

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

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## INTRODUCTION

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

## HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Queens Community Board 6's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 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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## 1. Community Board Information

### Queens Community Board 6

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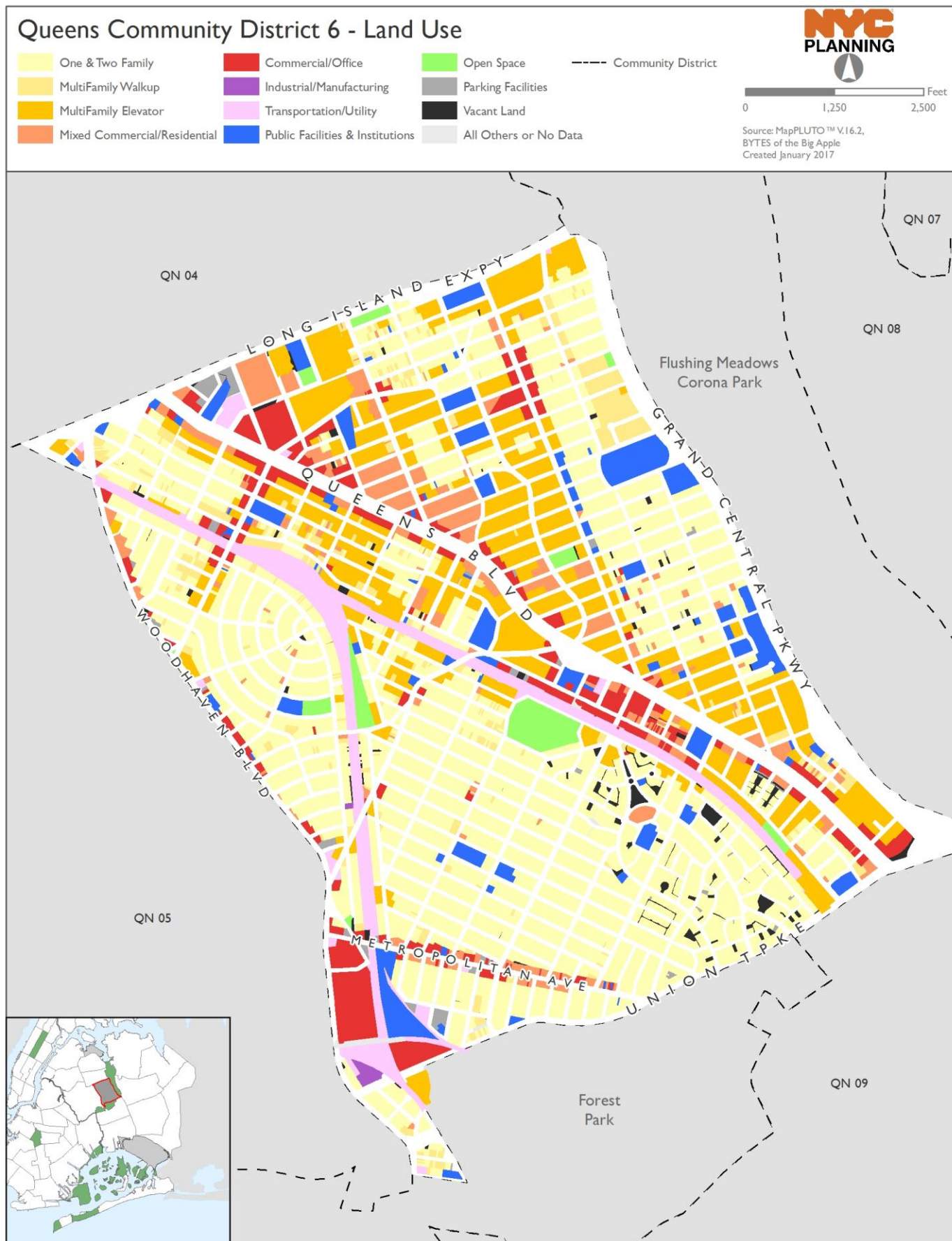
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## 2. Community District Land Use



### 3. Overview of Community District

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

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

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

Community Board 6 requests the following: 1. Adequate staffing in the 112th Precinct. 2. Protect our established low density residential areas from over building. 3. Discourage intensive and or inappropriate commercial development. 4. Maintain and improve municipal services and infrastructure with regard to sewers and flooding issues in the district. 5. Encourage the integration of new citizens into the society and institutional fabric of our community. 6. Promote stable, long term residential tenure. 7. Finalize the Woodhaven Blvd. Study and its impact on the surrounding areas. 8. See continued enhancement of health care in the district, especially with respect to emergency room and hospital bed availability. 9. Maintain schools throughout district, with specific emphasis on Beacon Program. 10. Vision Zero incentives with regard to safety concerns along Queens Boulevard.

#### 4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

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

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

Senior Services - Senior services need to be increased as the "Baby Boomer" generation ages and the immigrant population increases. Schools - Our youth population continues to increase and we do not need parents to relocate for better educational opportunities. Every child in CB 6 should have a seat in his or her neighborhood school. Transit - Safe, reliable subway and surface transportation within this community is a major priority as opposed to people using their automobiles.





#### Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

##### *Programs, services or facilities for seniors*

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

#### Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

CB 6 supports funding for enhanced education, service and treatment efforts as identified by the Department of Health and the Health and Hospital Corporation. We also support funding for the Aids Center of Queens County, a community service program serving the residents of Queens. Many of the non-senior population of CB 6 have long term illnesses that can also be life threatening such as cancer, multiple sclerosis, dementia etc. These individuals need many of the same services required by the senior population. They include but are not limited to:

1. Improved and timely transportation pertaining to the Access-A-Ride system.
2. Delivery of meals
3. Counseling services - including for the homebound
4. Appropriate housing
5. Hospice services
6. Increased home care through Medicaid or Medicare
7. Recreation activities - including library services for homebound
8. Translation services
9. Appropriate medications. (Many cannot afford their medications now)
10. Respite care for caregivers
11. Bereavement services for family

CB 6 encourages funding for research leading to an end to all life threatening diseases, particularly AIDS, Cancer, and Diabetes.

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

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

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

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

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

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





## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

| Priority | Agency | Need                                | Request  | Location |
|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|--|----------|
| 2/15     | DFTA   | Senior center programs              | Other senior center program requests                             |          |
| 13/15    | DOHMH  | Animal and pest control services    | Other animal and pest control requests                           |          |
| 15/15    | HRA    | Services for vulnerable New Yorkers | Provide, expand, or enhance in-home medical and non-medical care |          |



## Youth, Education and Child Welfare

### Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### *After school programs*

Our Beacon Program is a needed youth service and community resource that provides an opportunity to offer a menu of diversified services. There is a growing need for "latch-key" type of after-school programs due to the growing number of working parent households.

### Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Community Board 6 looks forward to working closely with District 28 as well as all the public, private, and parochial schools. More importantly, the lines of communication between all the schools should be improved.

### Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

Affordable Day Care for Children - There has been a substantial increase in the number of two parent families in which both parents are working and the number of single parent families. As a result, there is a serious need for affordable daycare for children. This might be combined with senior day care. Intergenerational day care will benefit both young and old.

### Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

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

### **Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare**

| Priority | Agency | Need                         | Request   | Location |
|----------|--------|------------------------------|---|----------|
| 1/15     | DYCD   | <i>After school programs</i> | <i>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</i> | JHS 190  |



## Public Safety and Emergency Services

### Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### *Police-community relations*

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

### Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

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

### Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

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

### **Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services**

| Priority | Agency | Need                          | Request   | Location |
|----------|--------|-------------------------------|---|----------|
| 7/10     | FDNY   | FDNY facilities and equipment | Upgrade communication equipment to improve emergency response |          |
| 8/10     | NYPD   | NYPD facilities and equipment | Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses                  |          |



## Public Safety and Emergency Services

## Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

| Priority | Agency | Need                              | Request                              | Location |
|----------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 5/15     | NYPD   | NYPD staff and training resources | Assign additional crossing guards    |          |
| 6/15     | NYPD   | NYPD staff and training resources | Assign additional uniformed officers |          |

## 5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



### Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

#### Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

##### *Cleanliness/trash collection*

The current economic climate has given rise to growing quality of life problems such as graffiti. Graffiti continues to be a problem that has come back on both public and private property throughout CB 6. There is also a need for expanded litter basket collection in our commercial areas. Research says that people look for an area to live in that is clean!

#### Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Sanitation services continue to be a priority in both the residential and commercial areas of Community Board 6. In order to properly maintain the cleanliness level of CB6, we require:

1. Increased funding for litter basket pickups on commercial strips and a litter basket truck.
2. Fund regularly scheduled cleanup of medians.
3. Maintain weekly recycling.
4. Hire more Sanitation Enforcement agents.
5. Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalks and streets

5. Mechanical broom for the fall leaf season, a 10 yard alley truck, additional salt spreading equipment for the winter, and a graffiti power washer

#### **Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency**

| Priority | Agency | Need   | Request  | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|----------|
| 2/10     | DEP    | <i>Sewage and flooding</i>                             | <i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>                                |          |
| 9/10     | DSNY   | <i>Garbage collection and recycling infrastructure</i> | <i>Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment</i> |          |

#### **Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency**

| Priority | Agency | Need                            | Request   | Location |
|----------|--------|---------------------------------|---|----------|
| 9/15     | DEP    | <i>Environmental protection</i> | <i>Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs</i> |          |
| 10/15    | DSNY   | <i>Sanitation Enforcement</i>   | <i>Other enforcement requests</i>   |          |
| 12/15    | DEP    | <i>Sewage and flooding</i>      | <i>Clean catch basins</i>   |          |

## 5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

### Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



#### Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

##### *Commercial district revitalization*

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

#### Community District Needs Related to Land Use

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

#### Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

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

#### **Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development**

| Priority | Agency | Need  | Request                        | Location |
|----------|--------|---|--------------------------------|----------|
| 7/15     | DOB    | <i>Building code and zoning enforcement</i> | <i>Expand code enforcement</i> |          |



### Transportation

#### Main Issue Related to Transportation

##### *Traffic congestion*

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

#### Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Queens Boulevard - This major artery provides vital transportation access for the entire borough, but causes significant and chronic safety problems for both pedestrians and vehicles. It is necessary for CB 6 to anticipate the impact of new traffic demands such as the additional traffic that has been generated by the expansion of the Rego Park Mall, near 63rd Dr. Woodhaven Boulevard - It is especially important to balance the legitimate needs of streamlining traffic flow with the vital safety concerns of the pedestrians and bicycle riders who access Woodhaven Boulevard. Attention must be given to the enhancement of "green-light time" for those seeking to cross the boulevard; traffic markings that coincide with actual vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow; clearly delineated and properly "lined up" crosswalks that are sensitive to the needs of the disabled; and safe and appropriate bicycle lanes. In addition, the impact of Woodhaven's traffic flow upon adjacent local streets and the adoption of possible mitigating measures should also be included within the scope of this project. Union Turnpike - This heavily utilized thoroughfare generates significant traffic safety concerns that require DOT's ongoing priority attention. Specifically, aggressive enforcement plus the installation of traffic barriers are needed to deter the speeding and reckless driving problems. Pedestrian crosswalks need to be prominently highlighted and traffic signal "green-light time" increased at the local intersections to promote pedestrian safety. This particularly applies to the 71st Ave intersection, which provides primary pedestrian access to a heavily utilized playground as well as the Stop & Shop Supermarket. DOT and Parks Dept must ensure the proper lighting and maintenance of all pedestrian sidewalk and railroad bridge approaches leading to the Stop and Shop area. Yellowstone Boulevard - Yellowstone Boulevard generates significant traffic volumes that traverse a frequently winding road and several complex street crossings involving multiple major thoroughfares. The intersections at Queens Blvd, Austin St, Selfridge St & Woodhaven Blvd present significant traffic circulation and pedestrian access issues that need to be addressed systematically. Improved signage and highlighted crosswalks are needed in those areas where the street turns diminish pedestrian visibility.

#### Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Forest Hills and Kew Gardens form a major transportation hub for New York City. Thousands of commuters pass through these two destinations on their way to or from other destinations. Several bus lines originate here, four subway lines stop here, and two LIRR stations are here, creating significant impacts for Community Board 6. Given this intensity of ridership and intermodal usage, Queens Community Board 6 requires continual maintenance and investment in its transit infrastructure. The MTA is habitually short of critical capital funds needed to maintain and grow the system. Bus service, that runs parallel to subway service, when subway construction and repairs take place on weekends and in evening hours, should be increased. For example, when either the E,F, M or R are taken out of service on weekends and in the overnight hours for scheduled work, the Q60 should have increased service. We therefore call on the City to provide a meaningful subsidy to the MTA, contingent upon the MTA living up to reasonable performance standards. These subsidies should assist in: -Funding E/F skip stop service, with some trains originating in Forest Hills. -Enhancing frequency and speed of express bus service. -Improved subway station maintenance, cleanliness, improved lighting, updated platforms and mezzanines at 71st Ave. station. -The creation of better bus shelters for the thousands of commuters who wait for buses in all weather.





## Transportation

## Capital Requests Related to Transportation

| Priority | Agency | Need                          | Request   | Location   |
|----------|--------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| 4/10     | DOT    | Transportation infrastructure | Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps      |  |
| 5/10     | DOT    | Traffic and traffic flow      | Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming  | Woodhaven Boulevard<br>Myrtle Avenue<br>Queens Boulevard |
| 6/10     | DOT    | Transportation infrastructure | Other transportation infrastructure requests                      |  |
| 10/10    | NYCTA  | Transit Infrastructure        | Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure |  |

## Expense Requests Related to Transportation

| Priority | Agency | Need                          | Request   | Location |
|----------|--------|-------------------------------|---|----------|
| 3/15     | NYCTA  | Transit Service               | Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance |          |
| 8/15     | DOT    | Transportation infrastructure | Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals                           |          |



## Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

### Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

#### *Library facilities and access*

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

### Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Forestry: Pruning of all trees within CB 6, both in Parks and in residential areas as well as removal of all dead or infected trees and stumps/roots as part of regularly scheduled maintenance. Additionally, replanting or new planting of shade trees within all Park areas. This is especially important in light of the devastating tornado in September 2010, which was responsible for the destruction of so many trees in the CB 6 district. Parks, Playgrounds & Recreation: CB6 requests CONTINUED AND INCREASED MAINTENANCE of all playground equipment including safety matting and also additional "sprinkler" apparatus for children. All local parks, vest pocket park areas, dog runs and playgrounds should be cleaned and maintained on a regular schedule and enhanced to provide maximum usage. Lost Battalion Hall is an essential part of the community and we support upgrading and improvement in all respects. Flushing Meadow & Willow Lake Park areas should be made available to residents along the south side of the Park area and enhanced with benches and access routes. Outreach through the Parks Dept. should be made to local business, Civic organizations and schools to "adopt" a Park or Vest Pocket to assist with planting, landscaping, clean up and also in monetary contributions. Whenever open land becomes available in high density areas, Parks Dept. should secure the property to provide a green space for residents. Green Infrastructure: With an increasing number of bioswales being installed throughout our community, we are requesting regular maintenance and cleaning of these structures.

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

Many cultural organizations which serve the entire city are located in Community Board 6. There is an urgent need for these and other recognized cultural organizations. Permanent facilities for shows and performances, and tutorial and work shop spaces are very much needed also. Community Board 6 requests adequate funding for the Department of Cultural Affairs Expense Budget to help ensure the survival of local arts programs as well as of the many programs and institutions serving the borough as a whole. The residents of CB 6, as do all of Queens residents, deserve to continue to receive the level of cultural enrichment which these programs and institutions provide. Local arts programs in CB 6 are also funded through DCA. The presence of such programs enriches the lives of all CB 6 residents. In addition, the Cultural Committee would like to support the local Chamber of Commerce (Jazz Thursdays) and local organizations that want to enhance our community and promote tourist dollars. Our local Veterans groups are suffering due to the lack of funds for their Annual Memorial Day Parade, which is a major patriotic and cultural event in CB 6.

### Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

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

### **Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities**

| Priority | Agency | Need  | Request   | Location                 |
|----------|--------|---|---|--------------------------|
| 1/10     | QL     | <i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>        | <i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>                    | <i>Rego Park Library</i> |
| 3/10     | DPR    | <i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i> | <i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i> |                          |



## Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

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

| Priority | Agency | Need                                      | Request   | Location |
|----------|--------|---|---|----------|
| 4/15     | DPR    | <i>Park maintenance and safety</i>        | <i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>           |          |
| 11/15    | DPR    | <i>Park maintenance and safety</i>        | <i>Provide better park maintenance</i>                      |          |
| 14/15    | DPR    | <i>Street trees and forestry services</i> | <i>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</i> |          |

## 6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

### Queens Community Board 6 Capital Requests

Queens Community Board 6 submitted 10 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority /  
Continued

| Support (CS) | Agency | Request  | Explanation  | Location   | Supporters |
|--------------|--------|--|--|--|------------|
| 1/10         | QL     | Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library                    | This request is to fund the expansion of the Rego Park Library which is over utilized for its current size.      | Rego Park Library  |            |
| 2/10         | DEP    | Build new, expand or repair storm sewers   | This request is to upgrade all sewers in Community Board 6 to accomodate the growing population.                 |  |            |
| 3/10         | DPR    | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | Fund all current and future park improvements  |  |            |
| 4/10         | DOT    | Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps                       | This request is to fund reconstruction of all CB 6 medians, along with a cracked sidewalk and crosswalk program. |  |            |
| 5/10         | DOT    | Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming                   | This request is to fund Woodhaven Boulevard Safety Improvements  | Woodhaven Boulevard<br>Myrtle Avenue<br>Queens Boulevard |            |
| 6/10         | DOT    | Other transportation infrastructure requests                                       | This request is to fund sound barriers along Long Island Expressway Boundaries within CB 6                       |  |            |
| 7/10         | FDNY   | Upgrade communication equipment to improve emergency response                      | Fund upgrading of all communication and computer equipment for all firehouses in Community Board 6               |  |            |
| 8/10         | NYPD   | Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses                                       | Fund upgrading of all communication and computer equipment for all precincts within Community Board 6            |  |            |
| 9/10         | DSNY   | Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment            | This request is to fund additional DSNY trucks for litter basket collection                                      |  |            |
| 10/10        | NYCTA  | Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure                  | This request is for the installation of security cameras at all subway stations in CB 6                          |  |            |

## 6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

### Queens Community Board 6 Expense Requests

Queens Community Board 6 submitted 15 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

| Priority | Agency | Request   | Explanation   | Location | Supporters |
|----------|--------|---|---|----------|------------|
| 1/15     | DYCD   | <i>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</i> | <i>This request is to fund Beacon Programs at JHS 190</i>   | JHS 190  |            |
| 2/15     | DFTA   | <i>Other senior center program requests</i>   | <i>This request is to increase and maintain funding for existing senior centers in Community Board 6</i>  |          |            |
| 3/15     | NYCTA  | <i>Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance</i>                            | <i>This request is for additional funding for subway station cleaning and maintenance in CB 6.</i>  |          |            |
| 4/15     | DPR    | <i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>   | <i>This request is to upgrade all CB 6 Parks vehicles which would include a crew cab which will enable all the workers to go together to various sites.</i> |          |            |
| 5/15     | NYPD   | <i>Assign additional crossing guards</i>  | <i>This request is to recruit and retain local precinct crossing guards</i>   |          |            |
| 6/15     | NYPD   | <i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>   | <i>This request is to recruit and retain local precinct police officers</i>   |          |            |
| 7/15     | DOB    | <i>Expand code enforcement</i>  | <i>This request is to increase Buildings Department Inspectors and Support Staff</i>  |          |            |
| 8/15     | DOT    | <i>Provide new traffic or pedestrian signals</i>  | <i>This request is to fund pedestrian timing devices and safety improvements within the CB 6 District</i>   |          |            |
| 9/15     | DEP    | <i>Enhance or expand noise pollution abatement and enforcement programs</i>                           | <i>This request is to increase personnel for noise abatement issues within CB 6.</i>  |          |            |
| 10/15    | DSNY   | <i>Other enforcement requests</i>   | <i>This request is to fund personnel for additional sanitation enforcement in CB 6.</i>   |          |            |
| 11/15    | DPR    | <i>Provide better park maintenance</i>  | <i>This request is to fund seasonal recreation associates for all playgrounds in CB 6</i>   |          |            |
| 12/15    | DEP    | <i>Clean catch basins</i>   | <i>This request is to fund frequent catch basin clean-ups within CB 6.</i>  |          |            |
| 13/15    | DOHMH  | <i>Other animal and pest control requests</i>   | <i>This request is to fund personnel for pest control and health department programs.</i>   |          |            |
| 14/15    | DPR    | <i>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</i>   | <i>This request is to fund and enhance overall forestry services, stump removal and pruning programs.</i>   |          |            |
| 15/15    | HRA    | <i>Provide, expand, or enhance in-home medical and non-medical care</i>                               | <i>This request is for an increase in funding for in home medical care due to the increase in senior population</i>   |          |            |