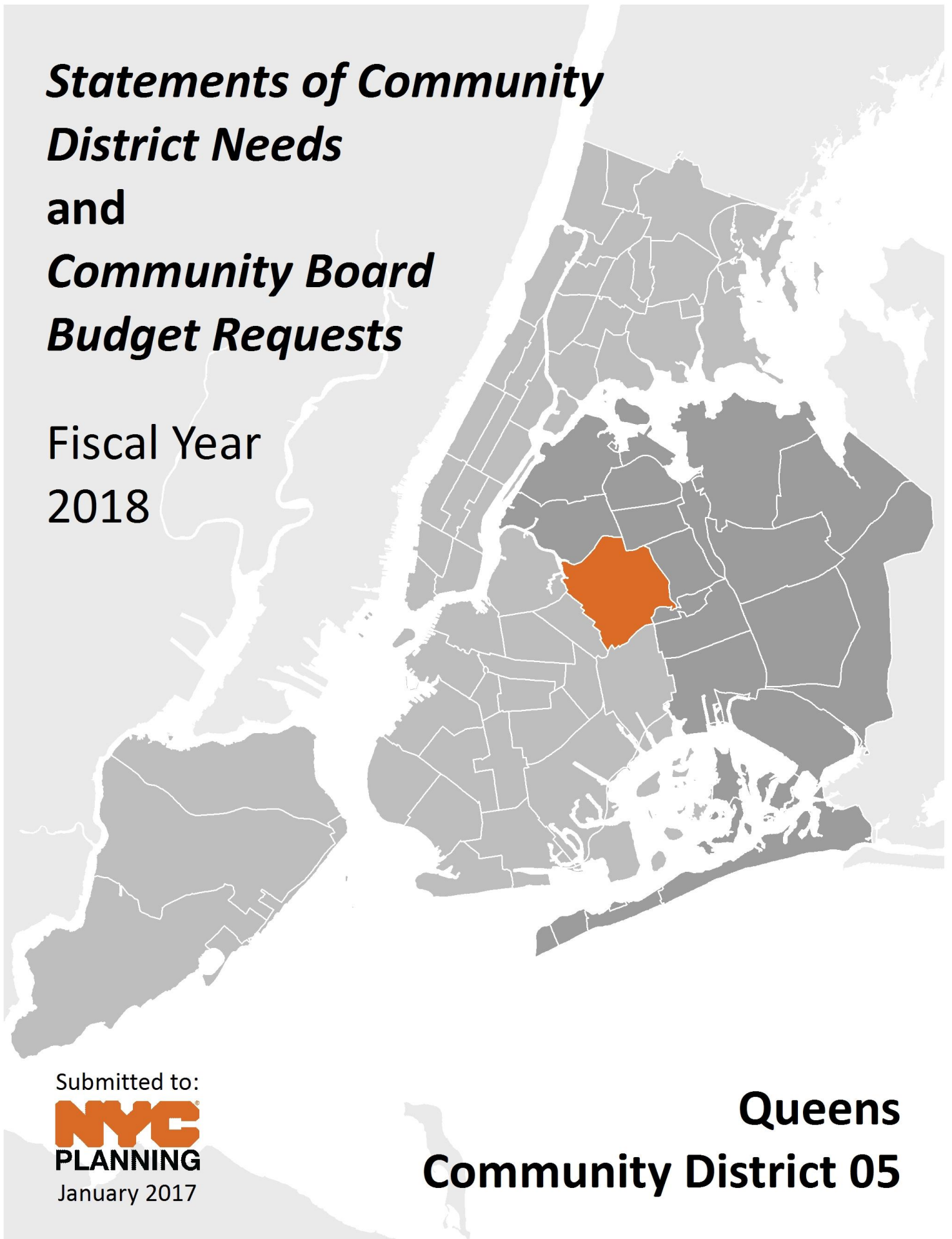


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INTRODUCTION

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 5's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018*. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the Community Board, collected through an online form available to community boards from September to November 2016.

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 FY18 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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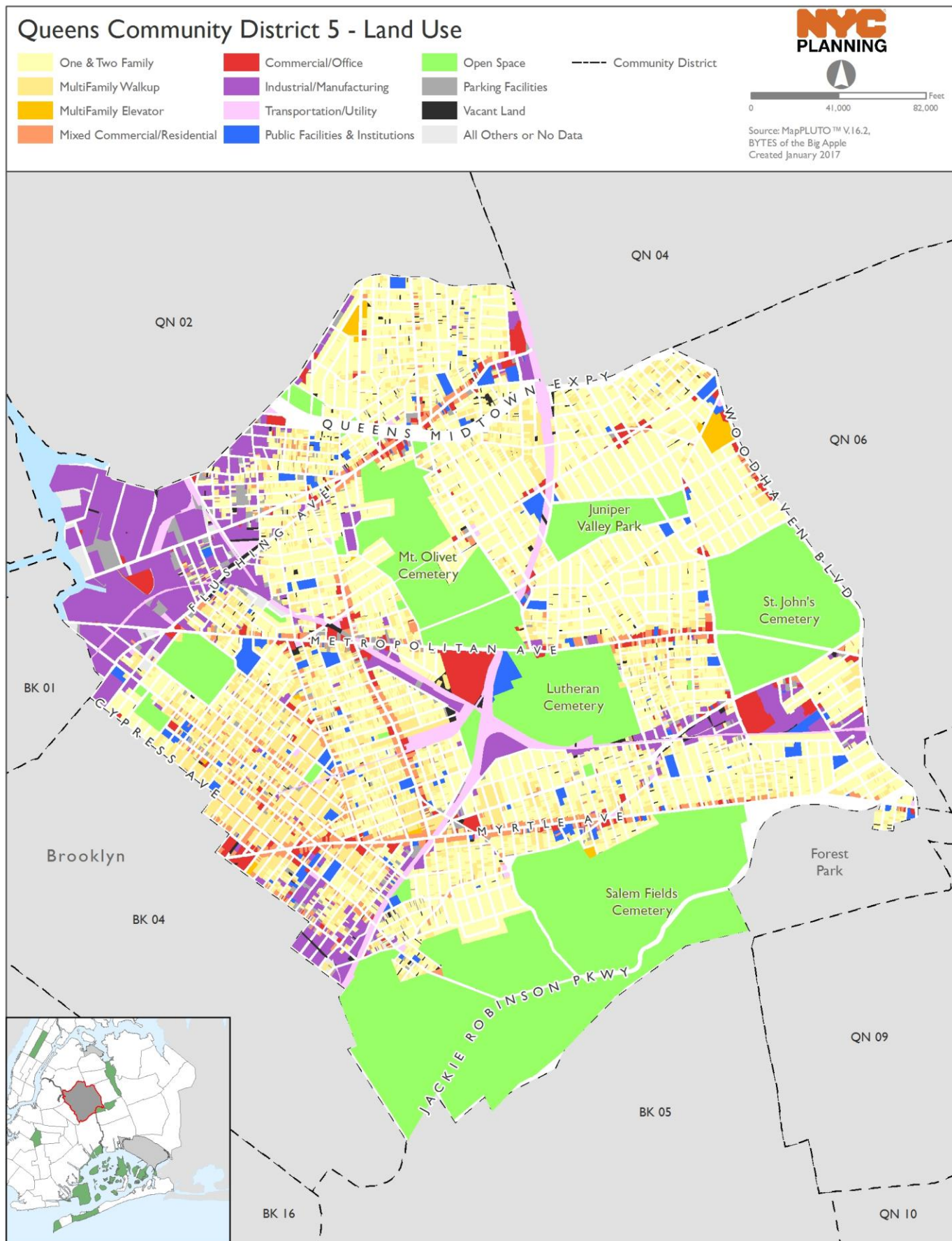
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2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

We are a community of people who have roots in many nations and places throughout the world. Regardless of where our forefathers and foremothers originally lived, the great majority came to our country for a better life. The overwhelming majority of New Yorkers and Americans have some simple requests: to live in peace, in a safe community, with good public resources and services. Families and individuals continue to risk their lives to make it to a place like America. Whether to escape violence, hunger, economic instability and oppressive governments we should be honored to live in a country that continues to feed the dreams of immigrants everywhere. In Queens, there are known to be more than two and a half million residents with ancestry from well over 100 countries. This has and will increase demands on us nationally and in our communities. This, combined with the pressure on our environment, will demand that we work together cooperatively and intelligently. We have our faults as individuals and as a nation, but we are a nation of the people by the people, for the people, united under the belief in the American Dream of a better life for our future generations.

Our Community Board 5 area is comprised primarily of the Ridgewood, Maspeth, Middle Village and Glendale communities. We are also responsible for a few blocks of Woodside, Rego Park and Elmhurst. Our geographic boundaries are Maurice Avenue into Calamus Avenue to the north; the Brooklyn border with Bushwick on the south (Cypress Avenue and Wyckoff Avenue); Woodhaven Boulevard and the CSX Freight Rail Line in the east and the Brooklyn County line with our Williamsburg and Bushwick neighbors in the west. Like many communities in Queens, development of homes and non-farm businesses began at the turn of the 20th century and continued quite industriously through the 1950's. By the time of America's first moon landing, our neighborhoods were overwhelmingly constructed.

The 2010 Census indicates that there are approximately 170,000 residents living within District 5, Queens, but, like many communities in our City, we know the number of people really living here is significantly greater, considering under-counting and far too many illegal apartments. Locally, our population on paper has risen from 150,000 residents in 1990. We have had some new housing constructed in the past two decades, essentially where one-family homes with large lots have been replaced by two-family homes or multiple dwellings. The housing stock in our communities is mainly comprised of attached homes, ranging from one to six-family residences.

Our most pressing problems include illegal apartments, primarily in basements; large increases in vehicular traffic and too many drivers speeding, running traffic signals and stop signs; a significant reduction in the number of police officers assigned to the 104th Police Precinct since 1995; a growing number of sewer system breaks that are causing dangerous roadway conditions; illegal dumping and abuse of city litter baskets; a shortage of Parks maintenance workers to keep playgrounds and ball fields in good repair; and very crowded schools. There is an obvious correlation between the increases in illegal apartments and the overcrowded schools conditions. The need for many services historically provided by City agencies is growing for numerous reasons. It is due mainly to the age of specific communities' roadways, sewer lines, bridges and parks. These important assets must be maintained or they will fall into serious disrepair, necessitating greater capital expenditures, sooner.

In an era when many City services had been cutback due to a declining tax base, volunteers have become the backbone of our community. Thank heavens for volunteers who serve diligently on Community Boards, not-for-profit organizations' boards of directors, civic organizations and block associations. Thanks to volunteers in the communities served by Community Board 5, Queens, children and teenagers are engaged in many sports and recreational activities, local parks are cleaner than they would be otherwise, and graffiti has been removed from many buildings.

Many of the area needs that we have worked to accomplish for years seem much less consequential, after the September 11, 2001 disaster at the World Trade Center. Many families need psychological and financial assistance. Our world, in a devastating half-hour, is forever changed. The Police Department, who have done so much to reduce crime, will now be working increasingly with the FBI to greatly reduce the possibility of future terrorist disasters. After the Trade Center disaster, our wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have caused additional heartache throughout the country. Considering the severe economic recession that hit our country in 2008, every effort must be made to ensure that government expenditures are prudent, that waste be reduced and that Medicaid, Medicare and other fraud be eliminated.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Queens Community Board 5 are:

- *Emergency response*
- *Public health facilities*
- *Street flooding*

It is very difficult to state that there are 3 definite most important issues facing the communities that many of us have worked for decades to stabilize and improve. There is probably nothing more important to safeguard and improve than the air we share and the water we drink, since life is not possible without these essential resources. Sanitation services, removal and treatment of sewage, stormwater removal, health services and basic medicines are critical in preventing unhealthy conditions and disease. Police are essential, as are Firefighters and EMS workers, to safeguard the people and for response to emergencies. People need to earn a living in order to pay for housing, to buy food and pay for essential services provided by the municipal government. A quality business environment is important so that the people are gainfully employed and earning enough income to at least meet their essential needs. Since the great majority of us do not have the luxury of walking to our place of employment, reliable, safe public transportation and stable, smooth roads, bridges and tunnels are vital for us to get where we need to go. Children, teens, young adults and all of us need to be increasingly educated and skilled to propel a civilized society in an ever more competitive, more global environment. Few of us are willing to live in tents, therefore quality, affordable housing is essential. Since living in a city presents fairly crowded conditions, where the great majority of us don't have our own private outdoor space, safe public parks provide important "outdoor" recreational space and, like cultural spaces, a place for people of all ages to communicate, socialize and rejuvenate. To state that only three of these societal categories or "issues" are of utmost importance is narrow minded, simplistic and unrealistic. The hot or cool issue of this year may change sooner than most can imagine. All of the societal categories listed above are very important, so the questions are where is our city most in need at the current time, to our far from complete knowledge.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services for domestic violence victims

All of these issues are important, but Domestic Violence is the issue that is likely the most pressing, as this problem results in many 911 responses by Police. Mental Health Issues and substance abuse are also very important to address, and are the cause of much domestic violence and criminal activity. The USA has been too violent for far too long, especially when one considers that violent crime rates in other so called "industrialized countries" are much lower. Too often violence, meanness and the degradation of women is almost glorified in music, movies, video games and other entertainment. There are too many negative vs. positive influences afflicting society. Respect for others, especially men for women, is essential to reduce abuse & domestic violence.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Ridgewood Medical Center, located at 769 Onderdonk Avenue in Ridgewood, is a NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation facility that now serves residents of all ages. This Center is needed for poor and low-income residents of Ridgewood and neighboring communities. Once known as the Maspeth Child Health Station, and then Ridgewood Communicare Health Center, thousands of children, ages newborn to six, received health services here for decades. The fact that residents of all ages can now receive health care at this neighborhood site is very important, especially for school-age children who might not see a doctor otherwise. Additional hours of operation should be added, especially on evenings and Saturdays, to meet increased demand and parent working hours. Elmhurst Hospital, an HHC facility located outside of the CB5Q area, has a very good reputation for a City Hospital. This standing is even more impressive when one considers the diverse ethnic make-up of the people served at this hospital. Quality care and renovations at Elmhurst Hospital are very important to all of Queens. While Wyckoff Heights Medical Center and St. John's Hospital had been the primary health sites for CB5Q area residents, we are in their catchment area and are dependent upon this hospital's emergency room in critical times. The closures in 2009 of both St. John's Queens Hospital and Mary Immaculate Hospital could severely hurt health care in Queens. Every effort should be made to re-establish these hospitals as medical facilities, if doing so as hospitals is cost-prohibitive. Bureau of Pest Control inspection and extermination services are an important priority. With as many or more rats in the City as people, it is very short-sighted and potentially dangerous to fund this arm of the Health Department at such low levels.

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

The neighborhoods of Community District 5, Queens have a very large senior citizen population and many of these seniors are living into their late seventies and eighties. As a result, there is more of a need than ever for "Meals on Wheels", transportation and other services for the frail elderly. Congregate meals programs continue to be important, so that seniors get to socialize, exercise and receive good hot meals. Caregiver Programs that give comfort and free time to family members who care for frail seniors are also very important, especially considering how these family members have saved government so much cost of nursing homes and other types of formal care. Alzheimer's Programs are a critical need, as seniors are living well into their eighties. Housing for seniors is another important need. Well-supervised nursing homes, where background checks are done to prevent abuse of senior citizen residents, is essential.



Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

The homeless population in New York City and the lack of affordable housing for many New Yorkers is a serious concern. Yet, any plans to build large facilities to warehouse the homeless or to pack homeless people into hotels is unwise. There are still a large number of vacant buildings and lots, where residents without homes can have a place to live. This requires renovation and new construction. Why not hire professionals to teach people who are without a stable place to live to renovate and/or build housing for themselves? This would provide more housing at lower cost while teaching people a skill at the same time. Providing rent subsidies through thoughtful, carefully run programs to those who are at risk of becoming homeless, or those individuals already struggling to live in the homeless shelter system, is likely one of the best solutions to housing the homeless and those at risk of homelessness. Rent subsidies need to be combined with quality counseling, education, employment, substance abuse prevention/intervention services and mental health services if those at risk are to be really helped now and for the longer term.

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

Responsible provisions for those in need is important in a civilized, overly competitive society. While the number of people in NYC receiving public assistance has been reduced in recent years, the societal safety net is important. Too many people are unemployed, under employed and lack education levels and skills necessary to obtain a job in which they earn enough to pay for food, and housing, medical insurance, doctor visits, clothing, utilities and other basic needs. The loss of manufacturing jobs in the USA has meant that opportunities are lacking. In too many situations, jobs have been transferred by USA companies to other countries, where work environments are unhealthy, unsafe, and where workers, some as young as teens are earning \$1. an hour, working 16 hours a day (I.E. Apple Products made at Foxcon) and sleeping in barracks like conditions. It would be better for the people of the USA, and cities like New York if companies and their stockholders were much less greedy. Manufacturing jobs should at long last be brought back to the USA, so that our citizens can be gainfully employed and people paid a living wage for their efforts. In the great majority of cases, crime , despair , substance abuse and mental health problems are highest in those communities where unemployment and underemployment is all too much the norm. The bottom line is that, for too long, increased corporate profits may have meant more income for some but has reduced opportunities for the great majority of our people. This is becoming more and more of a national security issue. Food stamps, housing subsidies and medicaid are essential for far too many, and need to be provided for those truly in need. This need would be greatly diminished if manufacturing employment was brought back to the USA. Another problem is that in too many cases skilled jobs may be available (i.e. construction, plumbing, electrical), but there are not enough people with the necessary skills to fill these employment opportunities. Employment training, with a priority in marketable fields, is very important. Sadly, many of the most vulnerable residents are senior citizens, who are faced with soaring housing expenses, and too often have to chose between paying for essential medicines instead of healthy food and other necessities. Safeguarding at-risk elderly citizens is vital in a civilized society.

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
7/25	DFTA	<i>Services for homebound older adults</i>	<i>Other services for homebound older adults programs</i>	
15/25	HRA	<i>Homelessness prevention programs</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs</i>	
18/25	DOHMH	<i>Animal and pest control services</i>	<i>Reduce rat populations</i>	
19/25	HHC	<i>Health care facilities</i>	<i>Other health care facilities requests</i>	<i>Ridgewood Medical Center 769 Onderdonk Avenue Block 3470, Lot 54</i>



Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Educational attainment

Far too many children and teens are performing below grade level in too many schools. What kind of a future will they have if they are not reasonably well educated, and at least secure a high school diploma? Not everyone is academically inclined, and many are much more interested in learning a skill (i.e. Electrical, plumbing, carpentry), but without at least a high school diploma obtaining any employment paying a living wage is very difficult. Young people need to prize learning more, but many of their influences are negative like music, movies and television that promote disrespect instead of learning. After school tutoring programs have been one of the best services that help children and teens to learn in a smaller setting & boost their confidence.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Overcrowding in our local schools has become a great concern throughout Community School District 24, of which the communities of CB5 Queens are a major part. Historically, Community School District 24 has been among the most overcrowded in the City. While this is not true in all neighborhoods, it has certainly been a problem in the Ridgewood community. In the past year, we have seen the completion of two new public schools in Ridgewood, one on Metropolitan Avenue at Tonsor Street, P.S. 290; and another one on Seneca Avenue at DeKalb Avenue, P.S. 320. In the past 5 years we have also seen the completion of two new schools at PS 128 and another at PS 305, as well as school additions at I.S. 77, P.S. 49, P.S. 87 and P.S. 113. A new high school opened on Metropolitan Avenue, east of Woodhaven Boulevard, in September, 2010. Because of the need for additional space for high school students, construction of a new high school on 74 Street at 57 Avenue, in Maspeth, for 1,100 students, was completed in September 2012. Considering the need for high school education locally, CB5Q requests that a new high school be constructed at 78-16 Cooper Avenue, in Glendale, Queens. The Department of Education plans to construct new schools, mini-schools and school additions are much needed, considering current and projected classroom overcrowding. The education of children, pre-teens and teenagers is suffering as attempts are made to teach in gyms and auditoriums. Plans for new schools should consider adjacent residential and business communities. In general, the Mayor, elected officials and the NYC Department of Education must strategically prioritize the provision of adequate learning space and the ongoing, regular repair and maintenance of educational facilities.

Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

There are few issues in life that are more upsetting and more alarming than children being abused, especially by their parents or a family member. The fact that there are 55,000 cases of child abuse or neglect annually in N.Y. City indicates the enormous pressure on the Administration for Children's Services to intervene, to safeguard the well-being and life of children and teenagers. The immediate priority is that there are enough competent case workers and supervisors to respond to reports of abuse or neglect and to provide ongoing case monitoring. Education in parenting is lacking and an important need to fulfill, especially related to the responsibilities of fatherhood. Recruiting and securing commitments from caring foster care parents is very important.



Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

Those of us who have provided for the educational and recreational needs of children and teenagers, after school and on weekends, know that a dangerous number of young people, unhappy at home and without parental supervision and nurture, need positive outlets so that they have a chance to succeed and avoid delinquency. Programs offered by caring, not-for-profit, community-based organizations include after school tutoring/homework assistance, after school/evening recreation, truancy prevention/work experience and summer camp. The great majority of these programs are critically needed, well run and cost effective. Far too many children and teens are reading below grade level. More and more of these young people, who are our future leaders, get little attention at home. Single parents and families having two working parents have difficulty supervising their children. Too often, the consequences are criminal. Considering the troubling times presented to children and teens, it is irresponsible for the City and State to reduce funding for local youth programs that are well run. One of the prime reasons for the reduction in crime in NY City, since the late 1980s, is that many more positive, growth promoting after school, evening and weekend youth programs have been funded and have been well run.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
11/36	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing high school</i>	<i>78-16 Cooper Avenue Block 3803, Lot 14</i>
27/36	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school</i>	<i>I.S. 93-Q 66-56 Forest Avenue Block 3490, Lot 1</i>

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
5/25	DYCD	<i>After school programs</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)</i>	
23/25	ACS	<i>Foster care and child welfare</i>	<i>Other foster care and child welfare requests</i>	



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

While crime has been reduced greatly in NYC during the past 2 decades, our 104th Police Precinct officers and supervisors are very busy answering 911 calls on the 4pm-Midnights Tour and the Midnights to 8am Tour. We must be careful not to get too comfortable with crime being reduced, since matters can change all too soon. One serious concern is that there are currently only 111 Police Officers, exclusive of Supervisors, working in the 104 Police Precinct. A serious concern, which is not one of the 7 major crime categories, is how often Police need to respond to situations related to the possibility of domestic violence. Other problems, which Police often can't give sufficient attention to, is how many drivers are speeding and not giving pedestrians respect, and illegal truck traffic.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

Some capital improvements have been performed at the 104th Police Precinct, including: a new roof, boiler replacement, plumbing system upgrades, renovation of locker rooms, bathrooms and a new assembly room. Additional improvements needed are: new windows, additional electrical upgrades to support central air conditioning, new flooring, new computers, and ongoing upgrades to the telephone/communications system. Crime may be down on paper, but violent crime, robbery and quality of life remain the first concern of most New Yorkers. Our communities of Ridgewood, Maspeth, Middle Village and Glendale had witnessed much more lawless behavior until recent years. Efforts to win the crime war have included, acquiring the Robbery Identification Unit at the 104th Precinct, advocacy for more police officers and communities working with those police officers, removal of a great deal of graffiti from buildings, and providing after school and weekend education, sports and recreation programs. Once known as the "country club", the 104th Precinct, by 1991, awoke to the facts of 1,000 robberies and more than 4,000 auto thefts per annum. And we live in some of the better city neighborhoods. The residents of the Community Board 5, Queens area need the following resources and the police cooperation to effectively fight crime in the areas served by the 104th Precinct:

- 170 Police Officers; 24 Sergeants; 7 Lieutenants; 2 Captains
- Robbery ID Unit, considering Bushwick border and commercial areas
- A well run Precinct Detective Unit
- Sufficient, well conditioned cars, scooters, bicycles, 4-wheel drive vehicles and vans for Police to effectively patrol.
- Better attentiveness to juvenile crime
- Stiff prison sentences for the most violent criminals and more structured detention for auto thieves, pickpockets and substance abusers
- Long-term prison sentences for those convicted of dealing in quantities of heroin, crack and other hard drugs
- Attention to the physical condition of the 104th Police Precinct and the morale of the officers, who do not work in the most enviable conditions

Illegal truck traffic continues to create havoc throughout our city. This problem needs more attention from the NYPD, DOT and other responsible agencies.



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

The condition of buildings that serve Fire Department Engine Companies and Ladder Companies is critical. An example of problems that can arise from lack of capital improvement to fire houses has been seen most recently when the fire companies located at the house on Grand Avenue, just west of Queens Boulevard in Elmhurst, had to be relocated. It is imperative that capital improvements to the structures and apparatus floors of all fire houses be performed expeditiously, based on problems reported by engine and ladder companies and inspections done by qualified engineers. Regular ongoing replacement of Engine Company and Ladder Company fire fighting vehicles must be a City priority. To our knowledge, funding was available to provide Fire Department apparatus with exhaust connections that are state of the art, to provide minimal danger to firefighters' health in the fire houses. It is critical that these new exhaust connections be installed, and maintained, in all fire houses. Professional fire protection is absolutely essential in urban areas. The risk of reduced services in the Fire Department can be disastrous. Those living in Ridgewood and adjacent communities remember well when the nearby Bushwick, Brooklyn community was devastated by fire in the 1970's. Fire Prevention is an important concern. With the growing number of illegal occupancies in residential buildings, it is more important that the Fire Department play a greater role in curbing this problem. Often times a Building Department or Housing inspector cannot gain access to a building that has one or more illegal apartments, but access will less likely be refused to firefighters. There are also serious concerns about reductions in the number of firefighters that go out on each run to a fire scene, both planned and reductions that have already occurred (roster manning). This can endanger the public as well as the firefighters. Emergency Medical Services (Ambulances) are a top priority of the members of Community Board 5, Queens. The time that it takes for an ambulance to get a person to the emergency room of a hospital can be the difference in life and death. Well trained EMS workers and properly maintained ambulances are of the utmost importance. We have been most fortunate to have the Ridgewood, Middle Village and Glendale Volunteer Ambulance Corps working in cooperation with EMS

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
32/36	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</i>	<i>104 Police Precinct 64-02 Catalpa Avenue Block 3632, Lot 1</i>

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/25	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	
6/25	FDNY	<i>FDNY programs and staffing</i>	<i>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</i>	
17/25	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Other NYPD staff resources requests</i>	
22/25	FDNY	<i>FDNY facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests</i>	



Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Sewer capacity

There has been extensive street and basements flooding in portions of District 5, Queens, during heavy rains. Considering ongoing environmental pressures globally and in the USA, where we have witnessed more violent weather in recent years, infrastructure upgrades are vital. On 8/8/2007, for instance, we had 4 plus inches of rain locally in 45 minutes. On 8/15/2012, we were flooded with 3 inches of storm water in just 30 minutes. As a result, significant parts of Maspeth, Middle Village & Glendale were overwhelmed by flooding. With forecasts of continued global warming, we better be well prepared.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Every effort must be made to maintain the high quality of the drinking water available to NY City residents. Travelling to other localities, City residents can take pride in the fact that they can still "turn on the tap" and pour an excellent glass of drinking water. Completion of the Third Water Tunnel and the system that will bring water from this tunnel to residents and businesses is very important. Many of us are fearful of plans for hydrofracking in New York State, which could have disastrous effects on our prized drinking water and environment. The effects of this high volume deep drilling for energy sources has ruined the environment severely in other states. Hydrofracking plans may pose one of the greatest threats to our environment in our lifetime. Thank goodness fracking is now banned in N.Y. State. While the water system in our City is quite good, the sewer system is another matter entirely. Cave-in conditions on local streets and main arteries are very often caused by sewer line breaks or problems with manhole structures. Sunken and broken corner catch basins can go unrepaired for months at a time. The Community Board consistently reports clogged catch basins and sewer lines that need to be cleaned and flushed. The City must make the repair of broken sewer lines and catch basins a significant priority, and catch basin cleaning needs to be performed expeditiously. Personnel to perform this work must be hired. Efforts to get the public and businesses to stop littering and dumping into catch basins are important. Air pollution and noise pollution are important concerns as well. Part of the solution is enforcement. Street tree plantings are a great means to reduce air pollution. An excellent public transit system is another important means of reducing air pollution (train service). Ongoing efforts are needed for building owners to upgrade to less polluting heating systems. We also need to have stringent regulations for truck emissions, as we do for our motor vehicles.



Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Illegal dumping has become a terrible problem in our communities - one of the primary reasons that businesses, especially manufacturers and distributors, have left the City for so called greener pastures. Thankfully, the Queens District 5 Sanitation force has done a great deal to get dumping locations cleaned as expeditiously as possible, given fairly limited resources. Sanitation Police 'stake-outs' of dumping sites must be a priority. Littering has also become a growing menace, as has the preponderance of residents who feel free to dump their household trash in and around the City litter baskets. The reason that Community Boards are consistently requesting that catch basins be cleaned and sewer lines flushed, in so many locations, is the degree of littering done in the catch basin and on the street. For the most part, refuse and recycling collection is consistent and respectful in QW5. Snow removal had been quite efficient during the storms of recent years, but there were potentially serious snow accumulations that went unaddressed for days during the winter of 2015/2016. Mechanical broom sweeping of Ridgewood, parts of Maspeth and Glendale, along with the help of caring residents, keeps the area reasonably clean except where illegal dumping and litter occurs. Collection of sanitation litter baskets, on our busy commercial strips, needs to be performed 7 days a week. Recycling at schools is where many problems are caused in the community. Bagged food cans and other recyclables can't be stored in schools, so custodial staff put the bags on the sidewalks adjacent to the schools, causing an eyesore and encouraging illegal dumping. The Sanitation Department needs to schedule pick-ups for recyclables at many schools daily. Five-Day-A-Week School Garbage Collection is a top priority for District 5, in Queens. The QW5 area is still plagued with illegal dumping, primarily in out of the way areas (adjacent to the LIRR/CSX, and where industry must flourish). The Sanitation Department has successfully worked to diminish this once overwhelming scourge, but too often QW5 staff must return time after time to clean-out dump sites. Too many of the people living in New York are abusing our city and this needs to change. Sanitation Police must give more priority to 'staking-out' dumping sites, seizing vehicles, incarcerating dumpers, and publicizing the names of those convicted in major media.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/36	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	
2/36	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	
7/36	DSNY	<i>Garbage collection and recycling infrastructure</i>	<i>Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests</i>	
14/36	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Build new, expand or repair sanitary sewers</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/25	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Other sewer maintenance requests</i>	
4/25	DSNY	<i>Street and lot cleaning</i>	<i>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</i>	
8/25	DSNY	<i>Garbage collection and recycling</i>	<i>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions</i>	
13/25	DSNY	<i>Sanitation Enforcement</i>	<i>Other enforcement requests</i>	
20/25	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Other sewer maintenance requests</i>	



Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Unemployment/ Underemployment

Employment is essential, if adults are to be capable of paying for food, housing, clothing, utilities and other essentials, and, of course, the development of quality businesses is vital so that those who are not the entrepreneurs have a place to earn a living. There is much to be said of idleness being the devil's workshop. Efforts to give teens and young adults learning and skill opportunities, so that they can be gainfully employed, is critical. Contextural zoning changes have safeguarded our communities from overdevelopment. Affordable housing, especially for renters, is a growing problem, most recently in Ridgewood where "runners" are reportedly getting landlords to sell primarily 6 family houses, so that renovations can be made and rents can often unfairly be doubled.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

One of biggest risks locally has become large party venues trying to open in buildings zoned for manufacturing. At 52-19 Flushing Av., in Maspeth, the property owner had applied for a cabaret liquor license to serve up to 5,000 patrons, at a large site that provided manufacturing employment for many years. Preliminary plans by the City Council and Mayor to safeguard manufacturing districts from these party place assaults need to become law. We have worked diligently with civic leaders and the Dept. of City Planning, during the past 15 years, to safeguard the character of the Ridgewood, Maspeth, Middle Village and Glendale communities. Our communities needed protection from overdevelopment, which was accomplished. The great majority of the Community Board 5, Queens area has obtained contextural zoning designations.

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

Affordable housing is more at risk than anytime in decades, especially in the Ridgewood, Queens community. There is a growing, greedy trend for the price of 6 family houses and multiple dwellings generally to be bid up by speculators. "Runners", representing clandestine investors, are reportedly getting more and more property owners to sell buildings, at inflated prices, by forcing long-time tenants out and/or buying them out. Once the apartments can be renovated, our knowledge is that the property owner can recoup their investment in just 40 months and the tenant's rent can rise deplorably from \$1,000. monthly to more than double that.



Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Probably the major reason that New York City has had significant problems balancing a budget revolves around the fact that manufacturing and non-service employment has declined astronomically during the past several decades. With this decline in manufacturing and non-service employment related jobs, the number of residents receiving public assistance had risen to alarming heights. The current administration should focus on job development and bring manufacturing back to our City. All too often, we hear about how the City has virtually given-up on the manufacturing sector to boost employment and the tax-base. This effort will no doubt require a great deal of cooperation with Federal and State government, but must be done. Community Board 5, Queens, in July, 2013, overwhelmingly voted in favor of a Proposed Industrial Business Zone (IBZ) in the Ridgewood area, South of Myrtle Avenue, that is zoned M1-4 and M1-4D. This IBZ has been approved, and implementation of this IBZ designation should help to stabilize and increase manufacturing locally, with good marketing and coordination. In District 5, Queens, we once had one of the largest concentrations of knitting mills in the United States. The knitting industry has historically been associated with the Ridgewood community. Locally, this very important industry has declined, but with the proper support, the garment manufacturing business in Ridgewood and other communities can flourish once again. The West Maspeth Industrial Area is also very important to the community and our City. Retention of industry in this section of our community has always been a priority of Community Board 5. We have shown our commitment by consistently pushing for improved roadway and sewer conditions in this section of the community. There are four major commercial streets in the Community Board 5, Queens area. Myrtle Avenue in Ridgewood and Glendale stretches from the Brooklyn border all the way to Cooper Avenue. Myrtle Avenue has seen a resurgence in recent years, thanks in large part to the efforts of the Ridgewood Local Development Corporation and the establishment of the Myrtle Avenue Business Improvement District, from Wyckoff Avenue to Fresh Pond Road, in Ridgewood. Grand Avenue in Maspeth, Fresh Pond Road in Ridgewood and Metropolitan Avenue in Middle Village are also important commercial strips.

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/25	DOB	<i>Building code and zoning enforcement</i>	<i>Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)</i>	
16/25	HPD	<i>Housing oversight and emergency programs</i>	<i>Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations</i>	
25/25	HPD	<i>Housing oversight and emergency programs</i>	<i>Other housing oversight and emergency programs</i>	



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Traffic safety

In a society where moving large numbers of people is so vital, public transportation, roads and bridges must be priorities. Traffic safety applies to each of these priorities in a broad sense, and, specifically related to the motor vehicle, our Community Board must consistently request safety studies at street intersections to safeguard pedestrians and attempt to calm motor vehicle operators.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

The following are or should be priorities of the NYC/DOT:

- Allocate adequate resources for Traffic Safety Studies, installation of All-Way Stops, One-Ways, Warning Signage, Traffic Signals, and Speed Bumps.
- Doubling from one to two daily, the number of crews Queens Division of Road Repair sends out to repair serious roadway defects and pot holes.
- Having Arterial Highways free of dangerous conditions and cleaned.
- Make Roadway Resurfacing an on-going priority so as to greatly reduce the roads "rated 5 or worse".
- Improve Bridge Maintenance so that costly replacement does not become imminent.
- Provide adequate numbers of Traffic Control Agents (NYPD) assigned to bridge entry points and other congested areas (especially major construction detour routes).
- Reducing truck traffic problems throughout our City.

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Ongoing Rehabilitation of our public transit system is critical to the health and vitality of the City of New York. If not for our extensive subway and elevated train line service, air pollution would be much worse and street traffic even more hazardous and gridlocked. Track beds, rails, signal systems, elevated line supports, platforms and stations must be upgraded, rehabilitated and maintained on an ongoing basis. The BMT-M elevated train line, the BMT-L and IND lines are the trains that primarily serve residents of the CB5 area. Specific capital improvement needs include:

- Reconstruct DeKalb Avenue, Halsey Street and Jefferson Street Train Stations (BMT-L Line). Only the Halsey Street Train Station is in Queens, but many of our Ridgewood residents either use these stations, or would use them, if they were not so deteriorated and if they were more inviting. An elevator is needed at the busy DeKalb Avenue station.
- Improve Myrtle/Wyckoff Transit Hub (to include overdue painting of the M Train Structure to prevent deterioration). There had been a great need for extensive Reconstruction of the BMT-L and BMT-M Train Transit Hub at Myrtle and Wyckoff Avenues, which had not been improved in decades. The long-awaited station reconstruction project finally began in 2005, and was completed in 2008. Unfortunately, nothing has been done to paint the elevated M Train structure, which is needed to prevent further deterioration and to enhance the M Line and station aesthetics. We have also seen the completion of a project for increased street lighting, a canopy for waiting bus riders and other improvements along Palmetto Street between Myrtle Avenue and St. Nicholas Avenue. This Intermodal Project is 95% complete. This section of Palmetto Street is an integral part of the Myrtle/Wyckoff Transit Hub, where many City buses pick up and drop off commuters, as their first and last stop on the bus route. Other important needs regarding public transportation include:
- Replace air-polluting diesel engine buses with new cleaner fuel and/or hybrid buses.
- Ongoing upgrades to train tracks, signal systems and switching systems.

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
4/36	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Grand Ave 69th Street LIE Eastbound Service Road
5/36	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	M line Wyckoff Ave Metropolitan Avenue
12/36	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	
13/36	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	Edsall Avenue 71 Place 73 Place
15/36	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	Metropolitan Avenue Aubrey Avenue Woodhaven Boulevard
17/36	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	Myrtle Avenue Fresh Pond Road Wyckoff Avenue
19/36	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	Wyckoff Avenue Flushing Avenue Cooper Avenue
21/36	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Other transit infrastructure requests	
22/36	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Rehabilitate bridges	Grand Street 47 Street Gardner Avenue
23/36	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	Fresh Pond Road Metropolitan Avenue Myrtle Avenue
25/36	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Rehabilitate bridges	71st Avenue and LIRR Bridges
26/36	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Myrtle Avenue Fresh Pond Road 82 Street
28/36	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	Palmetto Street St. Nicholas Avenue Forest Avenue
29/36	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	75th Street Eliot Avenue Juniper Boulevard North
30/36	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Rehabilitate bridges	80 street cooper Avenue 78 Avenue
34/36	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Union Turnpike Woodhaven Boulevard Myrtle Avenue
CS	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Rehabilitate bridges	Metropolitan Avenue Fresh Pond Road 62 Street



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Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
10/25	DOT	<i>Traffic and traffic flow</i>	<i>Other traffic improvements requests</i>	
11/25	DOT	<i>Traffic and traffic flow</i>	<i>Other traffic improvements requests</i>	
24/25	DOT	<i>Traffic and traffic flow</i>	<i>Other traffic improvements requests</i>	



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Quality of parks and park facilities

In an increasingly crowded city, where the great majority of those less affluent or economically struggling do not have access to outdoor space, it is very important to have public parks that are in good physical condition, that are well maintained, inviting and that are respected by users.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

The condition of community parks and respect for parks and playgrounds is a vital need in a crowded city, where so many do not have access to outdoor space. In recent years, more parks are being reconstructed or upgraded, but many parks improvements have been capital budget priorities for many years prior to physical improvements beginning. Ongoing park reconstruction and renovation projects are needed to address deteriorated conditions, and to make parks more inviting to good residents. Parks are especially important to the positive development of children and teenagers physically, and, at least as important socially and psychologically. Street tree plantings are needed to reduce air pollution, street heat and greatly beautify city streets and parks properties. Good trees maintenance is vital to prevent dangerous conditions, and to keep trees healthy.

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

Although in District 5, Queens, we have few cultural facilities other than the Onderdonk House on Flushing Avenue, in Ridgewood, the great majority of us realize the importance of quality culture in an age when there are so many negative influences in music, movies and other so called modern culture mediums.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

Local libraries are an excellent source of learning and provide important information on a extensive range of subjects. Every effort should be made to upgrade libraries physically, to market the good that libraries have to offer (especially for children and teens), and to promote learning and research outside of the often regular, boring school day setting. As a society, we need to make learning much more cool or hot with young people, since there are too many entertainment distractions.

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

Staff members at Community Boards, with the possible exception of District Managers, are often struggling economically. Many of them have worked diligently for more than a decade toward the stabilization of communities throughout NY City. I would like to see community boards receive a budget increase to give well deserved merit increases to deserving Board staff, many of who earn less than \$50,000. for full time work and then some.

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Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/36	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Plant new street trees	
6/36	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Highland Park's Ridgewood Reserv
8/36	QL	Library facilities, equipment and	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Glendale Library 78-60 73 Place
9/36	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	New Athletic Field 58-26 47 Street
10/36	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Juniper Valley Park
16/36	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Dry Harbor Playground
18/36	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Francis J. Principe Park
20/36	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rosemary's Playground
24/36	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	
31/36	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Evergreen Park-Playground
33/36	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
35/36	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Juniper Valley Park
36/36	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility	

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
9/25	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	
12/25	QL	Library facilities, equipment and	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	
14/25	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Provide better park maintenance	
21/25	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	

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1/36	DEP	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>Redesign and Reconstruct Sewer System in Portions of the CB5Q Area. After heavy rains, CB5Q has received complaints of extensive street flooding & basement sewer backups in many parts of our communities. Aged sewer lines likely need to be replaced, enlarged or realigned to reduce flooding and resulting property damage. We look forward to completion of funded sewer projects in the Penelope Avenue area, in Middle Village, and along parts of 69 Street and Calamus Avenue, on the Woodside/Maspeth border. Our primary need now is solutions to reported sewer backups and street flooding in the Cooper Avenue area and in the 77 Avenue and 78 Avenue areas of Glendale. We thank NYC DEP and DDC for their efforts toward the start of building a better sewer system.</i>		<i>Glendale Property Owners Association</i>
2/36	DEP	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>Reconstruct Deteriorated Catch Basins and Provide New Catch Basins in the Community Board 5Q Area. There is an increasing need to replace deteriorated brick catch basins with pre-cast concrete structures. We have had many catch basins that have adjacent cave-in conditions, and/or where the structure is sunken. There is an on-going need for new catch basins to reduce street flooding during rainstorms. For example, there is a real need for basins to be installed in Edsall Avenue, from 71 Place to 73 Street, in Glendale.</i>		<i>Glendale Property Owners Civic Association; Ridgewood Property Owners Civic Association</i>
3/36	DPR	<i>Plant new street trees</i>	<i>Provide New Street Tree Plantings and Provide Funding for Dead Tree Removals, Stump Removals, and for Planting Replacement Trees, Especially Considering Losses from the 2010 Macrobust, 2011 Hurricane Irene and 2012 Hurricane Sandy. The tornado that devastated portions of the CB5Q area on 9/16/2010 resulted in the loss of several hundred trees. Ongoing funding is needed for new street tree plantings, for the replacement of dead trees and the removal of street tree stumps. Hurricane Irene uprooted many additional trees. CB5Q has, for decades, pushed for new street tree plantings. Street trees reduce air pollution, asthma and other respiratory problems, and beautify city streets.</i>		<i>Ridgewood Property Owners & Civic Association; Glendale Property Owners Association</i>

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4/36	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Make Capital Improvements to Enhance Pedestrian and Vehicle Safety on Grand Avenue at 69 Street, at the Grand Ave/LIE Eastbound Service Road, and at the 69 Street/LIE Service Road Intersection in Maspeth. Studies have been conducted but physical safety improvements have not been performed to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety at several Maspeth intersections. Funding is needed to physically improve safety conditions at these critical intersections. Pedestrians are especially at risk. We look forward to NYC DOT taking a leadership role to enhance pedestrian and motorist safety in the Grand Avenue/69 Street area of Maspeth, especially considering the Mayor's emphasis to greatly reduce traffic fatalities and serious injury.	Grand Ave 69th Street LIE Eastbound Service Road	Maspeth Chamber of Commerce
5/36	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Evaluate the Structural Condition of the Elevated "M" Train Line in the CB5Q Area, Perform Repairs and Paint the Structure from Wyckoff Avenue to Metropolitan Avenue. The elevated "M" Train structure is unsightly in our Community Board 5 area, from Wyckoff Avenue to Fresh Pond Road. The structure itself needs to be evaluated for necessary repairs and must be painted, to prevent physical deterioration and to reduce the appearance of decay. The "M" train is our backbone in the NYC public transit system.	M line Wyckoff Ave Metropolitan Avenue	Ridgewood Local Development Corp.; Ridgewood Property Owners & Civic Assoc.
6/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate Ridgewood Reservoir - Phase 2 - and Surrounding Area, including Portions of Highland Park. This request is for the rehabilitation of the old pump house, or construction of a new building to serve as an Environmental Center with bathrooms at the Ridgewood Reservoir site. This reservoir is the closest place to a nature preserve anywhere near the Board 5 Queens area. We are also requesting that funding be allocated to reconstruct ball fields in Highland Park, as Board 5 Queens has opposed development of reservoir basins for ball fields or other active recreational uses. Under the Phase 1 Project, new lighting, fencing and pathways around the Reservoir were completed last year. Residents are now enjoying this gem of nature, after decades of decay.	Highland Park's Ridgewood Reserv	Ridgewood Property Owners Civic Assoc.; Liberty Park Homeowners Assoc.

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7/36	DSNY	<i>Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Repower Polluting Stage Zero Freight Engines Hauling NYC Municipal Waste Through District 5, Queens. The use of freight rail has increased tremendously in recent years, but the communities of Glendale, Middle Village, Ridgewood and Maspeth have suffered as a result. NYC Sanitation is a main freight rail customer. Conditions are compounded as the amount of NYC municipal waste planned for freight transport is scheduled to grow greatly, with the current expansion of the Review Avenue Transfer Facility in the CB2Q area. This request is for the repowering or replacement of the very old stage zero locomotives, leased by NY and Atlantic Railway from the LIRR/MTA. These locomotives are polluting our communities for too long.</i>		<i>Civics United for Railroad Environmental Solutions (CURES); Glendale Property Owners Association</i>
8/36	QL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Rehabilitate the Glendale Branch Library. This local library project includes the need for an elevator or other means of handicapped access; new windows, new boiler and air conditioning system, new doors, faade restoration including pointing of bricks, reconfiguration of the adult and teen reading rooms on the first floor and mezzanine, and restoration of the Tuscan garden and outdoor reading room. A Phase I project is funded to install an elevator, provide some other upgrades to the front entry area on 73 Place, and for renovating the main floor section of the library. We are grateful that this much sought project should begin by Spring, 2016. A Phase II project is requested to point the brick building and for other needed improvements not covered under Phase I.</i>	<i>Glendale Library 78-60 73 Place</i>	<i>Glendale Property Owners Association; Council Member Elizabeth Crowley</i>
9/36	DPR	<i>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</i>	<i>Construct an Athletic Field at the Planned NYC DEP Newtown Creek Aeration Facility Property. The NYC DEP plans to build an aeration facility at 58-26 47 Street, in Maspeth, Queens, to improve Newtown Creek water quality. Local soccer advocates request that the land owned by N.Y. City, adjacent to the planned aeration facility, be developed as an athletic field because there is a shortage of sites where soccer can be safely played.</i>	<i>New Athletic Field 58-26 47 Street</i>	<i>Blau Weiss Gottschee Soccer Organization; Saint Stans Sports Association</i>

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10/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide Replacement of the Synthetic Turf Soccer/Football Field, and the Running Track, at the West End of Juniper Valley Park in Middle Village. Both the turf soccer/football field and the running track at the west end of Juniper Valley Park are past their 10 year useful life, and need to be replaced. The turf field is more deteriorated than the running track, and both the field and the running track get extensive use by residents from numerous communities. Soccer has become extremely popular with children, teens and young adults. The Blau Weiss Gottscheer Soccer group, and others, need a new playing surface for safer play.	Juniper Valley Park	Blau Weiss Gottscheer Soccer League; Juniper Park Civic Association
11/36	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	Construct New School Space, Where Needed, in the Community Board 5, Queens Area, Including a New High School at 78-16 Cooper Avenue in Glendale, Queens. Construction of additional classroom space for children and teenagers, residing in the CB5Q area, has been essential to relieve school overcrowding. The CB5Q area is part of Community School District 24, which is often the most overcrowded school district in N.Y. City. There are a shortage of opportunities in our area and in Queens to attend a good high school.	78-16 Cooper Avenue Block 3803, Lot 14	Council Member Elizabeth Crowley; Local Civic Organizations
12/36	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct South Middle Village Streets (HWQ 708). This long awaited project had been scheduled for FY 2013, but has been pushed back to 2022. We must continue to advocate for the project to be moved up. As a short term measure, 73rd Place was resurfaced from Metropolitan Ave to 70 Ave., as were several other area roadways. This areawide project will include replacement of water mains, sewer lines, sidewalks, curbs, street lighting and roadway reconstruction of all streets in area bordered by Metropolitan Ave to the north, the LIRR and Cooper Ave. No. Service Rd to the South, 80 Street to the east and 73 Place on the west, not including Metropolitan Ave & 80 Street.		Middle Village Property Owners Assoc.

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13/36	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Edsall Avenue from 71 Place to 73 Place in Glendale. Edsall Avenue has extensive ponding conditions because of a poor roadway surface, no sewer line or catch basins and there isn't any curbing on the north side of this street. Rainwater lays in the Roadway, between 71 Place and 72 Place, for many days after even moderate rain. This promotes unhealthy conditions. This street needs to be reconstructed with a new sewer line, catch basins, curbing and a new roadway surface.	Edsall Avenue 71 Place 73 Place	Glendale Property Owners Association
14/36	DEP	Build new, expand or repair sanitary sewers	Continue a Comprehensive Study of the Sewer System in the Community Board 5Q Area and Throughout Queens County, Considering Excessive Street and Household Flooding Problems and Anticipating Future Growth. A thorough sewer system study, including analysis of flow patterns to treatment plants, needs to proceed and be accomplished in the very near future so that street flooding and basement sewer backups can be greatly reduced. The sewer system links our communities with those of other community districts throughout Queens. Solutions to flooding are especially needed in the area of Cooper Avenue (btw 74 St and 78 St), and along 77 Avenue and 78 Avenue (btw 80 St and 88 St).		Glendale Property Owners Association; Middle Village Property Owners & Civic Association
15/36	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Extend Street/Roadway Widening Along the South Side of Metropolitan Avenue, from Woodhaven Boulevard to Aubrey Avenue in Glendale. Some roadway widening was done, just west of Woodhaven Boulevard, when Home Depot opened on the east side of the Boulevard. But more needs to be done to reduce the traffic back-ups, especially considering the commercial development at nearby Atlas Terminals. The need is even greater now that several large chain stores have opened and are prospering on Metropolitan Avenue, east of Woodhaven Blvd. In addition, the Metropolitan High School and an adjacent intermediate school have been in session for 4 years.	Metropolitan Avenue Aubrey Avenue Woodhaven Boulevard	Glendale Property Owners Association; Glendale Civic Association

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16/36	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Reconstruct Dry Harbor Playground, Glendale - Phase II, to Also Include Nearby Tunnel and Pathways Into Forest Park. This City park is located on Myrtle Avenue at 80 Street, and is the only park-playground for eastern Glendale. This Phase II request is for the rehabilitation of the asphalt softball field, including possible provision of recreational lighting; the park house/bathrooms rehabilitation; and improved fencing around the children's playground. The reconstruction of the children's playground was completed in Phase I. Funding is also needed to rehabilitate the tunnel and bicycle path under the Jackie Robinson Parkway and the connecting bicycle/golf cart pathway to its easterly connecting point of Forest Park Drive, including Drainage, signage and lighting improvements.</i>	<i>Dry Harbor Playground</i>	<i>Glendale Property Owners Association</i>
17/36	DOT	<i>Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps</i>	<i>Reconstruct Sidewalks, Curbs and Pedestrian Ramps Along Myrtle Avenue, from Fresh Pond Road to Wyckoff Avenue. Sidewalks, with brick pavers, along Myrtle Avenue in Ridgewood have deteriorated causing tripping hazards. One of the main problems has been tree roots lifting the bricks and the sidewalk flags. The last major improvement was in 1984/1985. This section of Myrtle Avenue receives extensive pedestrian traffic with people from Ridgewood and nearby communities shopping on Myrtle Avenue.</i>	<i>Myrtle Avenue Fresh Pond Road Wyckoff Avenue</i>	<i>Myrtle Avenue Business Improvement District; Ridgewood Local Development Corporation</i>
18/36	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Reconstruct Soft Surface Ball fields, Jogging Path and Add Security Lighting at Francis J. Principe Park in Maspeth. The existing dirt baseball fields at Principe Park (formerly Maurice Park), which were reconstructed in the mid-1990's, have deteriorated significantly. The jogging path around the ball fields is very narrow and there isn't any security lighting in this part of the park. These fields need to be reconstructed, and the best option for multiple sports use (such as baseball, soccer, football) is to install a safe artificial turf-type field surface which will give much better wear. This project is important as this park has the only soft surface ball fields in Maspeth or northern Ridgewood. This project is currently funded and we look forward to the start of construction.</i>	<i>Francis J. Principe Park</i>	<i>Blau Weiss Gottscheer Soccer League; Council Member Elizabeth Crowley</i>

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19/36	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Wyckoff Avenue, from Flushing Avenue to Cooper Avenue in Ridgewood (Queens and Brooklyn) - HWK 876. Wyckoff Avenue, on the Brooklyn-Queens border, is an important neighborhood artery with significant commercial development. This request is for reconstruction of the deteriorated roadway and sidewalks, installation of new sewer lines and water mains from Flushing Avenue to Cooper Avenue in Ridgewood. Part of Wyckoff Avenue is in the CB5Q area, and much of it is in Brooklyn Community District 4.	Wyckoff Avenue Flushing Avenue Cooper Avenue	Ridgewood Local Development Corporation
20/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Reconstruct Softball Field Area & Improve Children's Play Area at Rosemary's Playground, in Ridgewood. The asphalt softball field in Rosemary's Playground, located on Fairview Avenue between Woodbine Street and Madison Street, has not been resurfaced in many years. Funding is requested to resurface the asphalt softball field area, considering the possibility of safe synthetic surface installation to accommodate several sports. The children's play area is somewhat deteriorated and needs to be upgraded. This important park property is across the street from IS 93.	Rosemary's Playground	Ridgewood Property Owners Civic Association
21/36	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Reconstruct the DeKalb Avenue, Halsey Street and Jefferson Street Train Stations (BMT- L Line). Only the Halsey Street Train Station is in Queens, but many of our Ridgewood residents either use these stations, or would use them, if they were not so deteriorated and if they were more inviting. An elevator is needed at the busy DeKalb Avenue station. There is significant development along the Brooklyn/Queens border, which has brought an increase in train ridership to these stations. We are informed that, in 2012, the Halsey St. station had the largest percentage growth in passengers of any "L" train stations.		Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Assn.; Ridgewood Local Development Corp.

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22/36	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	Replace the Grand Street Bridge over Newtown Creek Linking Maspeth, Queens and Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Due to the deteriorated conditions of this 2-lane bridge, which only worsened in the aftermath of Super Storm Sandy in 2012, and the increased vehicular traffic over this important bridge, replacement of the existing bridge over Newtown Creek in the Maspeth Industrial Area is needed. The Grand Street Bridge is too narrow to accommodate trucks and buses in opposite directions. Truckers and bus drivers have to wait for traffic to pass in the opposite direction, posing dangerous conditions and traffic delays.	Grand Street 47 Street Gardner Avenue	Maspeth Industrial Business Association
23/36	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Provide Traffic Facilitation Improvements and Reconstruct Fresh Pond Road, From Metropolitan Avenue to Myrtle Avenue in Ridgewood. Fresh Pond Road is a major north/south artery in the CB5Q area. This request includes planning/implementation of better traffic facilitation, by cutting into curb areas (where possible) to enable trucks and buses to get to the curb. For the short term, we had Fresh Pond Road resurfaced 6 years ago, thanks to Bureau of Highways efforts.	Fresh Pond Road Metropolitan Avenue Myrtle Avenue	Ridgewood Property Owners Civic Association
24/36	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Establish a Community/Recreation Center at a Site in Maspeth. The communities comprising District 5, Queens do not have a large public space, other than schools, for recreation and community activities. This request is to build a new facility in Maspeth, preferably on a vacant parcel of land.		
25/36	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	Reconstruct the LIRR and 71 st Avenue City Bridge Abutments Above the Cooper Avenue Underpass; and Paint the LIRR Bridge Reconstruction of the Cooper Avenue Underpass Retaining Walls has been completed (RWQ005), at a cost of more than \$6 million. Unfortunately, this retaining wall project did not include reconstruction of the bridge abutment, painting the LIRR bridge. There is a city vehicular bridge and an LIRR Montauk Line Bridge above Cooper Avenue, in the area of 76 Street, in Glendale. The LIRR bridge is an eyesore and needs to be repainted.	71st Avenue and LIRR Bridges	Glendale Property Owners Assoc.; Middle Village Property Owners Assoc.

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26/36	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Improve the Myrtle Avenue Commercial Strip (Fresh Pond Road to 82 Street) in Glendale Improvements needed include: replacement of damaged curbs and sidewalks, including traffic facilitation and pedestrian safety upgrades.	Myrtle Avenue Fresh Pond Road 82 Street	Ridgewood Local Development Corp.; Glendale Chamber of Commerce
27/36	DOE	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	Provide a New Elevator for the I.S. 93-Q Main School Building, located at 66-56 Forest Avenue in Ridgewood. There is no elevator in the main building of I.S. 93-Q. The building is 5 stories high. There are reportedly 125 documented cases of students with asthma in attendance at this school. There is no access for students, or their guardians, who are physically challenged.	I.S. 93-Q 66-56 Forest Avenue Block 3490, Lot 1	Ridgewood Property Owners Civic Association
28/36	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct Palmetto Street Between St. Nicholas Avenue and Seneca Avenue, and from Onderdonk Avenue to Forest Avenue, in Ridgewood. Palmetto Street serves as an important local artery, especially for numerous bus lines that take passengers to and from the Myrtle and Wyckoff Avenues Transit Hub. Engineered resurfacing at a minimum is needed along Palmetto Street, from St. Nicholas Avenue to Seneca Avenue, as the roadway is in disrepair. Street conditions are complicated by the fact that the pillars supporting the elevated "M" Train are located in the bed of the roadway. As a short term measure, NYC DOT Bureau of Highways crews strip paved portions of Palmetto Street during Autumn, 2012.	Palmetto Street St. Nicholas Avenue Forest Avenue	Ridgewood Local Development Corp.; Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Association
29/36	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruct 75th Street from Eliot Avenue to Juniper Boulevard North, in Middle Village. Although the bureau of Highways crews have resurfaced 75th Street in the past 8 years, it is quite evident that this street needs reconstruction. Due to extensive roadway and sidewalk settlement, resurfacing is but a short-term solution. The portion of the roadway adjacent to the Learning Tree Day Care Center is higher than the sidewalk, causing unhealthy water accumulation.	75th Street Eliot Avenue Juniper Boulevard North	Juniper Park Civic Association
30/36	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	Reconstruct and Widen the East Sidewalk of the 80th Street Bridge Over the LIRR in Glendale. Pedestrians have to walk a narrow sidewalk to get to and from the new Atlas Park Shopping Center. The roadway over the 80th Street Bridge in Glendale should be wide enough to allow sidewalk expansion, and reduce dangerous conditions for pedestrians.	80 street cooper Avenue 78 Avenue	Glendale Property Owners Association

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31/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Reconstruct Evergreen Park-Playground in Glendale-Phase II Located on St. Felix Avenue, between 60 Place and 60 Street in Glendale, construction is funded for the portion of the children's playground that has not been improved in decades. A Phase II project is needed to rehabilitate the asphalt softball field, and consideration should be seriously given to upgrading the ball field with a safe synthetic surface, which could be used for several sports. Soccer has become extremely popular, and organizations like the Blau Weiss Gottscheer Soccer group have numerous teams that have to travel far to play outdoor soccer. This park is located adjacent to P.S. 68.	Evergreen Park-Playground	Ridgewood Property Owners & Civic Association; Glendale Property Owners Association
32/36	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	Rehabilitate the 104th Police Precinct Station House Interior. The 104th Police Precinct station house is an old building and improvements needed include: new computers, ongoing upgrades to the telephone/communications system, painting the entire precinct, replacement of the precinct garage door, plumbing upgrades to correct leaks in the 2nd Floor bathroom and other locations and installation of central air conditioning.	104 Police Precinct 64-02 Catalpa Avenue Block 3632, Lot 1	Ridgewood Property Owners Civic Association; Juniper Park Civic Association
33/36	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide Funding for the Establishment of a Dog Run in District 5, Queens. Residents have advocated for the establishment of a more permanent dog run in Juniper Valley Park in Middle Village. Recent cost estimates are projected to be somewhere in the range of \$750,000. It is questionable whether there is sufficient open space to accommodate a dog run inside Juniper Valley Park since there are so many competing uses there including seven (7) ball fields, a running track, two (2) children's playgrounds, a football/soccer field, bocce, tennis and basketball courts, and a roller hockey rink, in addition to landscaped areas. The CB5Q Parks Committee has looked at possibilities for a dog run in this park and at other locations.		

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34/36	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Provide Decorative Street Lighting and Restore Deteriorated Curbing Along the Union Turnpike Mall, between Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue in Glendale, Which Was Recently Co-Named Frederick T. Haller, Jr. Way. Union Turnpike is a wide residential roadway, and is one of the gateways into CB5Q. Improvements needed include new curbing, tree root pruning, and new decorative street lighting. This project has been partially funded, and new pavement has been installed along the center median.	Union Turnpike Woodhaven Boulevard Myrtle Avenue	Glendale Property Owners Association; Glendale Civic Association of Queens
35/36	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Provide Toilet Facility in Area of Juniper Valley Park Bordered by 80th St, Dry Harbor Rd, Juniper Blvd So and Juniper Blvd No. This request would primarily benefit older people, who have difficulty walking quickly to the comfort station further west in this large park, when they need to use a restroom.	Juniper Valley Park	
36/36	DCLA	Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility	Provide Funding for Historic Restoration of St. Saviour's Church. Thanks to the efforts of community activists and elected officials, St. Savior's Church has been carefully taken apart and placed in storage. Funding is requested to reassemble this church at a new location, possibly on the grounds of All Faiths Cemetery in Middle Village, so that it can serve as a community cultural center.		Juniper Park Civic Association
CS	DOT	Rehabilitate bridges	Reconstruct the Metropolitan Avenue Bridge over the LIRR at Fresh Pond Road in Ridgewood. This vehicular bridge, located at a very busy intersection, must be structurally sound to allow on-going extensive use by tractor trailers, delivery trucks, emergency vehicles, buses and passenger vehicles. This vital roadway bridge is in unsatisfactory condition and is years overdue for replacement. We look forward to emergency bridge deck replacement, which is funded as an alternative to total reconstruction, beginning early in FY 2017.	Metropolitan Avenue Fresh Pond Road 62 Street	Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Association

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1/25	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Assign Additional Personnel for the 104th Police Precinct Patrol Force. Within the last 5 years, the patrol strength of the 104th Pct. has dropped under 130 officers. In 1995, there were approx. 200 officers, exclusive of sergeants & lieutenants for Ridgewood, Maspeth, Middle Village, and Glendale. At least 170 officers are needed for the 104th Pct., plus supervisors, to cope with robbery, burglary, violent crime, domestic violence threats, inadequate response times, speeding, auto theft and rowdy youth conditions often caused by substance abuse. The new Atlas Park Shopping Development, which opened in Spring 2006, has put additional pressure on our already overloaded precinct.		Numerous Local Civic Groups
2/25	DEP	Other sewer maintenance requests	Provide Field Workers for Bureau of Water and Sewer Operations. Field workers in sufficient numbers are needed to ensure that City water remains excellent; that catch basins are cleaned and repaired and sewer lines are flushed in a reasonable amount of time; that sewer backups and leaks are corrected expeditiously and that sewer repairs are performed in a timely manner. Currently, cave-in conditions in the road and adjacent to catch basins too often go unrepaired for months, presenting dangerous conditions.		Numerous Local Civics & Community Groups
3/25	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	Hire Inspectors and Plan Examiners, in Sufficient Numbers, to Cope with Illegal Uses of Property and Questionable Construction. A separate afternoon/evening and weekend inspection team of 10 inspectors for Queens is critical because inspectors very often can't gain access in the daytime during the work-week. Communities throughout Queens have been plagued with illegal apartments posing dangerous conditions, school overcrowding and more pressure on limited City services. Construction inspectors and plan examiners in adequate numbers are needed to curtail contractors building homes larger than the zoning permits. Currently to our knowledge, Queens has only 27 plan examiners and 19 construction inspectors.		Numerous Local Civic Groups
4/25	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Provide Sanitation Department Cleaning Personnel, to Clean Illegal Dumping and for Litter Basket Collections. Illegal dumping and garbage drop-off locations are a consistent problem in District 5, Queens. In order to alleviate these very problematic conditions, which are potential health hazards and hamper business investment: 1. Restore Clean Team personnel to clean dump-out and drop-off locations on a regular basis, 2. Provide adequate personnel to empty litter baskets at least 6 days a week.		Ridgewood Local Dev't. Corp.; Ridgewood Property Owners & Civic Assn.

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5/25	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)</i>	<i>Provide Funding for Educational and Recreational Programs, for Children and Teens. Funding for after school, evening and weekend delinquency prevention programs should be maintained locally. This is especially critical at a time when far too many children and teenagers are unsupervised by parents or guardians after the school day ends and on weekends. These programs are very critical as they increase self-esteem levels of participants, thereby preventing substance abuse and delinquent behavior. While Beacon Programs are welcome, it is vital that funding for other quality "local" education and recreation programs be a priority. Thankfully, Mayor de Blasio and City Council Members have increased youth program funding substantially.</i>		<i>Numerous Local Civic & Community Organizations</i>
6/25	FDNY	<i>Provide more firefighters or EMS workers</i>	<i>Provide Funding for Fire Department Services. Funding is needed for the following essential Fire Department Services: maintain engine companies and ladder companies at current staffing levels; provide funding for the Department's Building Unit; ensure adequate staffing for excellent maintenance of FDNY apparatus and other vehicles; and provide sufficient funding for the Fire Safety Education Unit.</i>		<i>Numerous Local Civics and Community Organizations</i>
7/25	DFTA	<i>Other services for homebound older adults programs</i>	<i>Provide Needed Services for Senior Citizens. Community District 5, Queens has a very large senior citizen population, many of whom are frail, without adequate care and living alone. The following are necessary programs to meet some of the needs of senior citizens: 1) Provide adequate funding for Meals-on-Wheels programs; 2) Provide adequate funding for congregate meals programs; 3) Provide funding for senior transportation programs; 4) Fund Health Care Programs for the Elderly and Senior Home Care; 5) Fund Emergency Food Programs for Seniors.</i>		<i>Numerous Local Civics & Community Organizations</i>
8/25	DSNY	<i>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions</i>	<i>Continue 5 Times Per Week Garbage Collection and Begin 5 Day a Week Recycling Collection for Schools. The reduction to 2 days per week garbage collection caused unsanitary conditions around many local schools. School collection, 5 days per week, is critical during the school year and during the Summer. It is also important that recycling collection at schools be increased. Five times a week recycling collection is needed for many public schools, as the current conditions result in recyclables crowding school sidewalks.</i>		<i>Ridgewood Property Owners & Civic Association</i>

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9/25	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Allocate Funds for the Operation and Enhancement of the Division of Forestry in Queens. There are extensive needs for pruning of trees on city streets and in city parks, which are too numerous for the Division of Forestry to keep up with. There are currently more than 20,000 street tree stumps that need to be removed in Queens. The following budget allocations are needed to address these conditions, and the need to remove dead trees and limbs on an emergency basis: \$2.5 Million for county-wide pruning contract; \$3.5 Million for removal of tree stumps in Queens; \$500,000 for removal of dead trees and limbs. Trees are aging, and risks of falling limbs and dead trees pose dangerous conditions.		Ridgewood Property Owners Civic Assoc.; Liberty Park Homeowners Assoc.
10/25	DOT	Other traffic improvements requests	Provide Sufficient Personnel for Traffic Safety Inspections, Sign Installations, Pavement Markings and Sign Manufacturing. Because of increasingly dangerous local traffic conditions, there has been a need during the past 9 years for more traffic safety studies, traffic signals, All Way Stop installations, Speed Bump installations, One Way Conversions, and No Parking designations to daylight intersections. Additional traffic device maintenance crews are needed for signage installation, pavement markings and sign manufacturing. Vehicles in good repair, including utility trucks, are needed to support current and projected staffing levels.		Numerous Local Civic & Community Organizations
11/25	DOT	Other traffic improvements requests	Fund Additional Street Maintenance for Queens Roadways. In order to have roadways along commercial strips and in residential communities repaired before dangerous conditions arise, the following requests need to be funded: provide one crew for cave-in repair; 2 crews for pothole repairs; 1 crew for concrete repair; 2 crews for curb replacement; and 1 crew for miscellaneous maintenance (ponding conditions, etc.) daily for Queens. Lawsuits against the City might be greatly reduced if repairs could be done more promptly.		Numerous Local Civic & Community Organizations
12/25	QL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Provide Six-Day-a-Week Service at Local Libraries. Increased educational demands on students, the fact that many families cannot afford the internet or up-to-date computers and increasing immigrant populations necessitate that the great majority of local/branch libraries be open 6-days a week. Having Libraries open on Saturdays is especially important to all our residents!		Friends of the Ridgewood Library

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13/25	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	Increase the Number of Sanitation Police and Enforcement Agents, Especially in Plain Clothes, to Significantly Reduce Excessive Abuse of Litter Baskets and Illegal Dumping. Because of previous lay-offs, there are now fewer Sanitation Police citywide for illegal dumping. Sanitation Police positions should be greatly increased for illegal dumping, especially since they are revenue producing, and dumping is severely hurting communities. One SEA agent is needed daily in Q5. Severe fines, vehicle impoundments and more publicity, such as frequent press releases to TV and radio stations and major newspapers, are needed to make an example of dumpers and curtail illegal dumping. The abuse of litter baskets on commercial strips has become deplorable, and needs to be better addressed.		Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Assn.; Glendale Property Owners Assn.
14/25	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Assign Sufficient Personnel for Maintenance of Parks in District 5, Queens. Sufficient park workers are needed to meet work requirements for the cleaning and maintenance of the 229.7 acres of parks in CD5Q. Currently, there are only 12 Parks Dept. maintenance staff, including supervisors, assigned for this massive parkland. Skilled maintenance workers (there are only 2 for all of Queens Districts 5, 9, 10 & Forest Park) should be funded year-round. Depending almost totally on POP workers to maintain parks shows a lack of concern for what to many is a most important community asset. Reseeding, aerating and fertilizing ball fields and grassy areas need to be priorities so that large capital expenditures are not wasted. Funding is also needed to hire more seasonal workers.		Numerous Local Civic & Community Organizations
15/25	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs	Consistent, adequate funding is needed for programs such as the Living in Communities Rental Assistance Program (LINC), to prevent people from becoming homeless, and to move people from shelters to more permanent housing.		
16/25	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Allocate Funding for Dept. of Housing Preservation & Development Programs. Adequate funding must be appropriated to cope with illegal residential property uses and deteriorating housing stock, including HPD Code Enforcement Inspectors; funding for housing rehabilitation loan programs; and for demolition and seal up operations in Queens.		Ridgewood Property Owners and Civic Association; Greater Ridgewood Restoration Corp.

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17/25	NYPD	Other NYPD staff resources requests	Hire Traffic Control Agents, School Crossing Guards and Additional School Safety Officers. The City should earmark funding to hire additional traffic control agents: (Traffic Enforcement Agents-Level II), so that heavily travelled Queens intersections can be staffed. This will diminish the need to assign police officers, who are paid more. In consideration of dangerous traffic conditions, funding is needed to hire at least 2 additional school crossing guards for District 5, Queens schools. Most elementary schools have only 1 or 2 School Safety Officers; intermediate schools only have 3 officers, which in many schools is very insufficient.		Juniper Park Civic Assn.; Numerous Other Local Organizations
18/25	DOHMH	Reduce rat populations	Hire Additional Personnel for Pest Control to Combat the Enormous Rat Population in our City. The Borough of Queens has too few staff to adequately address the rodent infestation problem, which has increased with the growth of dump-out locations and vacant properties. A minimum of 4 additional inspectors and 4 additional staff to bait are needed for Queens.		Ridgewood Property Owners & Civic Assn.; Glendale Property Owners Assn.
19/25	HHC	Other health care facilities requests	Continue Funding of the Ridgewood Medical Center. The Ridgewood Medical Center (formerly known as the Maspeth Child Health Station and Ridgewood Communicare Health Center) provides important health services to many children, families and senior citizens. Ridgewood and neighboring communities have seen an increase in the number of people struggling economically. The need to expand services beyond the hours of Mon. to Fri., 8:30am to 4:30pm, should be seriously considered to serve workers and workers with children.	Ridgewood Medical Center 769 Onderdonk Avenue Block 3470, Lot 54	
20/25	DEP	Other sewer maintenance requests	Hire Operations Staff- Bureau of Wastewater Pollution Control. Sufficient Staffing is needed to perform odor and water pollution control monitoring at wastewater treatment facilities in New York City. Odors from wastewater treatment facilities pose health hazards, will likely casue residents to move and could severely hamper business investment. Locally, we are most concerned about the Newtown Creek Water Pollution Control Plant.		
21/25	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Hire Forestry Personnel. With previous cuts, the Forestry Division had been decimated. At one point, there were only 4 climbers and pruners to care for more than 327,000 street trees in Queens. Queens needs at least 50 climbers and pruners to remove and prune trees posing dangerous conditions.		Ridgewood Property Owners & Civic Assn.; Numerous Other Local Organizations

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22/25	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	Provide Funds for: Tools and Equipment for Local Fire Department Personnel and for Fire Prevention Program Supplies. Hurst Tools, Rabbit Tools, defibrillators, power saws, first aid equipment, etc., are needed to ensure the safety of local residents. Funding for Fire Fighters' face pieces is also an important need. Funding is also requested to purchase 10,000 smoke detectors, at a total cost of approximately \$100,000, and 10,000 carbon monoxide detectors, at a cost of \$200,000 for distribution to the public throughout the year. Funding is requested to purchase 10,000 new CPR kits for public training and distribution.		
23/25	ACS	Other foster care and child welfare requests	Fund Bureau of Child Welfare (B.C.W.) Satellite Office in Queens. There is a need for a Bureau of Child Welfare satellite office, especially during the 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. hours, to operate weekdays and weekends. Many children in CBQ #5 have sought sanctuary from abusive parents, relatives and other individuals. With B.C.W. staff hours limited, the abuse of children is too often unattended and the problem situation continues.		
24/25	DOT	Other traffic improvements requests	Improve Arterial Highway Cleaning and Maintenance. The conditions of arterial highways and their cleanliness should be a priority for the City and State of New York. Maintenance workers citywide are needed to repair and resurface roadbeds, repair and replace dividers, clean litter & debris, attend to growth, and eliminate graffiti in a timely manner.		Numerous Local Civic & Community Organizations
25/25	HPD	Other housing oversight and emergency programs	Increase Funding for Community Consultant Contracts. In Q5, there are many multiple dwellings owned by landlords who need technical assistance related to leases, paperwork and tenant matters. Tenants are often in need of advice and assistance related to lease matters and landlords who do not upkeep property. In Q5, the Greater Ridgewood Restoration Corp. has a history of helping landlords and tenants. This organization has also prevented hundreds of properties from being taken from owners in lien sales through excellent outreach to owners.		