

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Queens Community Board 6's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020*. 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 2018.

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:

a) Overarching Community District Needs

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

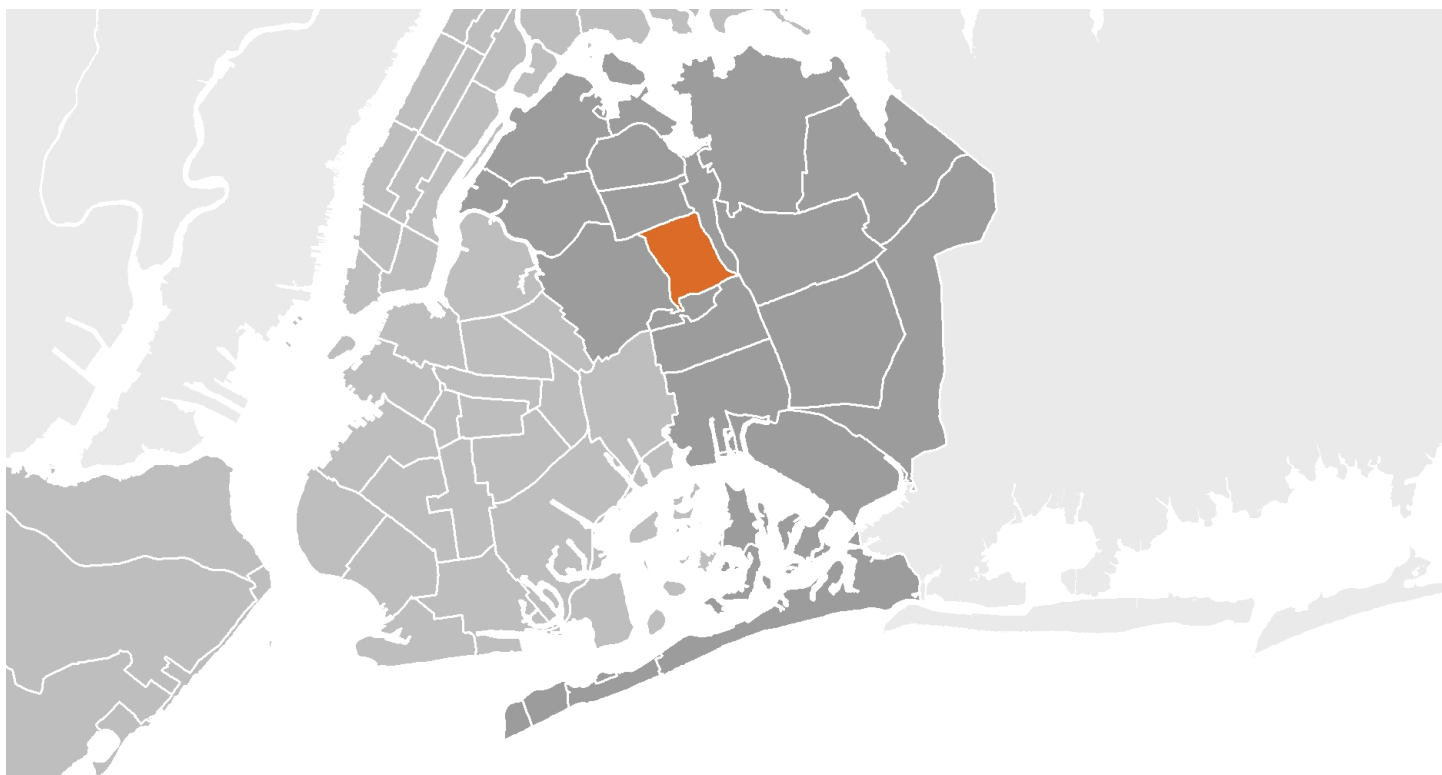
b) Policy Area - Specific District Needs

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

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY20 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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

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

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

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1. Community Board Information

Queens Community Board 6

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District Manager: Mr. Frank Gulluscio

2. Community District Profile

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

Queens Community District 6



Neighborhoods¹: Forest Hills, Forest Hills Gardens, Rego Park

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
115,967	113,257	-2%
2012-2016 Estimate ⁴		114,637
Square Miles		3
Population Density		37,752/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Queens Community Board 6 in 2018:

1. Schools
2. Senior services
3. Transit (buses & subways)

To learn more, please read Queens CD 6's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2020.

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	8,451	48%
Multifamily Walk-up	519	5%
Multifamily Elevator	307	19%
Mixed Use	380	7%
Commercial	262	7%
Industrial	3	0%
Transportation/Utility	40	3%
Public/Institutional	96	6%
Open Space	13	2%
Parking	113	1%
Vacant	149	1%
Other	6	0%

Click here for a more detailed land use map of Queens CD 6

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	21
Public Libraries	3
Hospitals and Clinics	7
Parks	5
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

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

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Queens CD 6	Citywide Target
75%	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Queens CD 6	Queens
42	43 minutes
minutes	NYC
	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Queens CD 6	Queens
26%	29%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Queens CD 6	Queens
5.4	8.7
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

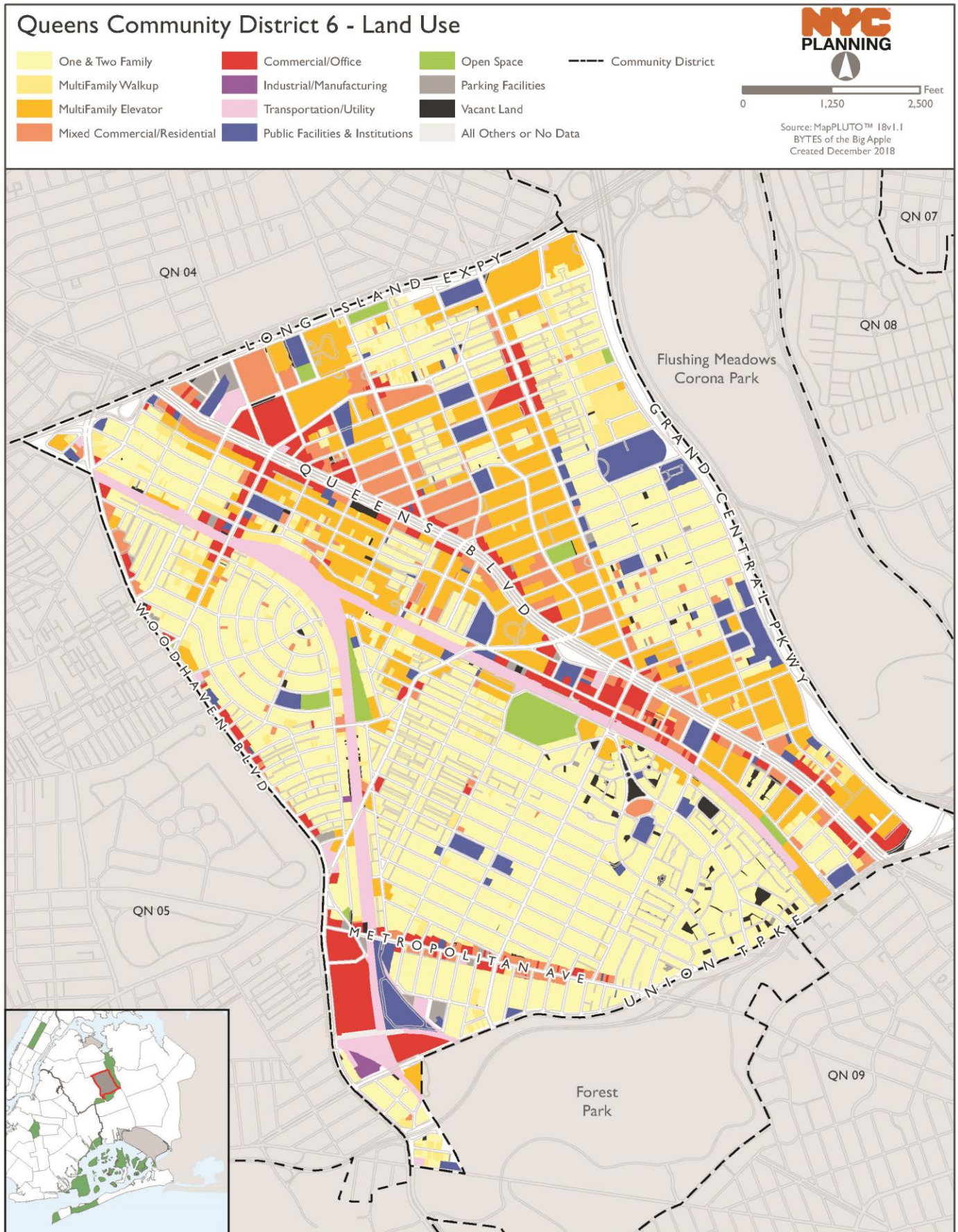
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Queens CD 6	Queens
55%	31%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Queens CD 6	Queens
3.7%	5%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2012 to 2016	NYC
	5.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Queens CD 6	Queens
16%	20%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	NYC
	20%

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2012-2016 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); ⁶Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2011-2015 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

The 1969 Plan for New York Cities Community Boards describes Community Board 6 as “fine private homes on tree lined streets, attractive garden apartments, and towering modern apartment houses, including condos and co-op’s, as well as older rent-controlled apartment houses that make this district a most desirable place to live”. Community Board 6 is an active and welcoming community with a dynamic history, an abundance of greenery, and distinctive landscaping. There is a small town feeling throughout the area, which includes street fairs, jazz concerts, cultural events, and a Green Market on weekends.

However, the quality of life issues of the district have changed.

The swift increase in population has taxed the capacity of some public facilities. The schools are overcrowded, the subway is jammed during rush hours, and land use matters are becoming a major concern in Community Board 6. In spite of some problems the district provides a good living environment and prosperous commercial enterprises. However, both population and commercial growth have strained many components of the district’s physical and social infrastructure...we have most certainly changed.

Community Board 6 requests the following: 1. Adequate staffing in the 112th Precinct. 2. Protect our established low density residential areas from over building. 3. Discourage intensive and or inappropriate commercial development. 4. Maintain and improve municipal services and infrastructure with regard to sewers and flooding issues in the district. 5. Encourage the integration of new citizens into the society and institutional fabric of our community. 6. Promote stable, long term residential tenure. 7. See continued enhancement of health care in the district, especially with respect to emergency room and hospital bed availability. 8. Maintain schools throughout district, with specific emphasis on Beacon Program. 9. Vision Zero incentives with regard to safety concerns along Queens Boulevard.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Queens Community Board 6 are:

- *Schools*
- *Senior services*
- *Transit (buses & subways)*

Senior Services - Senior services need to be continued as the "Baby Boomer" generation ages and the immigrant population increases.

Schools - Our youth population continues to increase and we do not need parents to relocate for better educational opportunities. Every child in CB 6 should have a seat in his or her neighborhood school.

Transit - Safe, reliable subway and surface transportation within this community is a major priority as opposed to people using their automobiles.



Health Care and Human Services

Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Programs, services or facilities for seniors

The immigrant elderly population is most certainly a population at risk. CB 6 ranks among the highest concentrations of seniors. They turn to their neighborhood based senior services for various assistance. Many are homebound, isolated and frail. The need for programs with regard to senior services is paramount!

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

CB 6 supports funding for enhanced education regarding availability and access, to services and resources. Many of the non-senior population of CB 6 have long term illnesses that can also be life threatening such as cancer, multiple sclerosis, dementia etc. These individuals need many of the same services required by the senior population. They include but are not limited to:

1. Improved and timely transportation pertaining to the Access-A-Ride system.
2. Delivery of meals
3. Counseling services - including for the homebound
4. Appropriate housing support
5. Hospice services
6. Increased home care services
7. Recreation activities - including library services for homebound
8. Translation services
9. Appropriate Medication support and Management
10. Respite care for caregivers
11. Bereavement services for family
12. The services offered through ThriveNYC

CB 6 encourages funding for research leading to an end to all life threatening diseases, particularly AIDS, Alzheimer's; Cancer, and Diabetes. CB 6 supports any program to educate with the aim of eliminating domestic violence. We also support any services which provide assistance to victims of domestic violence.

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

CB 6 has one of the highest concentrations of senior population in NYC and probably in the State. There also has been a large influx of immigrants of all ages. The confluence of these two with the usual problems of the general population creates needs such as:

1. Affordable health care, including dental and eye care
2. Affordable housing
3. Public safety and security
4. Accessible transportation - both physically and affordable
5. Daycare services for homebound and elderly.
6. Affordable mental health services-also to be available to homebound
7. Affordable legal services
8. Recreation including library services for homebound

Our community consists of a significant number of older adults, many of which are living their lives largely independent of family members who live far away. They turn to their neighborhood based senior services for assistance. The social adult day program aims to keep at risk elderly in the community and avoid premature institutionalization by providing them with an opportunity to socialize with peers and create a network of support to rely upon. The educational, recreational programs aim to stimulate their minds and bodies and enhance their self esteem. For the families of the dementia population, social adult day care provides a respite for the family members, and more are needed. These programs have long waiting lists and are underfunded. There is increased demand for services for persons with early dementia as there are waiting lists for the programs for persons who suffer from middle and late stage dementia. A population at risk is the large diverse immigrant elderly population, many of whom have not yet been able to acquire the language skills needed to obtain citizenship and have lost their benefits that are needed for everyday subsistence, including the ability to pay for shelter and food. As such, there is a tremendous increase in the need for ESL classes, conversation groups, tutorials, civics instruction and case assistance. Also, the cultural and language barriers have created increased tensions in the community that are being addressed by the Queens Community House through dialogue groups. These programs are funded minimally through government dollars. The demand for services is huge and the waitlist, long and discouraging.

Community District Needs Related to Services for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

CB 6 supports any program to educate with the aim of eliminating domestic violence. We also support any services which provide assistance to victims of domestic violence.



Health Care and Human Services

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/12	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	This request is to increase and maintain funding for existing senior centers in Community Board 6, as well as Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly (EISEP)	Community Wide
12/12	DOHMH	Other animal and pest control requests	This request is to fund personnel for pest control and health department programs.	Community Wide



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

After school programs

Our Beacon Program provides needed youth services offering after school, evening and weekend programs. There is a growing need for "latch-key" type of after-school programs due to the growing number of working parent households. There has been an increase in the population that is being served by these programs. CB 6 can use another Beacon School site in Rego Park.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Community Board 6 looks forward to working closely with District 28 as well as all the public, private, and parochial schools. More importantly, the lines of communication between the board and the schools should be more transparent. Attendance at CB 6 Cabinet Meetings must be taken seriously.

Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

Affordable Day Care for Children - There has been a substantial increase in the number of two parent families in which both parents are working and the also the number of single parent families who are in our community. As a result, there is a serious need for affordable daycare. One idea is to combine children with seniors. An intergenerational program will benefit everyone involved.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

CB 6 is characterized by large tracts of high density housing. All of its parks are heavily utilized by local young people, parents with young children, and senior citizens. CB 6 has one non-sectarian Settlement House providing comprehensive programming to local youth at little or no cost for services. The community has undergone dramatic changes in its population over the past decade. One change is the age of the population to include lots of young families. Then we have also had an influx of Russians and Georgians began arriving in the Forest Hills/Rego Park community. In addition, the area has welcomed Bukharian Jews. There has also been an influx of families from China and Korea as well as from the Caribbean and Central and South America starting in the mid 1980's. During this same period, the number of families from India, Pakistan, Thailand, Egypt, Iran, China, and Israel has also been on the rise. The children of these newcomers struggle daily for acceptance by their peers in their new neighborhood. Constant work is needed to welcome these new young people to our community and to build harmony between them and the long-time residents. The community includes the growth of single parent families, a rise in the number of working parents, an increase in the numbers of families receiving public assistance, and a rise in the numbers of youth "hanging out" in the streets, in schoolyards and in local parks. Long waiting lists exist in local after school programs. These children are increasingly vulnerable and must have the opportunity for supervised after school activities. Young people 14 and older need the opportunity for summer employment. As the Youth population has grown and become more diverse it is essential to maintain and expand the existing comprehensive youth services program. Services need to be available afternoons, evenings, weekdays, weekends, and during the summer year round. Child care continues to be a growing need of this community. Universal Pre-K, which mandates that all 4 year old residents of New York State have access to a Pre-K program, presents both a blessing and a challenge to New York City Schools. In order for Universal Pre-K to be effective, greater resources such as availability of space must be allocated. 3 Year Old Pre-K is also needed for our growing population.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/11	SCA	Renovate interior building component	FUND INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING FOR JHS 190 TO ACCOMMODATE THEIR SUMMER PROGRAM	JHS 190



Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/12	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	CONTINUE FUNDING BEACON PROGRAMS AT JHS 190 AS WELL AS GENERAL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN COMMUNITY BOARD 6	Community Wide
2/12	DOE	Improve school safety	INCREASE FUNDING FOR SECURITY CAMERAS AT SCHOOLS	Community Wide



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Police-community relations

Returning to community policing is the first step toward community safety and repairing relationships. We must build back neighborhood partnerships while securing the safety and fair treatment of civilians and the police that risk their lives every day.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

More than 95 percent of CB 6, traditionally a safe, low crime area, is served by the 112th Precinct which has one of the smallest patrol forces in the City. For this reason, the 112th Precinct should not be pulled to assist with events in Flushing Meadow Park, Citifield, and the U.S. Open. The principal public safety need in this Community District is for real increases in the size of our patrol force, for these reasons: 1. A significant rise in population, the influx of new immigrants and a substantial increase in ethnic/racial diversity have made policing in CB 6 more complex and time-consuming; 2. Other demographic changes, particularly a great increase in youth population, add burdens to the precinct's workload; 3. The district's relative affluence continues to attract burglars, bank robbers and shoplifters; 4. The 112 Pct. must also provide police services for many tens of thousands of non-residents who enter our District daily - either to transfer (and often shop) at our three intermodal transit hubs along Queens Blvd. (at Union Turnpike, 71 Avenue, and 63 Road) or to visit the upscale retail/entertainment area along Forest Hills' Austin Street - or to access the Rego Park regional shopping center; 5. Traffic safety remains an urgent focus of community concern, in view of the long history of pedestrian fatalities on Queens Blvd. An increasing number of motorists ignore the prohibition against use of hand-held cell phones while driving. Enforcement of this law, while difficult, is essential; In addition, greater emphasis should be placed on the guidelines of vision zero. 6. Quality of Life complaints (some not within NYPD's purview) continue to be numerous in CB 6. 7. The urgent new counter-terrorism mission for NYPD, which requires extensive training time, assignment of officers to additional posts/duties within the precinct, and their detail for special situations elsewhere in the City, logically will affect performance in a small precinct more seriously than a larger one. 8. Increase police enforcement near schools, particularly the Metropolitan Avenue schools, and at all NYCHA Housing. 9. Support for CB 6's Community Emergency Response Team. (CERT) and a continued focus on the 112th Precinct Explorer's Program. 10. Staffing of school crossing guards should be a major priority in CB 6.

Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

As is well known, CB 6 is densely developed with high-rise and mid-rise multi-family structures, including several of the tallest residential buildings in Queens. CB6 has one engine and one ladder company in a single firehouse within its boundaries, and another on its border. FDNY deployments to structural fires within the district have customarily been satisfactorily prompt. Increased routine or complaint follow-up inspections by FDNY are viewed as essential fire protection actions by this community. All demolition and construction projects, particularly those undertaken by small contractors, in our densely developed district evoke neighborhood concerns and merit FDNY and DOB oversight. Housing market demand has led to numerous illegal conversions of one and two family homes to multi-family or SRO's. We believe that participation by DOB, FDNY, and its Fire Prevention Bureau, to the fullest extent possible under existing laws, in the campaign to halt and reverse/remediate illegal conversions, would serve this community well.



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/11	FDNY	Upgrade communication equipment to improve emergency response	Fund upgrading of all communication and computer equipment as well as generators for all firehouses in Community Board 6	Community Wide
9/11	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Replace and Install Additional Argus Cameras	Community Wide

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/12	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	This request is to recruit and retain local precinct crossing guards	Community Wide

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency



Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Cleanliness/trash collection

The current economic climate has given rise to growing quality of life problems such as graffiti. Graffiti continues to be a problem that has come back on both public and private property throughout CB 6. We should encourage the private sector to provide funding to help keep our neighborhoods clean. Additional mechanical brooms are needed to keep our streets clean.

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Sanitation services continue to be a priority in both the residential and commercial areas of Community Board 6. In order to properly maintain the cleanliness level of CB6, we require: 1. Continue funding for litter basket pickups on commercial strips and a litter basket truck. 2. Fund regularly scheduled cleanup of medians. 3. Maintain weekly recycling. 4. Hire more Sanitation Enforcement agents. 5. Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalks and streets. 6. Mechanical broom for the fall leaf season, a 10 yard alley truck, additional salt spreading equipment for the winter, and a graffiti power washer

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/11	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	This request is to upgrade all sewers in Community Board 6 to accommodate the growing population.	Community Wide

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/12	DEP	Investigate noise complaints at specific location	This request is to increase personnel for noise abatement issues within CB 6.	Community Wide
9/12	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	This request is to fund personnel for additional sanitation enforcement in CB 6.	Community Wide



Main Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Commercial district revitalization

There is a major need for programs to assist the commercial strips on Community Board 6 to improve business and cope with growing problems of vacancies; Long term businesses are being forced out because of substantial rent increases. Commercial rents need to be dealt with on a citywide basis. Support from Government would assist the commercial districts in making progress.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

Community Board 6 recognizes the following needs: Department of Buildings 1. Hire additional inspectors for timely response to complaints. 2. Substantially increase penalties for violations so that they are meaningful. 3. Verify that payment for violations clear a bank before removing the violation. Department of City Planning 1. All large scale developments, whether commercial or residential, need to be studied with respect to the electrical infrastructure to insure that the local electrical grid has sufficient capacity for the additional demand that will be created by the development. 2. All large scale developments, whether commercial or residential, need to be studied to insure that local streets and public transportation systems have sufficient capacity. 3. Large scale residential development will make demands upon the public school system. If such development is to be approved there must be sufficient capacity in the local schools.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

There is a need for programs to assist the commercial strips in Forest Hills and Rego Park to improve business and cope with the growing problem of vacancies. There is a need to help small businesses in our community and elsewhere in the city. We support the small business first initiative to help small business owners.

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/12	DOB	Expand code enforcement	This request is to increase Buildings Department Inspectors and Support Staff	Community Wide



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Traffic congestion

In terms of traffic / traffic flow, adequacy, pedestrian and vehicular safety and resource allocation, transportation concerns impact Community Board 6 in a variety of significant ways that require priority attention.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Queens Boulevard - This major artery provides vital transportation access for the entire borough, but causes significant and chronic safety problems for both pedestrians and vehicles. To address these concerns, CB 6 recently approved a comprehensive plan by DOT to improve vehicular traffic, pedestrian and bike rider safety on Queens Boulevard in the western portion of our district. We urge DOT to implement this plan promptly and to continue this initiative to the eastern portion of CB 6 as quickly as reasonably possible.

Woodhaven Boulevard - It is especially important to balance the legitimate needs of streamlining traffic flow with the vital safety concerns of the pedestrians and bicycle riders who access Woodhaven Boulevard. Attention must be given to the enhancement of "green-light time" for those seeking to cross the boulevard; traffic markings that coincide with actual vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow; clearly delineated and properly "lined up" crosswalks that are sensitive to the needs of the disabled; and safe and appropriate bicycle lanes. In addition, the impact of Woodhaven's traffic flow upon adjacent local streets and the adoption of possible mitigating measures should also be included within the scope of this project. Lanes of traffic have been removed from Woodhaven Boulevard for general traffic and have become dedicated bus lanes. This has markedly increased traffic congestion on Woodhaven Blvd, especially in the vicinity of Woodhaven Blvd & Union Turnpike.

Union Turnpike - This heavily utilized thoroughfare generates significant traffic safety concerns that require DOT's ongoing priority attention. Specifically, aggressive enforcement plus the installation of traffic barriers are needed to deter the speeding and reckless driving problems. Pedestrian crosswalks need to be prominently highlighted and traffic signal "green-light time" increased at the local intersections to promote pedestrian safety. This particularly applies to the 71st Ave intersection, which provides primary pedestrian access to a heavily utilized playground as well as the Stop & Shop Supermarket. DOT and Parks Dept must ensure the proper lighting and maintenance of all pedestrian sidewalk and railroad bridge approaches leading to the Stop and Shop area.

Yellowstone Boulevard - Yellowstone Boulevard generates significant traffic volumes that traverse a frequently winding road and several complex street crossings involving multiple major thoroughfares. The intersections at Queens Blvd, Austin St, Selfridge St & Woodhaven Blvd present significant traffic circulation and pedestrian access issues that need to be addressed systematically. Improved signage and highlighted crosswalks are needed in those areas where the street turns diminish pedestrian visibility.

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Forest Hills and Kew Gardens form a major transportation hub for New York City. Thousands of commuters pass through these two destinations on their way to or from other destinations. Several bus lines originate here, four subway lines stop here, and two LIRR stations are here, creating significant impacts for Community Board 6. Given this intensity of ridership and intermodal usage, Queens Community Board 6 requires continual maintenance and investment in its transit infrastructure. The MTA is habitually short of critical capital funds needed to maintain and grow the system. Bus service, that runs parallel to subway service, when subway construction and repairs take place on weekends and in evening hours, should be increased. For example, when either the E, F, M or R are taken out of service on weekends and in the overnight hours for scheduled work, the Q60 should have increased service. We therefore call on the City to provide a meaningful subsidy to the MTA, contingent upon the MTA living up to reasonable performance standards. These subsidies should assist in:

- Funding E/F skip stop service, with some trains originating in Forest Hills.
- Enhancing frequency and speed of express bus service.
- Improved subway station maintenance, cleanliness, improved lighting, updated platforms and mezzanines at 71st Ave. station.
- The creation of better bus shelters for the thousands of commuters who wait for buses in all weather.



Transportation

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/11	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	Fund Curb repair throughout CB 6 District	Community Wide
5/11	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	This request is to fund reconstruction of all CB 6 medians, along with a cracked sidewalk and crosswalk program. This should include inspections to ensure adequate pedestrian ramps	Community Wide
6/11	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	This request is to fund pedestrian timing devices and safety improvements within the CB 6 District	Community Wide
7/11	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	This request is to fund sound barriers along Long Island Expressway Boundaries within CB 6	Community Wide
10/11	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	This request is for the installation of security cameras at all subway stations in CB 6	Community Wide

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/12	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	INCREASE FUNDING FOR UPDATED GPS SOFTWARE FOR ACCESS-A-RIDE VEHICLES	Community Wide
5/12	NYCTA	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	This request is for additional funding for subway station cleaning and maintenance in CB 6.	Community Wide



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Library facilities and access

Full library services, year round with expanded programs for pre-school and after school needs of children. Our libraries are over crowded and have placed limitations on library services. We need larger facilities due to growing numbers of immigrants using them as an educational tool, such as the Rego Park Branch.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Forestry: Pruning of all trees within CB 6, both in Parks and in residential areas as well as removal of all dead or infected trees and stumps/roots as part of regularly scheduled maintenance. Additionally, replanting or new planting of shade trees within all Park areas. Parks, Playgrounds & Recreation: CB6 requests CONTINUED AND INCREASED MAINTENANCE of all playground equipment including safety matting and also additional “sprinkler” apparatus for children. All local parks, vest pocket park areas, dog runs and playgrounds should be cleaned and maintained on a regular schedule and enhanced to provide maximum usage. Lost Battalion Hall is an essential part of the community and we support upgrading and improvement in all respects. Flushing Meadow & Willow Lake Park areas should be made available to residents along the south side of the Park area and enhanced with benches and access routes. Outreach through the Parks Dept. should be made to local business, Civic organizations and schools to “adopt” a Park or Vest Pocket to assist with planting, landscaping, clean up and also in monetary contributions. Whenever open land becomes available in high density areas, Parks Dept. should secure the property to provide a green space for residents. Green Infrastructure: With an increasing number of rain gardens being installed throughout our community, we are requesting regular maintenance and cleaning of these structures.

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

Cultural events within our community provide life enrichment, bring a diverse community together, and attract tourist dollars. CB6 requests adequate funding for the Department of Cultural Affairs Expense Budget to enable local arts programs; for cultural and arts programs within CB6 serving Queens as a whole (including Veterans groups - Memorial Day Parade, etc and the Chamber of Commerce - Jazz Thursday); and for performances, workshops, and other cultural opportunities.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

The libraries in Community Board 6 are heavily utilized by growing numbers of immigrants. It is essential that the libraries remain accessible to all people as an educational tool. Expansion of the Rego Park Library is a major priority of CB 6, along with weekend service to be permanently put in the budget.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/11	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	This request is to fund the expansion of the Rego Park Library which is over utilized for its current size.	Rego Park Library
4/11	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Fund all current and future park improvements	Community Wide

**Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities****Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/12	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	This request is to fund seasonal recreation associates for all playgrounds in CB 6	Community Wide
11/12	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	This request is to fund and enhance overall forestry services, stump removal and pruning programs.	Community Wide

6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Queens Community Board 6 Capital Requests

Queens Community Board 6 submitted 11 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority / Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/11	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	This request is to fund the expansion of the Rego Park Library which is over utilized for its current size.	Rego Park Library	
2/11	DEP	Inspect storm sewer on specific street segment and service, repair or replace as needed	This request is to upgrade all sewers in Community Board 6 to accomodate the growing population.	Community Wide	
3/11	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	Fund Curb repair throughout CB 6 District	Community Wide	
4/11	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Fund all current and future park improvements	Community Wide	
5/11	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	This request is to fund reconstruction of all CB 6 medians, along with a cracked sidewalk and crosswalk program. This should include inspections to ensure adequate pedestrian ramps	Community Wide	
6/11	DOT	Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals	This request is to fund pedestrian timing devices and safety improvements within the CB 6 District	Community Wide	
7/11	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	This request is to fund sound barriers along Long Island Expressway Boundaries within CB 6	Community Wide	
8/11	FDNY	Upgrade communication equipment to improve emergency response	Fund upgrading of all communication and computer equipment as well as generators for all firehouses in Community Board 6	Community Wide	
9/11	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Replace and Install Additional Argus Cameras	Community Wide	

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Queens Community Board 6 Capital Requests

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
10/11	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	This request is for the installation of security cameras at all subway stations in CB 6	Community Wide	
11/11	SCA	Renovate interior building component	FUND INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING FOR JHS 190 TO ACCOMMODATE THEIR SUMMER PROGRAM	JHS 190	

6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Queens Community Board 6 Expense Requests

Queens Community Board 6 submitted 12 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/12	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	CONTINUE FUNDING BEACON PROGRAMS AT JHS 190 AS WELL AS GENERAL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN COMMUNITY BOARD 6	Community Wide	
2/12	DOE	Improve school safety	INCREASE FUNDING FOR SECURITY CAMERAS AT SCHOOLS	Community Wide	
3/12	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	This request is to increase and maintain funding for existing senior centers in Community Board 6, as well as Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly (EISEP)	Community Wide	
4/12	NYCTA	Other transit service requests	INCREASE FUNDING FOR UPDATED GPS SOFTWARE FOR ACCESS-A-RIDE VEHICLES	Community Wide	
5/12	NYCTA	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	This request is for additional funding for subway station cleaning and maintenance in CB 6.	Community Wide	
6/12	NYPD	Assign additional crossing guards	This request is to recruit and retain local precinct crossing guards	Community Wide	
7/12	DOB	Expand code enforcement	This request is to increase Buildings Department Inspectors and Support Staff	Community Wide	
8/12	DEP	Investigate noise complaints at specific location	This request is to increase personnel for noise abatement issues within CB 6.	Community Wide	
9/12	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	This request is to fund personnel for additional sanitation enforcement in CB 6.	Community Wide	
10/12	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	This request is to fund seasonal recreation associates for all playgrounds in CB 6	Community Wide	
11/12	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	This request is to fund and enhance overall forestry services, stump removal and pruning programs.	Community Wide	
12/12	DOHMH	Other animal and pest control requests	This request is to fund personnel for pest control and health department programs.	Community Wide	