ave. Cars fly through the intersections at 75th St and 77th St and making turns onto 76th St at high speeds. At the Intersection of 78th St: There is no actual crosswalk at 31st Avenue pedestrians however continually cross there because it is a residential area and the Jackson Heights Islamic Center is located on the corner. Drivers trying to catch the light at 77th St or 79th St gun through the intersection and/or make fast turns (similar to the situation at 76th St mentioned above). Elements adding to High Congestion: Q47 Bus has two stops going West and one stop going East on this Stretch of 31st Ave Added Bike Lanes going East and West of 31st Ave The grocery store on South side of 31st Ave (bet. 75th and 76th St) constantly has customers and large semi-trucks (making deliveries) that stop and double-park i/f/o the store thus blocking the Eastbound side of traffic forcing drivers going East to pull into the Westbound lane, which is parallel with the entrance/exit to the shopping plaza The stop sign at the exit to the shopping plaza is rarely observed and drivers fly in and out of the plaza at this entrance, which is also a safety concern for patrons walking to their cars from the Petco store. What we need: Option 1: The entrance/exit to the shopping plaza should perhaps be permanently closed and or relocated to be parallel with 76th St thus creating a true intersection with a traffic light and cross walks painted for pedestrians crossing; in addition, a cross walk on 31st Ave at 78th St be painted and become a 3-way stop Option 2: The entrance/exit to the shopping plaza become a 3-way stop with cross walks painted for pedestrians crossing to the plaza and the T-section at 76th St becomes a 2-way stop (76th



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St is a one-way road going South) with cross walk painted for pedestrians crossing 31st Ave (currently pedestrians have no way of safely crossing 31st Ave for 2 blocks between 75th St and 77th St); in addition, a cross walk on 31st Ave at 78th St be painted and this become a 3-way stop. (Diagram attached.) We request the DOT review all of the aforementioned conditions. Contributors: Dr. Laverne Nimmons - Treasurer Rev. Peter Herron Frank Taylor Kevin Hughes Larinda Hooks

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Upgrade street lights located along Roosevelt Avenue from 72nd to 114th Streets. The recently installed streetlights are directed towards the street leaving the sidewalks very dark. Residents including NYPD are concerned about the unsafe conditions that could be caused due to poor or no lighting on the sidewalks. The illumination of the street lights are blocked by the elevated number 7 subway line. Enhance street lighting by installing pedestrian lights on Roosevelt Avenue at the aforementioned locations as expeditiously as possible.

Supporting Materials:

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) found in the Appendix into a browser.

[TRAFFIC_FLOW-_77_STREET_SHOPPING_PLAZA](#)

[82ND_ST-GCP-LEFT_TURN_SIGNAL_REQUEST](#)

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Community Board 3 was recently made aware of MTA's plan to modify the route for the Q32 bus line. The route will be shorten, instead of terminating at 32 Street and 7th Avenue in Manhattan the last stop will be 52nd Street and Fifth Avenue. The change will pose a major hardship for the users of this bus route. The Q32 is the only bus in our district that goes to 34th Street in Manhattan. Our seniors and mobility challenged residents are the primary users of the service. Having to transfer twice to other buses, pay an additional fare or use the subway system to continue their trip to 34th Street is not feasible. If this one stop service to Macy's, Amtrak and the 7th Avenue shopping district is curtailed our vulnerable residents will have no other means to get to their destination short of paying for an expensive cab ride. We call upon the MTA to reevaluate their plan and come up with a workable solution that will serve all of its customers.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



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Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/31	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>Request: Resurface Streets in Community Board 3.</i> <i>Explanation: Resurface Northern Blvd. from Junction Blvd. to 114th street. Northern Blvd. from Junction to Roosevelt Ave. 37th Ave from Junction Blvd. to 114th Street. 82nd Street from Roosevelt Ave to the BQE. Roosevelt Ave from 114th to 69th Streets and Astoria Blvd. from 69th to 114th Streets including Ditmars Blvd.</i>	86th Street 25th Avenue 30th Avenue
8/31	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Conduct a Traffic Study & redesign of the exit at 114th Street and Northern Boulevard and the Grand Central Parkway. <i>Explanation: The exit at 114th Street and Northern Blvd provides access to the Grand Central Parkway. A traffic study and redesign is requested as several accidents have occurred at this location.</i>	Grand Central Parkway 114 Street Northern Blvd
9/31	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>Request: Fund a traffic study of the Exit of the GCP at 114th Street and Astoria Boulevard.</i> <i>Explanation: The Exit at 114th Street and Astoria Boulevard provides access to the Grand Central Parkway and Whitestone Expressway. A traffic study and redesign is requested as several accidents have occurred at this location.</i>	Grand Central Parkway 114 Street Astoria Blvd
11/31	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Install left turn signals at 82nd & 85th Streets and Astoria Blvd. East Bound.	Astoria Boulevard 82 Street 85 Street
12/31	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>Request: Beautify the center mall on Astoria Boulevard.</i> <i>Explanation: Plant Shrubs & trees along the Center Mall from 82 Street to 114 Streets at Astoria Boulevard to increase greenery and beautify the community. Most importantly, improve conditions so that pedestrians may safely access Astoria Boulevard.</i>	Astoria Boulevard 82 Street 114 Street
13/31	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>Request: Beautify the Center Mall on 34th Avenue from 112th to 114th streets.</i> <i>Explanation: Plant shrubs and trees to increase greenery.</i>	34 Street 112 Street 114 Street
15/31	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	Redesign Step Street at Butler/Ditmars Blvd. The 25th Ave step street could use a face-lift, which would entail improved lighting, seating areas, pruning and planting of additional greenery. The proposed enhancements would attract more users of this important public space.	25 Avenue and Butler Street
16/31	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>Request: Provide funding for curb repair.</i> <i>Explanation: While the property owner is responsible for the repair of sidewalks and encouraged to replace curbs, all too often, violations go unaddressed because of financial difficulties or neglect. Unsafe conditions are left to the city to be corrected. It is therefore important that funding to hire more outside contractors to perform sidewalk and curb repairs be increase.</i>	Community Wide
17/31	DOT	Repair or construct new medians or bus pads	<i>Request: Provide funding for bus pads.</i> <i>Explanation: Provide sufficient funding for the replacement of defective bus pads in areas where there is a high volume of traffic.</i>	Community Wide



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Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
18/31	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Request: Purchase new trucks for the Engineering Unit. Explanation: Bucket trucks are needed for sign replacement and repairs. Having this important equipment in good order makes a significant difference in service delivery.	Community Wide
19/31	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Provide funding to study traffic circle at 23rd Avenue. Explanation: It is important that the traffic circle at 23rd Ave & Ditmars Blvd. be studied. In recent years traffic in this area has increased exponentially. Vendors and contractors that provide services to La Guardia airport add to this already busy traffic circle. For safety reasons, this location should be studied.	23 Avenue and Ditmars Boulevard
24/31	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Install additional lights along Roosevelt Ave from 72nd to 112th Streets	Community Wide
31/31	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Upgrade street lights located along Roosevelt Avenue from 72nd to 112th Streets. The recently installed streetlights are directed towards the street leaving the sidewalks very dark. Residents including NYPD are concerned about the unsafe conditions that could be caused due to the poor or no lighting. Enhance street lighting by installing pedestrian lights on Roosevelt Avenue at the aforementioned locations as expeditiously as possible.	Roosevelt Ave 72 Street 112 street
CS	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Request: Provide funding for the installation & upgrade of pedestrian ramps. Explanation: In order to comply with and improve pedestrian safety, increase the funding levels for the installation and upgrade of pedestrian ramps. Ensure that all corners within our board area are compliant.	Community Wide

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/25	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Request: Increase funding to hire additional personnel to install, replace traffic/street signs, repair pot holes for Queens DOT Explanation: Increase funding to hire personnel for sign replacement and pothole repair.	Community Wide
25/25	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Request: Install cameras at the overpasses located at 27th and 31st Drive & Ditmars Boulevard. Explanation: Installing cameras at these locations would help the agencies responsible to care and keep these properties safe. It would make a significant difference. Over the past year, these properties have been vandalized with graffiti and used as dump sites.	Community Wide



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Other/Purchasing

Hire Additional Park Associates CB3 parks are heavily utilized but have only two associates. The programs that are provided by the associates are outstanding and all of our young park users should have access and to park programming. We request funding to hire a park associate for each of our area parks.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Open Space/Recreational Facilities and Programs Our community needs and deserves more park space. It is well documented that CB3. Queens comes in second citywide as to having the least amount of park space. PlanNYC indicates that Community Board 3's open space is at .04 acres per 1000 residents, particularly in Jackson Heights. Combining the acreage of our athletic fields, courts, passive open spaces and community gardens totals .16 per 1000 resident. CB3 is woefully below the open space requirements set by NYC Neighborhood Standards. We are committed to finding creative ways in which to increase public spaces and recreational programming within our district. We have supported expanding our public space by converting local streets into temporary playstreets/plazas and purchased private property to enlarge a local park, i.e. 78th Street Playstreet, Diversity Plaza and Rory Staunton Field. While we are grateful for what has been accomplished thus far additional park space is sorely needed. We ask that funding be provided so that new sites can be identified and developed.

Community District Needs Related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming

Louis Armstrong House Museum- Education Visitor Center The Louis Armstrong House Museum is a National Historic Landmark and a New York City landmark. It is the only landmark located within the confines of Community Board 3. LAMH is located in the heart of North Corona. It is reported that the museum hosts over 12,500 visitors each year. The Visitor's Center is in its final stages of development. The new addition will allow the institution to accommodate more visitors; large groups, provide housing for the storage of the Louis Armstrong archives and expand programming to include concerts and forums. The current space is too small to conduct the aforementioned activities. Community Board 3 fully supports this project. We request that the construction of the Visitor's Center be fully funded; that work commence expeditiously and opened before the close of FY2017.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

Libraries Community Board 3 has four libraries and all are well utilized. The Center for Urban Future indicates that in 2014 visitors to the Jackson Heights branch exceeded 445,970, North Corona 240,466., Langston Hughes 168,849 and East Elmhurst 66,595. Our residents both adults and children rely on our local libraries for employment information, cultural and educational programs and general access to the internet. Libraries have always been one of our top priorities. We are pleased to see that our local facilities will be opened six days a week. We now look forward to the advancement of the following projects: The expansion of the Jackson Heights Library, the children's center is extremely overcrowded; consideration should be given to constructing an annex that will be located close to the existing facility. The Jackson Heights facility is the most heavily utilized branch in North West Queens. The East Elmhurst Branch urgently needs a cultural facility. The project has been on the books since 1999. While the land has been acquired, and design completed; there has not been any movement towards construction. The community is eagerly looking forward to the completion of the cultural center and opening in FY 2017. In the North West Section of CB3 there are no library facilities. The residents in this portion of the district are sorely lacking library services. Residents who live north of Northern Boulevard must travel a distance. Constituents complain that they would use library services more frequently if there were a facility closer to their neighborhood. We ask that the QPL System seriously consider our requests and move the aforementioned projects forward.



Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

Increase Funding Levels for Community Boards and Provide Community Boards with Access to 311 Data Specific to Each Board Area (Include Addresses) . Explanation: Community Boards are understaffed, underfunded and have always worked with less even during times of prosperity. An increase in funding levels for Community Boards would be in order. In addition, the advent of Hurricane Sandy and Irene underscored the need for improved communications with 311. We need the ability to retrieve information from the 311 data base in order to analyze conditions that impact our community.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/31	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Request: Expand East Elmhurst Library. Explanation: The East Elmhurst Community urgently needs a cultural facility and the expansion of the library to accommodate the increase in users. Proceed with the final phase of the expansion; construction by the start of FY 2017	East Elmhurst Library 95-06 Astoria Blvd
4/31	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Construct a new building and expand the capacity of the Jackson Heights Regional Library - keep allocation in place. Explanation: The Jackson Heights Branch is the most heavily utilized library facility in Northwest Queens. The library is the home to the most ethnically diverse population in the City. Space for expansion is available behind the present structure. A new facility will significantly reduce overcrowding.	Jackson Heights Regional Library 35-51 81 Street
7/31	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Request: Construct Library in NorthWest Sector of CB3. Explanation: The residents in this portion of the District are sorely lacking library facilities.	Community Wide
10/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Request: Fisher Pool - Rehab the locker room. It has not been upgraded since the 1970's.	Fisher Pool
14/31	DPR	Other park programming requests	Develop unused property located near the 94th Street entrance to the GCP for a dog park. Explanation: Residents in this area would like to have a dog park developed on the unused property fronting the entrance to the Grand Central Parkway and 94th street. There is no facility in the immediate area.	94 Street and Ditmars Boulevard
20/31	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Request: Expand Corona Library Explanation: This heavily used facility is one of only four libraries in community Board 3. Whether expansion entails building up or acquiring adjacent property, the new addition would be welcomed.	Corona Library 38-23 104 St
22/31	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	Convert Community Board's paper documents to electronic files. Explanation: Digitize community board's paper files. storage of paper documents is becoming increasingly difficult. Our offices are usually small with little room to add more file cabinets. Help bring community boards' offices into the 21st century.	Community Wide
23/31	DPR	Other park programming requests	Continued Support: Repair the drainage at Flushing Meadows Corona Park.	Flushing Meadows Corona Park
27/31	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Convert Veterans Plaza (32nd Ave & 94th Street) sitting area to a recreational space for children and adults.	Veterans Plaza 32 Ave and 94 Street

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Cont. Support: Purchase a Wenger Wagon - Provide funding for the purchase of a Wenger Wagon. Community groups depend on the parks department to provide an inexpensive way of showcasing their events. The Borough could use more than one mobile stage.	Community Wide
CS	DPR	Other park programming requests	Continued Support - Restore the Queens Green House at Forest Park.	Forest Park Greenhouse
CS	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Construct a Visitor Center for Louis Armstrong House Museum. Explanation: We request that the construction of the Visitor Center be fully funded and work commence expeditiously. Community Board 3 fully supports this project.	LOUIS ARMSTRONG HOUSE 34-56 107 Street

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	QL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Request: Keep Queens Libraries Open 7 Days a week with one late night closing at 10:00pm. Explanation: Our libraries are heavily utilized and do not meet the needs of CB3 constituents. Provide funding to restore our libraries to full operational capacity.	Community Wide
4/25	DPR	Other park programming requests	Request: Increase parks staffing levels for maintenance personnel. Hire a parks associates for PS 127 and Junction Boulevard parks and assistant gardener. Explanation: CB3 requires additional associates in our area parks. currently there are only two associates in the entire district, Gorman park and Travers. Our community has increased by 40,000 residents, we deserve more programs and services.	Community Wide
16/25	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	Purchase a Wenger Wagon	Community Wide
17/25	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Request: Install free WIFI in CB3 parks and Plazas. Explanation: Upgrade our area parks by installing free WIFI services. Keep park users plugged in and informed.	Community Wide
18/25	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	Request: Purchase a 4x4 single cab pick-up with plow, salt spreader and powerlift. Explanation: The purchase of this critical equipment will make a significant improvement on Parks day to day operations.	Community Wide
19/25	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	Request: Extend fencing at Northern Boulevard Playground. Explanation: Part of the fencing at this playground is chain linked and the balance is wrought iron. Remove the chain linked portion of the fence and replace it with wrought iron for safety and aesthetic reasons.	Northern Playground

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
21/31	DYCD	Construct an Intergenerational Facility to Accommodate Both Youth and Seniors	Request: Construct an Intergenerational Facility to Accommodate Both Youth and Seniors Explanation: There is a severe shortage of programs in CD3 that cater to the recreational needs of our youth and seniors. Our Community deserves quality facilities and programing that will enrich our lives.	Community Wide
CS	NYCTA	Cameras	Cont. Support: Install Cameras at every station along the number seven (7) line especially 111th, 103rd, 90th, 82nd and 69th streets and Roosevelt Avenue.	Community Wide
CS	DYCD	Other child care requests	Cont. Support: After School Program Explanation: Increase funding for after school programs. Working parents can benefit from utilizing after school programs. These programs are vital to families because it allows parents to work and provides children with a safe and nurturing environment.	Community Wide

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/25	DOE	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classrom material	Request: Open Special-Education Programs and Vocational Training in CB3Q. Explanation: There is a severe shortage of programs in CB#3. Parents and residents alike have cause of concern. All too often our children are bused to schools located outside of the district. Students travel a minimum of an hour each way to receive these specialized services. Our children deserve quality education and enrichment programs that are based in our neighborhood.	Community Wide
10/25	DOITT	Other community board facilities and staff requests	Improve Community Access to government services by sharing 311 data with Community Boards. Explanation: Community Boards are understaffed, underfunded and have always worked with less even during times of prosperity. An increase in funding levels for Community Boards would be in order. In addition, the advent of Hurricane Sandy and Irene underscored the need for improved communications with 311. We need the ability to share and retrieve information in order to analyze data impacting our community.	Community Wide
13/25	DOB	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Increase Staffing levels for DOB Compliance Unit.	Community Wide
20/25	DCA	Hire additional Consumer Affairs agents to conduct night and weekend street vending inspections	Explanation: Increase funding for hiring additional consumer affairs agents. The new hires chief responsibilities would be to conduct inspections on nights and weekends. In Community Board 3, weekends and overnight are the times that require the greatest attention.	Community Wide

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
24/25	DFTA	<i>Provide funding for seniors to retrofit their apartments and homes</i>	<i>Request: Provide funding for seniors to retrofit their apartments and homes. Explanation: Our seniors deserve to stay in their own homes as they age. While the accommodations may not be designed to meet older adults needs, some simple modifications can be made. Provide funding to retrofit senior apartments, i.e. rehab bathrooms, kitchens and for wheelchair use.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Queens Community Board 3 Capital Requests

Queens Community Board 3 submitted 31 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/31	SCA	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>Request: Construct new school facilities in CB3, especially Early Childhood Centers, Elementary, Intermediate & a High School. Explanation: We are pleased that two new sites have been earmarked for the construction of an elementary & intermediate school; every seat will be utilized. Overcrowding of classrooms is still our most pressing problem and must be addressed. The need for additional school seats and the construction of a high school remains our first priority.</i>	Community Wide	
2/31	DEP	<i>Build new, expand, or repair wastewater treatment or water pollution control facilities</i>	<i>Request: Construct Additional Holding / CSO Tanks in Flushing Bay In Order to Reduce Odors, Improve Water Flow and Quality. Explanation: Construct additional holding tanks in Flushing Bay in order to reduce the amount of waste entering into the bay. The holding tanks must be put in place before the Bay is dredged and the Army Corp of Engineers recommendations are implemented.</i>	Community Wide	
3/31	QL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Request: Expand East Elmhurst Library. Explanation: The East Elmhurst Community urgently needs a cultural facility and the expansion of the library to accommodate the increase in users. Proceed with the final phase of the expansion; construction by the start of FY 2017</i>	East Elmhurst Library 95-06 Astoria Blvd	
4/31	QL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Construct a new building and expand the capacity of the Jackson Heights Regional Library - keep allocation in place. Explanation: The Jackson Heights Branch is the most heavily utilized library facility in Northwest Queens. The library is the home to the most ethnically diverse population in the City. Space for expansion is available behind the present structure. A new facility will significantly reduce overcrowding.</i>	Jackson Heights Regional Library 35-51 81 Street	
5/31	HPD	<i>Other affordable housing programs requests</i>	<i>Request: Create Affordable Housing for Middle & Low-Income families including seniors. Explanation: Strategies and programs must be developed to stimulate the production of new/affordable housing facilities. There is a severe shortage of housing for the aforementioned income groups.</i>	Community Wide	

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Queens Community Board 3 Capital Requests

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7/31	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Request: Construct Library in NorthWest Sector of CB3. Explanation: The residents in this portion of the District are sorely lacking library facilities.	Community Wide	
8/31	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Conduct a Traffic Study & redesign of the exit at 114th Street and Northern Boulevard and the Grand Central Parkway. Explanation: The exit at 114th Street and Northern Blvd provides access to the Grand Central Parkway. A traffic study and redesign is requested as several accidents have occurred at this location.	Grand Central Parkway 114 Street Northern Blvd	
9/31	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Request: Fund a traffic study of the Exit of the GCP at 114th Street and Astoria Boulevard. Explanation: The Exit at 114th Street and Astoria Boulevard provides access to the Grand Central Parkway and Whitestone Expressway. A traffic study and redesign is requested as several accidents have occurred at this location.	Grand Central Parkway 114 Street Astoria Blvd	
10/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Request: Fisher Pool - Rehab the locker room. It has not been upgraded since the 1970's.	Fisher Pool	
11/31	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Install left turn signals at 82nd & 85th Streets and Astoria Blvd. East Bound.	Astoria Boulevard 82 Street 85 Street	
12/31	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	Request: Beautify the center mall on Astoria Boulevard. Explanation: Plant Shrubs & trees along the Center Mall from 82 Street to 114 Streets at Astoria Boulevard to increase greenery and beautify the community. Most importantly, improve conditions so that pedestrians may safely access Astoria Boulevard.	Astoria Boulevard 82 Street 114 Street	
13/31	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	Request: Beautify the Center Mall on 34th Avenue from 112th to 114th streets. Explanation: Plant shrubs and trees to increase greenery.	34 Street 112 Street 114 Street	

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14/31	DPR	Other park programming requests	Develop unused property located near the 94th Street entrance to the GCP for a dog park. Explanation: Residents in this area would like to have a dog park developed on the unused property fronting the entrance to the Grand Central Parkway and 94th street. There is no facility in the immediate area.	94 Street and Ditmars Boulevard	
15/31	DOT	Repair or build new step streets	Redesign Step Street at Butler/Ditmars Blvd. The 25th Ave step street could use a face-lift, which would entail improved lighting, seating areas, pruning and planting of additional greenery. The proposed enhancements would attract more users of this important public space.	25 Avenue and Butler Street	
16/31	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	Request: Provide funding for curb repair. Explanation: While the property owner is responsible for the repair of sidewalks and encouraged to replace curbs, all too often, violations go unaddressed because of financial difficulties or neglect. Unsafe conditions are left to the city to be corrected. It is therefore important that funding to hire more outside contractors to perform sidewalk and curb repairs be increase.	Community Wide	
17/31	DOT	Repair or construct new medians or bus pads	Request: Provide funding for bus pads. Explanation: Provide sufficient funding for the replacement of defective bus pads in areas where there is a high volume of traffic.	Community Wide	
18/31	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Request: Purchase new trucks for the Engineering Unit. Explanation: Bucket trucks are needed for sign replacement and repairs. Having this important equipment in good order makes a significant difference in service delivery.	Community Wide	
19/31	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Provide funding to study traffic circle at 23rd Avenue. Explanation: It is important that the traffic circle at 23rd Ave & Ditmars Blvd. be studied. In recent years traffic in this area has increased exponentially. Vendors and contractors that provide services to La Guardia airport add to this already busy traffic circle. For safety reasons, this location should be studied.	23 Avenue and Ditmars Boulevard	
20/31	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Request: Expand Corona Library Explanation: This heavily used facility is one of only four libraries in community Board 3. Whether expansion entails building up or acquiring adjacent property, the new addition would be welcomed.	Corona Library 38-23 104 St	

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21/31	DYCD	Construct an Intergenerational Facility to Accommodate Both Youth and Seniors	Request: Construct an Intergenerational Facility to Accommodate Both Youth and Seniors Explanation: There is a severe shortage of programs in CD3 that cater to the recreational needs of our youth and seniors. Our Community deserves quality facilities and programming that will enrich our lives.	Community Wide	
22/31	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	Convert Community Board's paper documents to electronic files. Explanation: Digitize community board's paper files. storage of paper documents is becoming increasingly difficult. Our offices are usually small with little room to add more file cabinets. Help bring community boards' offices into the 21st century.	Community Wide	
23/31	DPR	Other park programming requests	Continued Support: Repair the drainage at Flushing Meadows Corona Park.	Flushing Meadows Corona Park	
24/31	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Install additional lights along Roosevelt Ave from 72nd to 112th Streets	Community Wide	
25/31	DEP	Build new, expand, or repair wastewater treatment or water pollution control facilities	Employ interim measures to control floatables going into Flushing Bay and restore the wetlands	Flushing Bay	
26/31	SCA	Renovate other site component	Acquire the vacant parcel - Block 1376 Lot 18 located across the street from P.S 329 (26-25 97th St) for additional recreational and programmatic uses for the school.	Across from P.S 329 26-25 97 Street	
27/31	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Convert Veterans Plaza (32nd Ave & 94th Street) sitting area to a recreational space for children and adults.	Veterans Plaza 32 Ave and 94 Street	
28/31	FDNY	Upgrade communication equipment to improve emergency response	Replace the apparatus door.	FDNY Engine 307 8119 Northern Blvd	
29/31	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	Upgrade the FDNY Engine 307 kitchen.	FDNY Engine 307 8119 Northern Blvd	
30/31	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	Purchase a Back-up Generator for 307.	FDNY Engine 307 8119 Northern Blvd	

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31/31	DOT	<i>Repair or provide new street lights</i>	<i>Upgrade street lights located along Roosevelt Avenue from 72nd to 112th Streets. The recently installed streetlights are directed towards the street leaving the sidewalks very dark. Residents including NYPD are concerned about the unsafe conditions that could be caused due to the poor or no lighting. Enhance street lighting by installing pedestrian lights on Roosevelt Avenue at the aforementioned locations as expeditiously as possible.</i>	<i>Roosevelt Ave 72 Street 112 street</i>	
CS	DCLA	<i>Support nonprofit cultural organizations</i>	<i>Construct a Visitor Center for Louis Armstrong House Museum. Explanation: We request that the construction of the Visitor Center be fully funded and work commence expeditiously. Community Board 3 fully supports this project.</i>	<i>LOUIS ARMSTRONG HOUSE 34-56 107 Street</i>	
CS	DOB	<i>Expand code enforcement</i>	<i>Cont. Support: Increase staffing levels for DOB Compliance Unit. Explanation: Additional administrative and community relations personnel is needed to improve the agency's ability to disseminate information and work with property owners.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
CS	DEP	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>Request: Reconstruct Sewers on Astoria Blvd btw 84 through 96 Sts; 114 St btw Ditmars Blvd & 23 Ave; 25 Ave from Gilmore St to the Cul-De-Sac; 110 St from Astoria to Northern Blvd; Northern Blvd btwn 98 & 99 Sts; 99 St btwn Ditmars Blvd & 27th Ave; 87 St btwn Astoria Blvd & 25 Ave; Astoria Blvd Corner 108th and Northern Blvd. at Elmcour Senior Center; 99 St & Astoria Blvd-Blessed Sacrament Church & School, 93 St & 35 Ave. Explanation: The District has experienced serious flooding and property damage. Whenever there is heavy rainfall, water and sewage back-up into residential basements. Reconstruction of the sewers is urgently requested.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
CS	DPR	<i>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</i>	<i>Cont. Support: Purchase a Wenger Wagon - Provide funding for the purchase of a Wenger Wagon. Community groups depend on the parks department to provide an inexpensive way of showcasing their events. The Borough could use more than one mobile stage.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
CS	NYPD	<i>Assign additional traffic enforcement officers</i>	<i>Cont. Support: Hire additional Traffic Enforcement Agents. Explanation: Hire additional white hat agents to address traffic congestion in high traffic areas within the district.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
CS	DPR	<i>Other park programming requests</i>	<i>Continued Support - Restore the Queens Green House at Forest Park.</i>	<i>Forest Park Greenhouse</i>	

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CS	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	Cont. Support: Provide funding for the pointing of the brick work at the 115th Precinct. The exterior walls of the precinct are beginning to show its age. Before the structure suffers any further damage, pointing of the exterior walls would be in order.	115 Precinct 92-15 Northern Blvd	
CS	DEP	Address air quality issues	Request: Install Air Monitors in the Neighborhoods of Jackson Heights and East Elmhurst that are located near LaGuardia Airport. Explanation: CB3 is surrounded by Laguardia Airport, BQE and Grand Central Parkway. Our residents are concerned about the impact of fumes emanating from motor vehicles and planes in the community. There is a high incidence of asthma & respiratory disease in our district. The need to install air monitors in our area is clear.	Community Wide	
CS	NYCTA	Cameras	Cont. Support: Install Cameras at every station along the number seven (7) line especially 111th, 103rd, 90th, 82nd and 69th streets and Roosevelt Avenue.	Community Wide	
CS	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Request: Provide funding for the installation & upgrade of pedestrian ramps. Explanation: In order to comply with and improve pedestrian safety, increase the funding levels for the installation and upgrade of pedestrian ramps. Ensure that all corners within our board area are compliant.	Community Wide	
CS	DEP	Build new, expand or repair sanitary sewers	Request: Fund a Study For The Construction of a Separate Sewer System for 103rd & Northern Blvd., 25th Avenue & 81st Street, 77th Street & 30th Avenue, 25th Avenue and 77th Street and 25th Avenue and 76th Street. Explanation: Neighborhoods that were once comprised of one & two family homes have been replaced with units of six to ten families. These changes have increased the demand on our infrastructure & sewer system. Before 1996, conditions were confined to East Elmhurst or North of Northern Blvd. Sewer backup conditions are now district-wide.	Community Wide	
CS	DYCD	Other child care requests	Cont. Support: After School Program Explanation: Increase funding for after school programs. Working parents can benefit from utilizing after school programs. These programs are vital to families because it allows parents to work and provides children with a safe and nurturing environment.	Community Wide	

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1/25	QL	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	<i>Request: Keep Queens Libraries Open 7 Days a week with one late night closing at 10:00pm. Explanation: Our libraries are heavily utilized and do not meet the needs of CB3 constituents. Provide funding to restore our libraries to full operational capacity.</i>	Community Wide	
2/25	DSNY	<i>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</i>	<i>Request: Increase Litter Basket Collections to Three Times Per Day in our Commercial Strips. 37th Ave.; Junction Blvd.; Roosevelt Ave.; Northern Blvd.; 103rd St. and 74th Streets; Astoria Blvd and 73rd Street and 72nd Street in Jackson Heights. Explanation: Provide more frequent litter basket collections along commercial strips.</i>	Community Wide	
3/25	DYCD	<i>Other youth workforce development requests</i>	<i>Request: Restore and Increase funding for youth, adult and senior programming in Jackson Heights, North Corona and East Elmhurst. Explanation: There is a severe shortage of programs in CD3 that cater to the recreational needs of our youth and seniors. Our community deserves quality facilities and programming that will enrich our lives.</i>	Community Wide	
4/25	DPR	<i>Other park programming requests</i>	<i>Request: Increase parks staffing levels for maintenance personnel. Hire a parks associates for PS 127 and Junction Boulevard parks and assistant gardener. Explanation: CB3 requires additional associates in our area parks. currently there are only two associates in the entire district, Gorman park and Travers. Our community has increased by 40,000 residents, we deserve more programs and services.</i>	Community Wide	
5/25	NYPD	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>Request: Hire additional uniform personnel. NCO officers, administrative aides, custodial personnel and school safety guards. Explanation: Hire additional custodial personnel for the 115 precinct. The additional staff will improve the precinct's day to day operations and upkeep.</i>	115 Precinct 92-15 Northern Blvd	
6/25	EDC	<i>Expand graffiti removal services on private sites</i>	<i>Request: Increase Graffiti Removal Programs. Explanation: To combat the increased incidence of graffiti throughout the City and in particular in CD#3, additional monies are needed to support programs.</i>	Community Wide	
7/25	DOE	<i>Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material</i>	<i>Request: Open Special-Education Programs and Vocational Training in CB3Q. Explanation: There is a severe shortage of programs in CB#3. Parents and residents alike have cause of concern. All too often our children are bused to schools located outside of the district. Students travel a minimum of an hour each way to receive these specialized services. Our children deserve quality education and enrichment programs that are based in our neighborhood.</i>	Community Wide	
8/25	DOE	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>Request: Fund gifted programs in CB3 Explanation: There is a severe shortage of gifted programs within our district. Our children deserve quality education and enrichment programs that are based in our neighborhood schools.</i>	Community Wide	

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9/25	ACS	Other child care requests	Request: Restore Day Care Slots and after school programs. Explanation: Our Community's population has increased. Many of our young working families require day care services & after school programs. Working parents deserve programs that will serve the needs of their pre-school children ages three months to five years old.	Community Wide	
10/25	DOITT	Other community board facilities and staff requests	Improve Community Access to government services by sharing 311 data with Community Boards. Explanation: Community Boards are understaffed, underfunded and have always worked with less even during times of prosperity. An increase in funding levels for Community Boards would be in order. In addition, the advent of Hurricane Sandy and Irene underscored the need for improved communications with 311. We need the ability to share and retrieve information in order to analyze data impacting our community.	Community Wide	
11/25	SBS	Other business regulatory assistance requests	Implement Economic Development programs to include entrepreneurial training, loan packaging, micro Loan Program, management training, export assistance. Coordinate neighborhood redevelopment, Marketing & Anti-Graffiti programs will benefit the residents of North Corona, East Elmhurst & Jackson Heights.	Community Wide	
12/25	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Request: Increase funding to hire additional personnel to install, replace traffic/street signs, repair pot holes for Queens DOT Explanation: Increase funding to hire personnel for sign replacement and pothole repair.	Community Wide	
13/25	DOB	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Increase Staffing levels for DOB Compliance Unit.	Community Wide	
14/25	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	HPD - Hire additional inspectors to address code enforcement, demolition and seal-up complaints.	Community Wide	
15/25	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	Request: Purchase a small sanitation truck with plow for Alley Collections and an additional small truck for school refuse collections. Explanation: Community Board 3 needs its own school refuse collection truck. Three new schools have been brought online and the additional equipment would be certainly welcomed. The purchase of an additional alley truck will increase productivity.	Community Wide	
16/25	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	Purchase a Wenger Wagon	Community Wide	

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17/25	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Request: Install free WIFI in CB3 parks and Plazas. Explanation: Upgrade our area parks by installing free WIFI services. Keep park users plugged in and informed.	Community Wide	
18/25	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	Request: Purchase a 4x4 single cab pick-up with plow, salt spreader and powerlift. Explanation: The purchase of this critical equipment will make a significant improvement on Parks day to day operations.	Community Wide	
19/25	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	Request: Extend fencing at Northern Boulevard Playground. Explanation: Part of the fencing at this playground is chain linked and the balance is wrought iron. Remove the chain linked portion of the fence and replace it with wrought iron for safety and aesthetic reasons.	Northern Playground	
20/25	DCA	Hire additional Consumer Affairs agents to conduct night and weekend street vending inspections	Explanation: Increase funding for hiring additional consumer affairs agents. The new hires chief responsibilities would be to conduct inspections on nights and weekends. In Community Board 3, weekends and overnight are the times that require the greatest attention.	Community Wide	
21/25	DOHMH	Increase health inspections, e.g. for restaurants	Request: Hire additional Department of Health Inspectors to conduct night inspections. Explanation: Unlicensed food vending along Roosevelt Ave, Broadway, 74th and 37th Avenues are increasing. The community would benefit from having more inspections conducted particularly at night where the problem is most prevalent.	Community Wide	
22/25	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	Request: Increase hospital beds in the Borough of Queens and upgrade the emergency room at Elmhurst Hospital. With the closing of several Hospitals in the Borough of Queens, area hospitals such as Elmhurst Hospital are feeling the impact. Additional hospital beds are sorely needed.	Elmhurst Hospital 7901 Broadway	
23/25	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	Request: Provide funding to increase NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) Programming in CB3. Explanation: Seniors are the second largest population within CB3. It is important that senior programming such as NORC be made available to our elder residents. Providing health and social services within the confines of their coop/apartment complex would significantly improve their quality of life.	Community Wide	
24/25	DFTA	Provide funding for seniors to retrofit their apartments and homes	Request: Provide funding for seniors to retrofit their apartments and homes. Explanation: Our seniors deserve to stay in their own homes as they age. While the accommodations may not be designed to meet older adults needs, some simple modifications can be made. Provide funding to retrofit senior apartments, i.e. rehab bathrooms, kitchens and for wheelchair use.	Community Wide	

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25/25	DOT	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Request: Install cameras at the overpasses located at 27th and 31st Drive & Ditmars Boulevard. Explanation: Installing cameras at these locations would help the agencies responsible to care and keep these properties safe. It would make a significant difference. Over the past year, these properties have been vandalized with graffiti and used as dump sites.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	

Appendix - Supporting Materials

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) into a browser.

Youth, Education and Child Welfare



- School Utilization Projections- District Needs Statement 2017

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=16670AF7-E5BA-466A-86DC-3C7C31582B90>

Transportation



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<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=8AE33F92-5042-4B1C-9B43-EF74E3E8FC97>

82ND_ST-GCP-LEFT_TURN_SIGNAL_REQUEST

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=C174FAF3-9AE3-431E-9366-DE8DC1FBF882>