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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

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

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY23 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

Queens Community District 13

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
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
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
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
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
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.

New York City

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

Queens

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Queens Community Board 13 is located 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.

First and foremost, the funding for the construction of the 116 Precinct is firmly in place. Any opposition has evaporated, and communities on both sides of the district are pleased that additional law enforcement with increased personnel can help alleviate the random criminal activity and quality of life issues always popping up.

The other changes happening is major development occurring in two distinct locations on the edges of the district. On the eastern front, the UBS Arena is being completed in Belmont Park, along with the new Elmont LIRR Station, and soon to be constructed 8-story hotel and high-end shopping mall. On the southwest border, a new milk distribution plant is beginning construction, as well as an Amazon distribution 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 we will be able to assess the full impact on the surrounding communities.

The overwhelming amount of complaints received relate 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.

Other issues affecting the entire board is the proliferation of homeless shelters. Being located next to an airport, many smaller hotels existed to serve travelers. Yet, with state legislation requiring all NYC residents to have shelter, and the lack of affordable housing, the city has taken advantage of using these smaller hotels to house the homeless. Service providers and hotel owners contract for use with the surrounding community being notified shortly before these new residents move in. This community district seems to have more than its fair share of these shelters which often negatively affect quality of life in the immediate area.

Illegal truck parking occurs near the freight businesses next to JFK Airport, along the larger streets where there are parks or cemeteries adjacent, and on the service roads next to the highways. This problem has been attacked from many angles but the resolution has yet to be found. The trailers can only be “booted” for a certain amount of time; there is no tow pound to take these illegally parked trucks; the fines do not seem high enough to act as a deterrent.

There are many dead trees and tree branch complaints, 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 (loosing permeable land area) is another issue as homeowners attempt to create additional parking for their vehicles. Enforcement by DOB is spotty and ineffective which thereby creates conditions for additional water going into the sewer system in areas that have historically had flooding problems.

Finally, the commercial strips need revitalization and more variation in their offerings. This should be organic; and the expectation is the new development will seed new small business opportunities. We will have to wait and see as things progress and people move out of the Covid-19 pandemic mindset.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Queens Community Board 13

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Crime and public safety

As neighborhoods change so do its cultural norms. Different cultures and different age groups tend to produce conflict as the incumbent residents are used to things being a certain way. Change creates "quality of life" issues with late night parties, loud music and lots of activity when the incumbent residents want to keep things peaceful and quiet. Noise complaints, blocked driveways and vandalism ensue. With marijuana now being legal there is additional misalignment between the generations.

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. Possibly these requests reflect that many motorists simply do not respect the speed limit of 25 mph and speed down residential streets posing safety concerns for everyone, especially older people and children.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Queens Community Board 13

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

COVID-19 management (incl. vaccination, testing, outreach, education, etc.)

The COVID-19 vaccines have now been readily available to the public for seven months. Although there are holdouts, for the most part the city is attempting to get back to some semblance of a new normal. Educational efforts to non-vaxers have now turned into mandates with the expected dissonance for those stuck in the middle – namely stores and restaurants. As the children's vaccine is rolled out in the upcoming months, additional education on the "science" will be required for parents as government attempts to minimize the amount of unvaccinated who can perpetuate a new variant.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

No comments

Needs for Older NYs

COVID-19 has taken a toll on our populations now more psychologically. The vaccines are available and there are few breakthrough cases. Yet, the preponderance of mis- and dis-information has made too many paranoid and irrational. Many are living in pods – only associating with a small circle of friends and family who are already vaccinated. The usage of masks - sometimes required, other times optional – has further added to the confusion on how to comport oneself in society. The city needs to allow people who have proven to be vaccinated to engage freely in indoor situations without masks. This would allow for less anxiety for people of all ages who have done what is required to move more freely. Translated: DFTA support to programming for fully vaccinated seniors to get them back and active in their senior centers.

Needs for Homeless

Understanding that homelessness is a citywide issue, we support the City identifying abandoned properties and converting them into affordable housing through various programs that are already underway. With respect to those sheltered in hotels located within the Board area, we would like DHS to look at other communities as this Board has more than its fair share.

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.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/21	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	<i>Services Now for Adult Persons (SNAP) needs increased funding for programming.</i>	80-45 Winchester Blvd, Queens Village, NY 11427
11/21	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	<i>Alpha Phi Alpha Senior Center - increase funding for this heavily used center.</i>	

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Queens Community Board 13

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Educational attainment

As we are now [ostensibly] in a post-COVID-19 period, and our children are back to in-person learning, the focus should be on educational achievement. Although we are about to transition into a new mayoral administration, the present mayor has eliminated the Gifted & Talented Program in an attempt to bring equity to a broader base of students. Our hope is this equity is not only funding but enhanced teaching techniques which elicit better performance from the 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. In this post-COVID-era, our overall request is to provide sufficient funding for the in-person learning with the requisite measures needed to keep students, teachers, administration and staff safe.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/21	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Elementary schools in District 29 are under-performing. After-school enrichment programming is needed so these students can perform at least at their grade level and be prepared to compete when they reach high school.</i>	

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Queens Community Board 13

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Crime prevention programs

The groundbreaking for the 116 precinct happened a few weeks ago and this had been QCB 13's # 1 Budget Priority for over a decade. Despite this, our district has not been immune to the crime that has sprung up all over the city. The crime primarily occurs in two ways: random acts of violence or crime between those who know each other. In other words, it is not organized. In these scenarios, which often demand the expertise of social workers, the best we can ask of law enforcement is to approach crime scenes, victims and suspects with a sense of professionalism that respects life.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

Historically, community policing has reduced crime and promoted better relations with residents. The program of Neighborhood Coordinating Officers (NCOs) has worked incredibly well in the 105 Precinct, and so far has been quite effective in solving the many quality of life issues that occur on a daily basis. Unfortunately, the community is using the NCOs so much that they are becoming weary. In light of the precinct size and many distinct neighborhoods, additional police assigned to the NCO Program is requested. Illegal truck parking on some of our larger streets remains a problem. There is enforcement by the 105 Precinct with summonses, but the fine amount is clearly not a deterrent. The problem with "booting" is there is no lot to tow the booted vehicle if it remains in the same spot for more than 3 days. It would be helpful if the City located a place to tow these illegally parked and booted trucks, and to raise the fines for tickets.

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 was quite popular and added a 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.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/14	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	<i>Battalion 54 has 5 firehouses and only 1 mannequin that is used to train in the unconscious firefighter drill. 4 additional mannequins are needed so each firehouse can train at any time on this lifesaving exercise.</i>	
CS	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<i>116 Precinct has been funded and the groundbreaking has occurred.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/21	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	<i>This district has had a number of fatal fires over the past few years. Fire safety education partnered with the Smoke/CO2 Detector giveaway and installation program with the Red Cross is important in communities that have many overcrowded wood-framed houses.</i>	
8/21	NYPD	Hire additional community affairs officers	<i>The NCOs in the 105 Precinct are being heavily utilized. We need more so the present NCOs, who have become familiar with their assigned communities, do not burn out.</i>	

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. Funding for additional weekly collections is needed. 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. 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 Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

No comments

Needs for Sanitation Services

- Routine cleaning of vacant lot locations where frequent dumping occurs. - Public outreach at transit hubs and along commercial strips about not littering. - Outreach to schools and community centers on not littering.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

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

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/21	DSNY	Increase cleaning of dump-out/drop-off locations	<i>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 builds up; we are are requesting a big cleanup and maintenance going forward.</i>	
16/21	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	<i>There are many grassy areas, as well as wetlands that are in the district. Some areas are notorious for the dumping of construction materials. Additional Sanitation Enforcement could act as a deterrent.</i>	

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Queens Community Board 13

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

Building code and/or zoning enforcement

Additional funding for DOB to hire more building inspectors to enforce the existing laws concerning illegal conversion and construction. There needs to be a more effective means of compelling homeowners who illegally pave over their front and backyards to remediate this situation or incur additional monetary penalties.

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 yards and creating illegal curb cuts. 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 properties into affordable housing. - The removal of squatters from abandoned properties. - Maintain support of foreclosure legal services.

Needs for Economic Development

Our commercial strips have been hit hard by the pandemic. The reduced amount of customers is not enough revenue for them to survive. Restaurants were thrown a lifeboat with sidewalk and curbside outdoor dining, but it remains to be seen how long this will last as indoor dining is back (for those who are vaccinated). Small businesses are going to need assistance learning how to compete with online shopping through making their stores more attractive, diversification and partnering with other businesses on their strip to capture more foot traffic.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

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

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/21	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>There are many front and side yards that are paved over for parking. Additionally, these same homeowners create their own illegal curb cuts. DOB needs to be funded with more Inspectors so this condition, which brings down the block where it exists, can be quickly alleviated.</i>	
17/21	SBS	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment	<i>Merrick Boulevard is a vibrant commercial strip that needs help organizing. individual businesses struggle to survive; a collective would increase profit through upgrading street appearance and cooperation.</i>	
18/21	SBS	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment	<i>Jamaica Avenue has many small businesses that provide goods and services to a middle class community. Yet, they do not seem to be at the level of the community it serves. Some assistance could help these store owners upgrade enabling them to bring in more customers.</i>	Jamaica Avenue Francis Lewis Boulevard 240 Street
19/21	SBS	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment	<i>Linden Boulevard has a strip of small businesses that survive as they culturally relate to the immediate surrounding community. An assessment of what is needed would provide opportunities to entrepreneurs who could add vitality to a space that did not even know it was missing.</i>	Linden Boulevard Springfield Boulevard 235 Street
20/21	SBS	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment	<i>This street segment is changing dramatically and needs an assessment of how it can be maintained and improved.</i>	Jericho Turnpike Cross Island Parkway Little Neck Parkway

Queens Community Board 13

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 opening of the UBS Arena in the east and an Amazon Distribution facility in the southwest, we will need to monitor the increased vehicular traffic and how it affects the neighboring communities.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

- Many of our neighborhoods are requesting traffic calming, specifically speed humps and stop signs. These traffic calming methods will slow traffic and provide more pedestrian safety. - General maintenance along the grassy areas next to the highways is a problem. On one side of the fence is DOT, the other DPR oftentimes working with DSNY. Managing or coordinating between the two often is not very efficient.

Needs for Transit Services

The Q77 presently ends southbound on 145 Avenue. The last stop should be extended to 147 Avenue so transfer to the east-west Q111 bus route. This had been discussed over the past 2 years with then-Council Member Richards getting involved; however, the holdup related to the turnaround for the Q77 to go northbound has been solved. It is long past due for this logical bus route extension as the two block walk for for a transfer next to Springfield Park poses difficulty for anyone who is handicapped or has physical mobility issues, safety concerns being out in the open - especially when it is dark, and exposure to the elements during inclement weather.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/14	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>This exit needs the left turn lane, which directs traffic eastbound on to Hillside Avenue, expanded one lane so the traffic does not back up to the Cross Island southbound. This will be particularly important as the UBS Arena is now opening for Islander home games, concerts and other large events.</i>	
3/14	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Street is sinking around catch basins along this strip</i>	Commonwealth Boulevard 87 Avenue Jamaica Avenue
4/14	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>This street segment is riddled with potholes and needs to be repaved</i>	Springfield Boulevard 97 Avenue Hempstead Avenue
5/14	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	<i>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.</i>	Guy R. Brewer Boulevard New York Farmers Boulevard New York Farmers Boulevard
10/14	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>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.</i>	260 Street 74 Avenue 75 Avenue
11/14	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	<i>The Laurelton Mall on 135th Avenue between 229th Street and the Laurelton Parkway needs curbing.</i>	135th Avenue 229th Street 229th Street
12/14	DOT	Repair or construct new medians or bus pads	<i>Center median needs upgrade with new greenery, cleaning and repairs for this central street in the district.</i>	Springfield Boulevard 112 Avenue 120 Avenue

13/14	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>Center medians on Union Turnpike need curbing</i>	Union Turnpike 249 Street 249 Street
14/14	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>The center median needs curbing to protect the garden and irrigation system local residents have worked very hard to keep clean and beautify.</i>	Francis Lewis Boulevard 130 Avenue 133 Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/21	DOT	Other expense budget request for DOT	<i>Additional funding to have another DOT crew that can install speed humps - the most requested traffic mitigation by constituents</i>	
4/21	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>The Q77 bus needs to go 2 blocks further south to provide a safe and efficient transfer for riders going east-west on 147 Avenue connecting with the Q111 and Q113 bus lines.</i>	Springfield Boulevard 145 Road 145 Road
5/21	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>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.</i>	220 Street Jamaica Avenue (eastbound) Jamaica Avenue (eastbound)
15/21	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	<i>Electronic signage indicating bus arrival times at strategic westbound bus stops (for the morning commute) along Merrick Boulevard, Linden Boulevard, Jamaica Avenue, Hillside Avenue and Union Turnpike.</i>	

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.

Needs for Cultural Services

No comments

Needs for Library Services

No comments

Needs for Community Boards

Community Boards have had to change radically since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have moved forward 10 years technologically in having to meet virtually and utilizing new equipment and software to do things differently. There will be occasions when we meet in-person when community boards may need to hire outside contractors.

Additional funding for these new needs is necessary going forward to keep up with the increasing technological demands.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/14	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	<i>Queens District 13 needs one or more of the following: Mini dump truck; pickup truck. This will allow our parks personnel to address the maintenance needs of the heavily used parks, especially Brookville and Springfield Parks.</i>	
6/14	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Add park benches for more seating in Springfield Park.</i>	
7/14	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Brookville Park is heavily used by people of all ages. The amenity of Broadband in this part of Queens is overdue.</i>	
8/14	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Springfield Park is heavily used by people of all ages. The amenity of Broadband is needed and overdue for this area of Queens.</i>	
CS	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The Reading Garden has been funded as is in the design phase.</i>	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Gunn Playground needs its MPAA repaved and adjacent property purchased for park expansion. (Land swap) In addition, the playground needs an upgrade. This is partially funded.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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3/21	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>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.</i>
6/21	DPR	Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers	<i>Certain areas of the borough have a titled "Parks Administrator" with a seperate budget, partially funded by councilmatic monies. Having two large parks adjacent to each other (Brookville & Springfield Parks) should qualify Parks District 13 for this title and funding stream.</i>
9/21	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>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.</i>
12/21	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Increase security staff at Springfield Park Brookville Park and other parks with in the district (PEP) during warm weather months when these two parks are heavily used</i>

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
21/21	DOITT	Information technology goods and services	<i>Additional funding in community board budgets to address ever increasing technological needs.</i>	

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/14	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>This exit needs the left turn lane, which directs traffic eastbound on to Hillside Avenue, expanded one lane so the traffic does not back up to the Cross Island southbound. This will be particularly important as the UBS Arena is now opening for Islander home games, concerts and other large events.</i>	
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9/14	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	<i>Battalion 54 has 5 firehouses and only 1 mannequin that is used to train in the unconscious firefighter drill. 4 additional mannequins are needed so each firehouse can train at any time on this lifesaving exercise.</i>	
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CS	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<i>116 Precinct has been funded and the groundbreaking has occurred.</i>
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Expense Budget Requests

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1/21	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	<i>This district has had a number of fatal fires over the past few years. Fire safety education partnered with the Smoke/CO2 Detector giveaway and installation program with the Red Cross is important in communities that have many overcrowded wood-framed houses.</i>	
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7/21	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>There are many front and side yards that are paved over for parking. Additionally, these same homeowners create their own illegal curb cuts. DOB needs to be funded with more Inspectors so this condition, which brings down the block where it exists, can be quickly alleviated.</i>	
8/21	NYPD	Hire additional community affairs officers	<i>The NCOs in the 105 Precinct are being heavily utilized. We need more so the present NCOs, who have become familiar with their assigned communities, do not burn out.</i>	
9/21	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>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.</i>	
10/21	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	<i>Services Now for Adult Persons (SNAP) needs increased funding for programming.</i>	80-45 Winchester Blvd, Queens Village, NY 11427
11/21	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	<i>Alpha Phi Alpha Senior Center - increase funding for this heavily used center.</i>	
12/21	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Increase security staff at Springfield Park Brookville Park and other parks with in the district (PEP) during warm weather months when these two parks are heavily used</i>	
13/21	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Elementary schools in District 29 are under-performing. After-school enrichment programming is needed so these students can perform at least at their grade level and be prepared to compete when they reach high school.</i>	
14/21	DSNY	Increase cleaning of dump-out/drop-off locations	<i>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 builds up; we are are requesting a big cleanup and maintenance going forward.</i>	

15/21	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	<i>Electronic signage indicating bus arrival times at strategic westbound bus stops (for the morning commute) along Merrick Boulevard, Linden Boulevard, Jamaica Avenue, Hillside Avenue and Union Turnpike.</i>	
16/21	DSNY	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	<i>There are many grassy areas, as well as wetlands that are in the district. Some areas are notorious for the dumping of construction materials. Additional Sanitation Enforcement could act as a deterrent.</i>	
17/21	SBS	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment	<i>Merrick Boulevard is a vibrant commercial strip that needs help organizing. individual businesses struggle to survive; a collective would increase profit through upgrading street appearance and cooperation.</i>	
18/21	SBS	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment	<i>Jamaica Avenue has many small businesses that provide goods and services to a middle class community. Yet, they do not seem to be at the level of the community it serves. Some assistance could help these store owners upgrade enabling them to bring in more customers.</i>	Jamaica Avenue Francis Lewis Boulevard 240 Street
19/21	SBS	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment	<i>Linden Boulevard has a strip of small businesses that survive as they culturally relate to the immediate surrounding community. An assessment of what is needed would provide opportunities to entrepreneurs who could add vitality to a space that did not even know it was missing.</i>	Linden Boulevard Springfield Boulevard 235 Street
20/21	SBS	Conduct a commercial district needs assessment	<i>This street segment is changing dramatically and needs an assessment of how it can be maintained and improved.</i>	Jericho Turnpike Cross Island Parkway Little Neck Parkway
21/21	DOITT	Information technology goods and services	<i>Additional funding in community board budgets to address ever increasing technological needs.</i>	