

A map of Queens, New York, with the five community districts highlighted in dark gray. Community District 13, located in the eastern part of the borough, is highlighted in yellow. The map shows the surrounding water bodies and the outlines of the other districts.

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

Fiscal Year  
2027

**Queens Community  
District  
13**

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# INTRODUCTION

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

## HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027. 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, 2025.

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.

## Disclaimer

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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 13

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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 |
| <b>AGE</b>                                       |           |         |           |         |                   |         |                  |
| 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             |
| <b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b> |           |         |           |         |                   |         |                  |
| 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              |
| <b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>                         |           |         |           |         |                   |         |                  |
| 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 |
| <b>AGE</b>                                       |           |         |           |         |                   |         |                  |
| 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             |
| <b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b> |           |         |           |         |                   |         |                  |
| 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              |
| <b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>                         |           |         |           |         |                   |         |                  |
| 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 13

|  | 2010    |         | 2020    |         | Change, 2010-2020 |         |                  |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
|  | Number  | Percent | Number  | Percent | Number            | Percent | Percentage Point |
| <b>AGE</b>                                       |         |         |         |         |                   |         |                  |
| Total population                                 | 188,593 | 100.00  | 199,218 | 100.00  | 10,625            | 5.6     | 0.0              |
| Total persons under 18 years                     | 40,595  | 21.5    | 35,861  | 18      | -4,734            | -11.7   | -3.5             |
| <b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN</b> |         |         |         |         |                   |         |                  |
| Total population                                 | 188,593 | 100.0   | 199,218 | 100.0   | 10,625            | 5.6     | 0.0              |
| Hispanic/Latino (of any race)                    | 22,337  | 11.8    | 24,911  | 12.5    | 2,574             | 11.5    | 0.7              |
| White non-Hispanic                               | 24,619  | 13.1    | 18,192  | 9.1     | -6,427            | -26.1   | -4.0             |
| Black non-Hispanic                               | 104,035 | 55.2    | 102,711 | 51.6    | -1,324            | -1.3    | -3.6             |
| Asian non-Hispanic                               | 27,689  | 14.7    | 36,954  | 18.5    | 9,265             | 33.5    | 3.8              |
| Some other race, non-Hispanic                    | 4,229   | 2.2     | 7,057   | 3.5     | 2,828             | 66.9    | 1.3              |
| Non-Hispanic of two or more races                | 5,684   | 3.0     | 9,393   | 4.7     | 3,709             | 65.3    | 1.7              |
| <b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>                         |         |         |         |         |                   |         |                  |
| Total housing units                              | 63,216  | 100.0   | 66,259  | 100.0   | 3,043             | 4.8     | 0.0              |
| Occupied housing units                           | 59,662  | 94.4    | 63,211  | 95.4    | 3,549             | 5.9     | 1.0              |
| Vacant housing units                             | 3,554   | 5.6     | 3,048   | 4.6     | -506              | -14.2   | -1.0             |

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

### Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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



### 3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Queens Community Board 13 is in East/Southeast Queens with the Grand Central Parkway as its northern border, Francis Lewis Boulevard going to Springfield Boulevard as its western border, JFK Airport as its southern border and the Nassau County line as its eastern border. It is made up primarily of one- and two-family homes, with three large clusters of garden coop apartments and a scattering of apartment buildings. The district encompasses sixteen distinct communities, which includes: Bellaire, Bellerose, Brookville, Cambria Heights, Floral Park, Glen Oaks, Laurelton, Meadowmere, New Hyde Park, North Shore Towers, Parkside Terrace, Queens Village, Rosedale, Springfield Gardens, Warnerville and Wayanda. There is a strong sense of neighborhood identification in each of these communities.

There is major development occurring in southwest the edge of the district. An Amazon distribution facility is operating, and a new milk distribution plant, Bartlett Dairy, begins construction. There will also be the largest electric car recharging lot in NYC being constructed next to the dairy facility. Adding to that, four new terminals at JFK Airport are being redeveloped and expanded while presently under construction. These projects will certainly increase the already overburdened roadways with additional traffic. NYC DOT has done some studies, but as these facilities become fully operational, will it be able to assess the full impact on the surrounding communities.

The overwhelming number of complaints received relates to speeding on residential streets. Requests for traffic mitigations including STOP signs, traffic signals and speed humps to make these side-streets safe for residents and pedestrians. There are many dead trees and tree branch complaints, sidewalks uplifted because of tree roots, and residential yards and driveways being used as auto repair facilities. The many beautiful parks and playgrounds in the district need more staff and equipment for the tremendous maintenance demands. Illegal dumping occurs wherever there is open land - on a road that transverses our park wetlands, and all along the highway service roads. The paving over of front and backyards (losing permeable land area) is another issue as homeowners attempt to create additional parking for their vehicles. Enforcement by DOB is non-existent which creates conditions for additional water going into the sewer system in areas that have historically had flooding problems.

There have been many applications for cannabis dispensaries at our eastern border, especially in Rosedale, Bellerose and New Hyde Park – as Nassau County has opted out of participating in selling legalized marijuana. This is distressing to residents of these communities as any concerns or objections by the community board – absent a violation in New York State law – do not seem to be considered by the Office of Cannabis Management. A strong argument can be made for "over-saturation" of cannabis dispensaries in these communities.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### Queens Community Board 13

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The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### **Land use trends**

New York City has an affordable housing shortage that has one of, if not the top issue our local elected officials. QCB13 is a semi-suburban, bedroom community whose residents move here for the "lack of density" and bucolic neighborhoods, away from those areas of the city so densely populated. They worked hard for zoning that reflected their quest for this way of life. While our district wants to contribute to solving this issue by doing its fair share, it, nonetheless, wants city policies that contextualize each community as one oversized building can potentially totally transform the character of a neighborhood.

#### **Parks and open space**

The district has enormous amount of parkland including three big parks (Brookville, Springfield and Idlewild Parks) and many playgrounds. Additionally, there are parks properties including center medians, wetlands and grassy areas parallel to the highways. The Department of Parks and Recreation needs more equipment and personnel to respond to the level of activity at these areas, as well as the numerous maintenance requests from the community during the warm weather months when the grass grows high so quickly. In the two big parks volunteer groups also look for gardeners to assist in their beautification efforts.

#### **Traffic**

QCB13 receives an unending stream of requests for speed humps. Many of our ancillary streets are wide and parallel to primary arteries; consequently, they are used as alternative routes to get past traffic, signals and speed cameras. These requests reflect the reality that many motorists simply do not respect the speed limit of 25 mph and speed down residential streets which pose safety concerns for everyone, especially older people and children. More funding is needed for DOT so more studies can be conducted and mitigation measures implemented more quickly.

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## 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

### HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Queens Community Board 13

##### Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

##### **Environmental health issues (noise, lead, respiratory illness, moisture, mildew, mold, etc.)**

The southwestern part of the district borders the runways at JFK Airport. As such, residents are exposed to huge jets landing right above their homes and the noise and possible remnants of fuel dumping occurring immediately on them - day and night. In addition, many of the jets are bringing cargo to freight businesses located in the same area which bring trucks - 53-foot tractor trailers constantly coming and going with their noise and air pollution, not to mention the struggle to keep these enormous vehicles from illegally parking on local streets.

##### Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

##### **Needs for Older NYs**

Expediting the capital funding for Services Now for Adult Persons (SNAP) new building on Union Turnpike. Presently, this organization is located on the Creedmoor Campus which is dilapidated and otherwise unoccupied. This agency serves many seniors in the district with outstanding services and urgently needs to get into this new facility. The funding stream has been mired in bureaucratic red tape with funding allocations from the city. It is imperative that things get worked out to allow for this building, easily accessible by both car and bus, and in the central part of this eastern Queens community, before this not-for-profit organization has to leave its present deteriorating building with nowhere to go and its valuable services cut to so many seniors in need.

##### **Needs for Low Income NYs**

There are families with "special needs" individuals within this district that would like to see programming and education for both teenagers and adults that will lead to job opportunities allowing them a level of independence.

## HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title                               |
|--------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| DFTA   | 1 / 1    | Renovate or upgrade a senior center |

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title   |
|--------|----------|---|
| DFTA   | 1 / 2    | Enhance educational and recreational programs |
| DFTA   | 2 / 2    | Enhance educational and recreational programs |

# YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

## Queens Community Board 13

### Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### **Educational attainment**

Since students are still trying to make gains in their educational achievement, the focus continues to be in that area. In revising the way reading is taught students will need more assistance learning the new methods. It is our hope that educational policies take this into account and fund whatever enhanced teaching techniques will elicit better performance in learning the skill of reading for the schools in our district. We also continue to be concerned about student's mental health and request an expansion of mental health services in schools in our district.

### Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### **Needs for Youth Education**

In past years we have made specific requests on behalf of individual schools only to discover that any capital improvements are ultimately decided by the CEO of that individual school, the Principal. Community boards normally do not have regular contact with principals, and only with parent leaders if they happen to be board members or volunteer as committee members. District 29 has notoriously been laden with under-achievement among its students. Many schools do not have the sports teams and other extra-curricula activities that create a rich learning environment. We request sufficient funding for the in-person learning with the requisite measures needed to keep students, teachers, administration and staff safe.

## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title                               |
|--------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| DOE    | 1 / 1    | Other educational programs requests |

# PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

## Queens Community Board 13

### Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### **Traffic violations and enforcement**

In alignment with another priority in the district - the unending requests for traffic mitigations - more enforcement against speeding. This is an under publicized need for public safety in this district with cars speeding wherever they can without consequence. The addition of more authorized speed cameras (by the State) is a good start. Periodic traffic enforcement blitzes at strategic locations will go a long way in having the residents of our communities feel safer.

The recent implementation of "Quality of Life Teams" in each precinct is a wonderful program. It frees up the officers on regular patrol to address crime issues, while these Q-Teams can focus on the endless complaints that are random and/or between neighbors. We support the continuation of this program going forward.

Auto and truck repair businesses are also taking advantage of public spaces to store vehicles. The police can issue a summons or put a "barnacle" on the windshield so many times - a location is needed to tow vehicles where the cost can effectively be a deterrent to this unlawful practice of storage on residential streets.

### Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### **Needs for Public Safety**

The recent implementation and deployment of "Quality of Life Teams" (Q-Teams) has been very effective in addressing chronic issues that could not receive the attention of NYPD previously. While crime statistics in almost all categories is down, the police still have to remain vigilant in addressing what are mostly property crimes. Violent crime has historically low numbers with it showing up in our district either amongst those who know each other (domestic relations) or simply randomly.

The big quality of life issue is illegal truck parking on residential streets. The Q-Teams can stay on this with either consistent summons and/or application of "barnacles" to the windshields of offenders.

#### **Needs for Emergency Services**

The Fire Safety Education Unit's programming have been very successful in raising awareness in our communities. Over the past few years there have been some catastrophic fires with lives lost. This had occurred as the wood framed houses had too many people and no plan for escape. The program of free alarm installations in conjunction with the Red Cross is quite popular and provides an added layer of safety for many homes. In addition, making young people aware of fire safety through various events on different media platforms will reap untold safety rewards. This programming needs to remain and must be robust.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title                             |
|--------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| NYPD   | 1 / 1    | Purchase of additional "Barnacles |

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title                                    |
|--------|----------|--|
| NYPD   | 1 / 1    | Installation of NYPD Surveillance Camera |



## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

### Queens Community Board 13

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

##### **Cleanliness/trash collection**

On the major commercial strips garbage accumulates rapidly. Whenever there is a public trash can it becomes a magnet for bags of [uncollected] residential waste. This problem is so bad many store owners do not want waste baskets in front of their businesses because of the inevitable sanitation ticket that gets issued though most times they are not at fault. Along the service roads that abut the four highways bordering the district (Grand Central Parkway east; Cross Island Parkway north and south; Laurelton Parkway north and south; Belt Parkway east and west), there is a lot of dumping of construction waste and general garbage both inside and outside of the highway barrier fence. There is also dumping on wetlands and grassy areas, specifically, the area of Brookville Boulevard known as "Snake Road" (between 149 Avenue & Rockaway Boulevard). Additional cameras along Snake Road would be a deterrent to dumping along this wetlands area. These "dumping grounds" are managed by DOT and Parks, respectively. Neither of these two agencies have the capacity to keep up with the necessary cleaning which then requires coordination with DSNY on a periodic basis. Finally, and unfortunately, too many people litter and there needs to be a public campaign vilifying those who randomly drop their trash on the ground.

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

##### **Needs for Sanitation Services**

Funding must be permanently allocated for the maintenance of the many center medians in the district. The quickly become unsightly during the warm weather months with the overgrowth of weeds that collect litter.

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title  |
|--------|----------|--|
| DSNY   | 1 / 2    | Funding for Cutting/Cleaning Center Medians      |
| DSNY   | 2 / 2    | Increase cleaning of dump-out/drop-off locations |

## Queens Community Board 13

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

#### **Neighborhood preservation**

Neighborhood preservation - to the extent possible with the passage of City of Yes legislation - in terms of keeping in place the zoning that maintains these communities as primarily one- and two-family houses with low density. The residents in QCB13 have left densely populated areas specifically to live in neighborhoods with yards, trees, homeowners and peace and quiet. It is the reason our communities look and sound the way they do.

However, QCB13 does understand the need for more housing and more "affordable" housing and see policy from city government moving in that direction. This district wants to do its fair share within the parameters of not destroying the neighborhood character and lifestyle our residents have fought so hard to establish and maintain. Our residents simply want the consideration of "context" and "neighborhood character" accounted for when new plans for buildings are implemented. What might work in one community does not necessarily work in another. The city should not have a "one size fits all" or "anything goes" policy when it comes to the affordable housing problem.

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

#### **Needs for Land Use**

A prevalent issue is homeowners creating their own parking by paving over front and side yards with illegal curb cuts. This creates localized flooding conditions that could be prevented with vigorous enforcement by DOB. Providing a budget for more inspectors can assist in addressing this growing problem.

#### **Needs for Housing**

- More funding to be proactive in sealing up abandoned "zombie" houses. - Maintaining construction fences around the abandoned properties. - Maintaining the yards of abandoned properties. - Support programs that convert abandoned properties into affordable housing. - The removal of squatters from abandoned properties. - Maintain support of foreclosure legal services.

#### **Needs for Economic Development**

Our commercial strips are not nearly as vibrant with many stores - both "mom & pop" and chain - boarding up. The only new businesses seem to be Cannabis Dispensaries. Some restaurants are hanging on - but things remain tough. Small businesses are going to need assistance learning how to compete with online shopping through making their stores more attractive, diversification, delivery service and partnering with other businesses on their strip to capture more foot traffic.

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title                   |
|--------|----------|-------------------------|
| DOB    | 1 / 1    | Expand code enforcement |

## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

### Queens Community Board 13

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#### Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

##### **Traffic safety and enforcement (cars, scooters, ebikes, etc.)**

QCB13 is inundated with requests for traffic mitigation measures. Speeding along residential streets has become a huge problem. More funding is needed so studies may be quickly completed, and more crews are available for the installation of speed humps, STOP signs and potentially, traffic signals. In addition, with the UBS Arena and its many events, the newly opened shopping mall across the street in the east, and an Amazon Distribution facility in the southwest, the district will need to have monitored the increased vehicular traffic and how it affects the neighboring communities.

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#### Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

##### **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

A bus shelter at the southbound intersection of Farmers and Guy R. Brewer Boulevards. This heavily used bus stop is important for many bus riders going south into the Rockaways.

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## TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title   |
|--------|----------|---|
| DOT    | 1 / 9    | Repave/upgrade streetscape on 147 Avenue, Rosedale          |
| DOT    | 2 / 9    | Installation of Speed Camera                                |
| DOT    | 3 / 9    | Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) |
| DOT    | 4 / 9    | Reconstruct streets   |
| DOT    | 5 / 9    | Reconstruct streets   |
| DOT    | 6 / 9    | Other transportation infrastructure requests                |
| DOT    | 7 / 9    | Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.) |
| DOT    | 8 / 9    | Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps   |
| DOT    | 9 / 9    | Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps   |
| NYCTA  | 1 / 1    | Other transit infrastructure requests                       |

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title                                |
|--------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| DOT    | 1 / 2    | Other expense budget request for DOT |
| DOT    | 2 / 2    | Other traffic improvement requests   |

# PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## Queens Community Board 13

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

#### **Park care and maintenance**

The staff presently assigned to the Board's parks do an excellent job. During the summer when the parks are used more extensively, additional staff and equipment for both maintenance and safety would vastly increase the overall enjoyment of these recreational areas. There are equipment needs for this area that need to be addressed to keep up with the usage.

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

#### **Needs for Parks**

The parks and playgrounds in the district have varying needs as detailed below. Many of the MPAA areas need resurfacing, as these areas need some creativity in determining what sporting activities can be encouraged with the decline in the play of asphalt softball. In addition, better scheduling for use of grass fields with baseball, soccer and cricket. In addition, the district has many trees that the city has the responsibility to maintain. Every week there are numerous requests for either tree pruning or repairs for sidewalks uplifted by tree roots. More funding is needed to address these safety issues.

#### **Needs for Community Boards**

Community Boards are essentially small businesses that need to have budgets that accommodate staffing needs, equipment upgrades, and out-of-office expenses. While this will vary with each community board, there must be adequate funding each year that takes into account cost-of-living and inflation.

## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title  |
|--------|----------|--|
| DPR    | 1 / 4    | Construction of a "Dog Run" at Brookville Park                                     |
| DPR    | 2 / 4    | New equipment for maintenance  |
| DPR    | 3 / 4    | Design Upgrade for Breininger Park   |
| DPR    | 4 / 4    | Restrooms for Laurelton Playground Skate Park                                      |
| DPR    | CS       | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) |
| DPR    | CS       | Idlewild Park Marshland Restoration  |

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

| Agency | Priority | Title  |
|--------|----------|--|
| DPR    | 1 / 3    | Provide better park maintenance                      |
| DPR    | 2 / 3    | Other expense budget request for DPR                 |
| DPR    | 3 / 3    | Forestry services, including street tree maintenance |



## 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

*Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.*

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

### EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

## 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

#### Department for the Aging (DFTA)

**1 of 1    Renovate or upgrade a senior center**  
Renovate or upgrade a senior center

**DFTA**

Completion of funding for the renovation of the new building of Services Now for Adult Persons (SNAP) on Union Turnpike.

#### New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)

**1 of 1    Other transit infrastructure requests**  
Other transit infrastructure requests

**NYCTA**

Location: Guy R. Brewer Boulevard - New York Farmers Boulevard & New York Farmers Boulevard  
A bus shelter at the southbound stop at the western corner (in front of the Dollar Store) of Guy R. Brewer Boulevard (where it intersects with Farmers Boulevard). Four (4) buses stop at this location: Q3; Q111; Q113; Q114.

#### Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

**1 of 4    Construction of a "Dog Run" at Brookville Park**  
Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

**DPR**

There is a large contingent of dog owners in the district that have been requesting a "Dog Run" for many years. The Borough President has promised funding, and Parks Department is working with the community to find an appropriate site within Brookville Park.

**2 of 4    New equipment for maintenance**  
New equipment for maintenance

**DPR**

Queens District 13 needs one or more of the following: Three (3) Gator Utility vehicles and one (1) Scissor Lift Tractor. This will allow our parks personnel to address the maintenance needs of the heavily used parks, especially Brookville and Springfield Parks.

**3 of 4    Design Upgrade for Breininger Park**  
Other capital budget request for DPR

**DPR**

Breininger Park is heavily used but has not had a design upgrade, as most of the other parks in the district. QCB13 wants to direct attention to this park so residents of Bellerose may start to enjoy some of the innovations Parks has made in new designs to older playgrounds..

**4 of 4    Restrooms for Laurelton Playground Skate Park**  
Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

**DPR**

This newly renovated park has everything but restrooms. Without restrooms, patrons have no place relieve themselves - this creates a problem.

**CS    Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**  
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

**DPR**

Gunn Playground needs its MPAA repaved and adjacent property purchased for park expansion. This is funded and just completed the design phase..

**CS Idlewild Park Marshland Restoration****DPR**

Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

This project is funded and just completed the design phase. We wholly support this important amenity to Idlewild Park.

**New York Police Department (NYPD)****1 of 1 Purchase of additional "Barnacles"****NYPD**

Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

Additional "barnacles" enable NYPD to have the resources to better enforce against illegal truck parking on residential streets in our communities.

**Department of Transportation (DOT)****1 of 9 Repave/upgrade streetscape on 147 Avenue, Rosedale****DOT**

Reconstruct streets

Location: 147 Avenue - Brookville Boulevard &amp; 237 Street

Repave/upgrade 147 Avenue between Brookville Boulevard &amp; 237 Street, Rosedale

**2 of 9 Installation of Speed Camera****DOT**

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming

Location: 87 Avenue &amp; 252 Street

67 Avenue transverses a residential area with very few STOP signs. Consequently, it is an attractive street to speed on when traveling east/west in the Bellerose neighborhood. A speed camera at this location would deny speeding vehicles the opportunity to engage in this dangerous behavior.

**3 of 9 Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)****DOT**

Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)

Location: Grand Central Parkway Service Road - Little Neck Parkway &amp; Little Neck Parkway

Repave bumpy roadway.

**4 of 9 Reconstruct streets****DOT**

Reconstruct streets

Location: 121 Avenue - 227 Street &amp; Laurelton Parkway

Repair and reconstruct roadway

**5 of 9 Reconstruct streets****DOT**

Reconstruct streets

Location: Brookville Boulevard - 147 Avenue &amp; 149 Avenue

Reconstruct &amp; repave this heavily used portion of Brookville Boulevard

**6 of 9 Other transportation infrastructure requests****DOT**

Other transportation infrastructure requests

Location: Union Turnpike - Cross Island Parkway &amp; Lakeville Road

Upgrade Center Median curbs

**7 of 9 Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)****DOT**

Roadway maintenance (resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)

Location: 134 Road - 217 Street & 217 Street  
Repave Roadway.

**8 of 9 Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps****DOT**

Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps

Location: 260 Street - 74 Avenue & 74 Avenue  
The center median curb where people park is crumbling and presents a trip hazard that is dangerous for those getting into and out of their cars.

**9 of 9 Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps****DOT**

Repair or construct sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian ramps

Location: Francis Lewis Boulevard - 130 Avenue & 130 Avenue  
The center median needs curbing to protect the garden and irrigation system local residents have worked very hard to keep clean and beautify.

## EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

### Department of Transportation (DOT)

**1 of 2 Other expense budget request for DOT****DOT**

Other expense budget request for DOT

Additional funding to have another DOT crew that can install speed humps - the most requested traffic mitigation by constituents

**2 of 2 Other traffic improvement requests****DOT**

Other traffic improvement requests

Location: 220 Street - Jamaica Avenue (eastbound) & Jamaica Avenue (eastbound)  
This intersection is not perpendicular and requires awkward movements to turn left both north and southbound on 222 Street to get on to Jamaica Avenue. Additionally, PS/IS 295 is one quarter block away with parents and school children crossing this intersection every school day. The MTA Bus Depot is two blocks away and there are numerous buses all day that need to make a left turn at this location.

### Department of Buildings (DOB)

**1 of 1 Expand code enforcement****DOB**

Expand code enforcement

More inspectors are needed to enforce building code violations; illegal construction; paved over yards, illegal conversions; work without permits; and unenclosed construction sites.

### Department of Education (DOE)

**1 of 1 Other educational programs requests****DOE**

Other educational programs requests

Elementary schools in Districts 26 & 29 are under-performing. After-school enrichment programming, along with mental health services, are needed so these students can perform at least at their grade level and be prepared to compete when they reach high school.

### Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

**1 of 3 Provide better park maintenance****DPR**

Provide better park maintenance

QCB 13 has lots of parks, playgrounds, center medians and grassy areas that are the responsibility of this agency. Adequate numbers of workers need to be assigned during the warm weather months. Additionally, the heavily used parks need more presence from the "PEP" officers.

**2 of 3 Other expense budget request for DPR****DPR**

Other expense budget request for DPR

Additional contractors engaged to go along with the funding for the "Tree & Sidewalk Program" which repairs uplifted sidewalks resultant to tree roots.

**3 of 3 Forestry services, including street tree maintenance****DPR**

Forestry services, including street tree maintenance

As "Climate Change" has increased the severity of storms, it has also increased the anxiety of our residents with swinging trees and tree branches. QCB13 receives a large number of calls with concern about damaged trees and overhanging tree branches. The contract for tree pruning needs to be increased before there is excessive property damage or personal injury.

**Department for the Aging (DFTA)****1 of 2 Enhance educational and recreational programs****DFTA**

Enhance educational and recreational programs

Alpha Phi Alpha Senior Center - increase funding for this heavily used center.

**2 of 2 Enhance educational and recreational programs****DFTA**

Enhance educational and recreational programs

Services Now for Adult Persons (SNAP) needs increased funding for programming.

**Department of Sanitation (DSNY)****1 of 2 Funding for Cutting/Cleaning Center Medians****DSNY**

Other cleaning requests

QCB13 has main roads that have center medians. During the warm weather months, weeds grow and garbage/refuse is collected in the weeds. This is a terrible look for nice neighborhoods where residents are focused on keeping their streets clean and yards groomed.

**2 of 2 Increase cleaning of dump-out/drop-off locations****DSNY**

Increase cleaning of dump-out/drop-off locations

Community Board 13 is surrounded by highways. The grassy areas adjacent, and exit/entrance ramps collect garbage as vehicles constantly throw garbage out of their vehicles. The garbage builds up; we are requesting a big cleanup and maintenance going forward.

**New York Police Department (NYPD)****1 of 1 Installation of NYPD Surveillance Camera****NYPD**

Provide additional ShotSpotter coverage

Location: 243 Street & Mayda Road  
243 Street is a vibrant commercial district in Rosedale. A NYPD Surveillance Camera would serve as a deterrent to any potential criminal activity in this area and would have the ability to document any criminal activity that took place.