

***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 7'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

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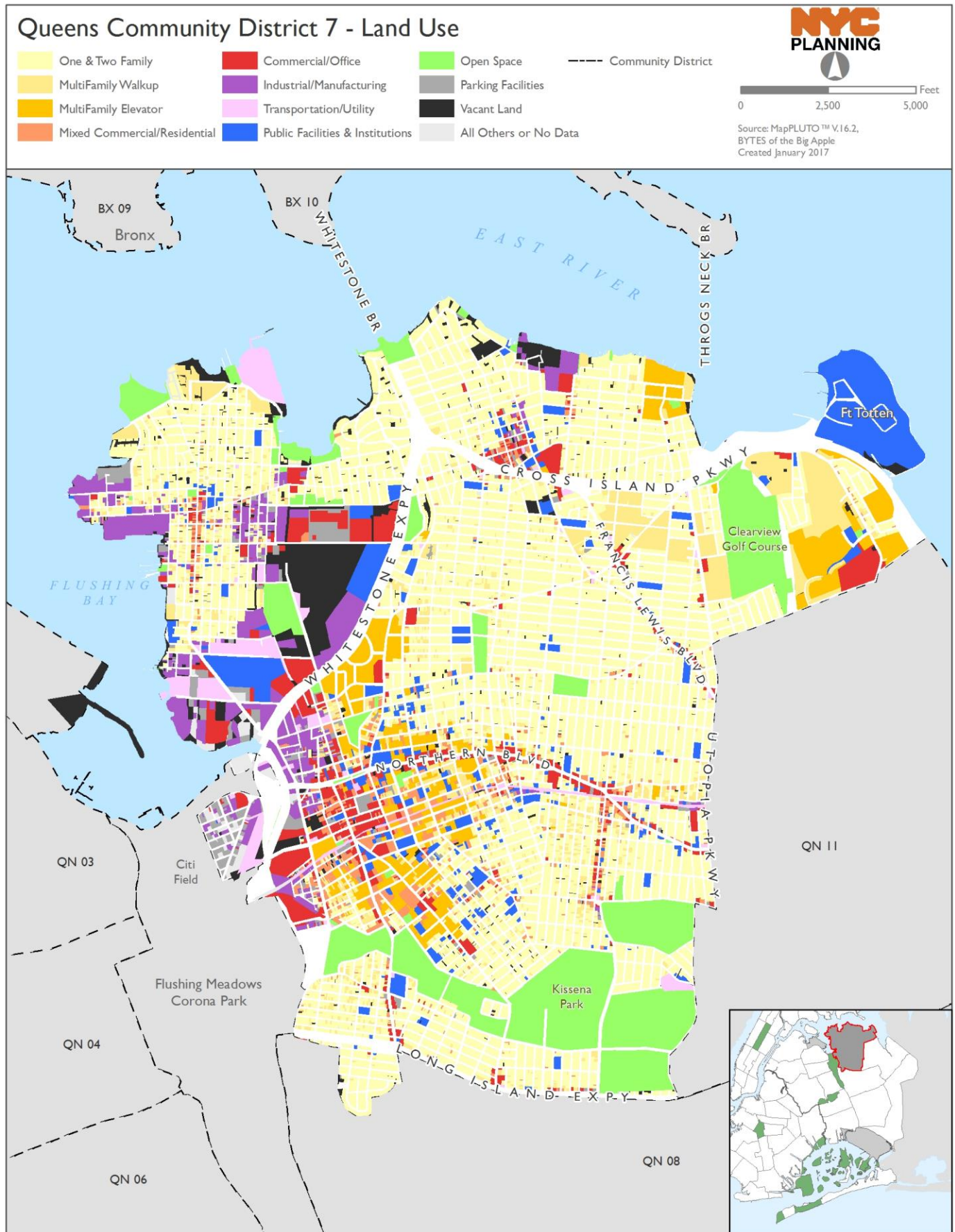
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2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Community Board #7 is the largest in population and 5th largest citywide in acreage of all 59 Community Boards. It is comprised of eight towns, Bay Terrace, Beechhurst, College Point, most of Flushing, Malba, Queensborough Hill, Whitestone, and, Willets Point, making up 12.7 square miles and 285 miles of city streets. We are an extremely diverse community consisting of one and two family homes, suburban/urban high rise apartments, 64 park locations, 30 greenstreets, an intermodal transportation hub with 26 bus lines, the #7 train, and the L.I.R.R. In addition, we are the 4th busiest retail area in the city, the second largest industrial area in the borough because of the College Point Corporate Park, and, the 2nd busiest downtown behind Herald Square. Our board has the largest waterfront area running from Flushing Bay to Fort Totten.

Our diversity presents us with many challenges and problems, which we must address and resolve, if we are to maintain the level of our past accomplishments, and improve our quality of life in the 21st century. These can be summarized along the following issues: zoning, parking, the environment, transportation, traffic, service delivery, waterfront development, in addition to maintaining the economic growth in downtown Flushing, College Point, Bay Terrace and Whitestone.

We are concerned about meeting the needs of our senior citizens, the proliferation of houses of worship, maintaining the viability of our parks, as well as our historic heritage. Our most immediate emphasis is concentrating on managing new developments within our board area, and the potential of its impact on traffic, service delivery, and schools for our youngsters.

Evidence shows that our board has experienced enormous building growth in both commercial and residential areas. For example within only a four block radius of downtown Flushing, the housing stock in the past 25 years has grown, and projects presently on the drawing board will bring in additional units of housing within the next several years. Flushing Commons is doing a mixed use development on the old Municipal Parking lot #1, the Hyatt Place hotel opened on Prince Street as part of the Fulton 1 mixed use development, and the anticipated Fulton 11, also a mixed used "as of right" development, is on the drawing board directly across the street on 39th Avenue between Prince Street and College Point Boulevard.

With the completion of the 2010 census, our population was estimated to be approximately 256,000 documented persons, making us the largest population wise of all 59 boards. Many census tracts in and around downtown Flushing have experienced substantial population growth. This data confirms that the trend of substantial growth in our area has continued adding to the demand for new market rate and affordable housing, senior housing, classroom space, and city services.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Queens Community Board 7 are:

- *Street conditions (roadway maintenance)*
- *Traffic*
- *Other | Economic Development within our board area, has mainly focused on two specific areas - downtown Flushing, and the College Point Corporate Park Special district. These two locations have seen a major increase in development, requiring municipal attention and funds to improve its infrastructure. Downtown Flushing is a vibrant location for investment, and opportunity. With regard to the Corporate Park, we need to insure that this final development includes maintaining the safeguards that are in place. We require assurances that the balance of development will address the community's quality of life.*

Federal, State and City funding is insufficient to meet the needs of our capital projects, which are necessary to provide desperately needed infrastructure improvements. The majority of our capital priorities has been and will remain, transportation requests. The commercial areas of Flushing, College Point, and Whitestone generate a tremendous amount of car, bus and truck traffic. This puts an incredible strain on the streets and highways of these communities. Capital construction needs to be accelerated to accommodate the increased volume of traffic, and deteriorated condition of our streets. We need to see Linden Place phase 2, connecting to 20th Avenue accelerated since this street will be needed for the reconstruction of Ulmer Street between the Whitestone Expressway Service road and 25th Avenue, as well as 28th Avenue between College Point Boulevard and Linden Place. Both Ulmer Street and 28th Avenue will have to be closed for several years because of the necessity to do surcharging. The agency must seriously look at accelerating our number one capital budget request for the reconstruction of 20th Avenue from the Whitestone Expressway service road to College Point Boulevard, as well as 127th Street between 14th and 22nd Avenues. This major roadway connects the communities of Whitestone to College Point. The roadbed which is heavily utilized is uneven, has many ruts, as well as a serious drainage problem. The city recently resurfaced 20th Avenue, however, with its heavy utilization by cars, busses, and trucks - many of which are 18 wheelers, the roadbed will not be able to be sustained, and will eventually begin collapsing. The agency took a Band-Aid approach to a hemorrhage. The condition of our streets are terrible,, with a myriad of potholes and ruts it is difficult to navigate resulting in many drivers have sustained damage to their cars. The agency needs to accelerate some of its basic maintenance issues, such as repainting of street markers indicating "Stop Ahead", "Speed Bumps", school crossing signs, and re-installation of street name and stop ahead signs. These delays generate many community complaints.



Health Care and Human Services

Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services*Programs, services or facilities for seniors*

Community Board #7 being the largest population wise, have approximately 90,000 seniors living in our district. We have seen a younger, more vibrant senior whom want innovative and exciting programs. We are happy to see that the Department for the Aging has created more innovative centers. They have expanded the hours, their programs are more diverse, and have expanded programming by introducing technology, cultural arts, weekends, and addressing the needs of our multi-cultural community. They have realized that by keeping their minds active, they remain younger. In addition DFTA has seen the need to introduce Virtual Senior Centers programs, and has also implemented a tele-health kiosk to measure and track health outcomes for their members on an ongoing basis.

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

Our concern is that 1/3 of our population are seniors, and growing. There is a need for additional services for better access to "Access A Ride". and, centers that would accommodate the active to frail senior with programs to meet their needs, as well as affordable housing. In addition with regard to the frail senior, these centers must actively pursue the idea of an ongoing intergenerational program connecting seniors with high school and college students who can either be companions, or assist them with simple chores.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
22/31	DFTA	<i>Facilities for seniors</i>	<i>Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
25/26	HRA	<i>Senior center programs</i>	<i>Other senior center program requests</i>	



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare*Other/Preventive services (child safety)*

Beacon programs are effective programs that offer positive youth development through educational, cultural and literacy programs. Currently we have two Beacon sites that serve the needs of approximately 47,000 youth. Preventative programs are necessary to keep youngsters active and engaged in constructive programs, and should include educational and career choice counseling, as well as high school drop out prevention. Youth employment programs should be expanded to address youth employment, develop jobs, and job training programs. In order to make certain that we are doing the best for our youth, the Dept. of Youth and Community Development, must engage in cooperative planning, ensure the most effective use of current youth programs, as well as the development of additional pro

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Construction of a middle school for College Point is essential. With the increase in population, and the only middle school that closed decades ago, these children need to travel to the communities of either Flushing or Whitestone. In additional anytime the board votes on a large scale development, one of the criteria for approval is that the developer must look at placing a school within the site to accommodate the children in the area. In downtown Flushing, due the school over-crowding, P.S. 107, which is located at 167-02 45th Avenue, for the next two years will be accepting the kindergarten children from P.S. 24, which is located at 141-11 Holly Avenue.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

Since 1995 Community Board #7's youth population has suffered due to the funding cuts that resulted in the elimination of the position of Youth Coordinator. In the past, they have played a vital role by effectively monitoring youth programs, provide technical assistance to youth service providers, and to guide youth program users. In addition, they monitored programs funded by the Dept. of Education, Dept. of Youth and Community Development, the Borough President, and the council, to ensure that they were meeting the needs of our growing community. It has been over 20 years since this position was eliminated, and it is evident that it is having a negative impact on our youth population. The Youth Coordinator held monthly meetings with all groups, and they were able to discuss and resolve issue that might have arisen. This is not being done.

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
7/26	ACS	Incease Funding for Day Care Centers	Administration for Children's Services	
21/26	DOE	Educational programs	Other educational programs requests	



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Emergency service delivery (including rapid response)

With both Police and Fire, our residents are concerned with the effect of quality of life issues. Due to the increased urbanization, and new high rise development, which is increasing the population, resulting in a heavier workload with our Public Safety agencies. The present geographical boundary, and the influx of new Americans within our district has been burdened with the demand to service the community properly. The ability to maneuver through the district with an emergency vehicle becomes a challenge. Thus delaying the response time to either a fire or police incident.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

Recently due to the needs of this community, the local precinct (109th) has received an additional 60 officers, and, within the next several months, an additional 30 officers will be assigned to the precinct. In addition, we are now involved in a program which allows for a total of 6 NCO's. The district is broken up into four sectors that are covered by two NCO's, and our NYCHA housing projects are covered by two additional NCO teams. This is in addition to the usual police coverage. The residents living in these specific areas, if they request, are given the cell phone numbers of the NCO's covering their specific area. It is a program that allows for almost instant police coverage/communication in that specific area. It is a hands on program that the residents of our district are very happy to have received.

Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

As there has been an increase within the Asian community, our community desperately needs more Korean and Chinese personnel. Our board has over 600 establishments selling alcohol, karaoke bars, internet cafes to name a few. Several buildings within our district have these types of establishments under one roof. This does create a problem for emergency services, since the information that we are able to obtain from the Dept. of Buildings, may indicate several serious issues/violations which SLA pays no attention. Doors can be blocked, they have not built according to plans, no emergency lighting, sprinklers or secondary means of egress. In case of a real emergency the lives of the patron as well as the service provider will be in jeopardy. All agencies must be on the same page. SLA must listen to the Community Board as well as both fire and police departments as it pertains to the laws on the books.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
14/31	FDNY	FDNY facilities and equipment	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	
23/31	FDNY	FDNY facilities and equipment	Upgrade communication equipment to improve emergency response	
26/31	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	Flushing Meadows Corona Park
31/31	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	
CS	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	
CS	FDNY	FDNY facilities and equipment	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	Fort Totten



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
8/26	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional uniformed officers	109th Precinct
13/26	FDNY	FDNY programs and staffing	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	
14/26	FDNY	FDNY programs and staffing	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	
16/26	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	109th Precinct
20/26	FDNY	FDNY programs and staffing	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Fire Marshal Base at Fort Totten

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

While they are all important, it is very difficult to just narrow it down. Our residents are constantly calling our office with regard to dump outs, improper garbage disposal, and persons going through the trash looking for bottles/cans for recycling. Because of the importance of this issue, the formation of a BID was established in the downtown Flushing area to help alleviate the debris left on the sidewalks, the overflowing baskets, as well as the greasy sidewalks. In addition the Councilperson in Whitestone has funded a twice a weekly BID operation to make sure that the Village is kept clean. With regard to Whitestone, we are working with the Dept. of Transportation to change the parking regulations in order to assist.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Since 1984 our board has included in their capital and expense budget submissions the need to construct both sanitary and storm water systems within the district. We have seen a major increase due to the aging sewer systems which have resulted in major flooding problems especially in the areas of north Flushing, College Point as well as Whitestone. One of our major projects is SE809 which goes from along the N/B Whitestone Expressway Service Road from College Point Boulevard to 25th Road, and Union Street on the eastern portion. It entailed water mains, sanitary sewers, a storm system and chambers, and later this year we will see the start of SE807 which will cover the western portion of College Point, and, followed by SE810/811 which will be east of SE809. All of these projects have always received special attention when doing our budget due to the severity of the flooding that occurs, impacting not only homes, but, major roadbeds.

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Litter, especially in the downtown shopping areas, is a never ending problem even with the Flushing BID in place. Multi-language educational efforts are required to explain the various sanitation laws in the District's citizens and businesses. Enforcement is needed, but it must be fair and reasonable. We request that emphasis be placed on ticketing the litterbugs instead of where their litter falls. This will reduce litter now, and in the future as this will also be an educational effort for those ticketed. Community Board #7 supports the various recycling programs, and the outreach and educational efforts must continue, and be increased to encourage vigorous participation by all citizens and businesses. Weekly recycling must continue, and we are happy to see new materials targeted for recycling, such as textiles and food wastes. Multi language educational efforts must target those areas with lower capture and diversion rates. The towing of cars from snow emergency streets during snowstorms must be initiated to allow for better snow removal. Snow removal efforts have improved since the agency added the trucking of snow out of the congested areas, and where possible, the melting of snow to reduce the mounds of plowed snow. With the recent opening of the North Shore Marine transfer station, efforts must be in place to ensure that sanitation drivers from other community districts use only the approved truck routes coming and going from the MTS. Local streets are not through streets, and should not be used.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
9/31	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Build new, expand or repair sanitary sewers</i>	
CS	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	



Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
4/26	DSNY	<i>Sanitation Enforcement</i>	<i>Other enforcement requests</i>	
5/26	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Clean catch basins</i>	
15/26	DSNY	<i>Garbage collection and recycling</i>	<i>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up</i>	



Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Zoning review and enforcement

Community Board #7 has been inundated with one and two family homes being converted to either hotels, S.R.O's or illegal conversions. According to the information received by the Dept. of Buildings we are number one in the borough for these types of illegal activity. In addition homeowners are frequently violating building dept. guides by not obtaining permits, working late in the evening and weekends. This has a tremendous negative impact on the abutting properties. There is also difficulty by the agency to obtain access warrants. Homeowners are very aware that they do not have to open the door to an inspector.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

Our board has been working with the elected officials as well as City Planning on the development of Flushing West which goes from Roosevelt Avenue to Northern Boulevard from Prince Street to the water. We have had quite a few meetings with all affected parties, however, just recently City Planning, at the request of our Councilman have put the brakes on this project. We are concerned with regard to the need of an additional CSO tank which presently is not on the drawing board. What DEP wants to do is chlorinate the water, which is environmentally not safe for marine life. In addition, developers are having major problems with MIH due to the fact that the banks will not give them financing. Three major development projects are moving along - Sky Vu park; Fulton II and Flushing Commons is nearing completion of Phase I. All of these developments will be putting a major burden on city services. Downtown Flushing is presently congested, sidewalks are too narrow, the #7 train platforms are overcrowded and unsafe, in addition to other city services. While development is good for any neighborhood, we have found that the Environmental Impact Statements do not correctly detail the needs for the development, and/or the community. Any new large scale development does have an impact on city services, that must be addressed.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

In working with the Flushing BID and Chamber, we have been having meetings regarding the 360 Grant for the Downtown Flushing Commercial District Needs Assessment. What the agency really needs to address is the hiring of a bilingual person who is knowledgeable in city rules and regulations, and, must be a liaison between businesses and city agencies. This person needs to be able to interface with the Community Board, BID and Chamber. The city needs to make this investment in order for the business community to survive. Rather than violate, they must educate. This investment will maintain the present business growth in Flushing. Our existing Flushing BID has been a very effective and positive influence for our bustling commercial strip...they have worked on graffiti removal programs, sanitation issues, security cameras, a restaurant guide, hanging banners as well as flower baskets. The Executive Director along with his board, are always coming up with new ideas to help improve the commercial atmosphere in the area.

Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
CS	EDC	<i>Economic development investments</i>	<i>Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts</i>	<i>Flushing Airport</i>

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/26	DOB	<i>Building code and zoning enforcement</i>	<i>Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)</i>	
22/26	DEP	<i>Building code and zoning enforcement</i>	<i>Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)</i>	
23/26	EDC	<i>Economic development programs</i>	<i>Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs</i>	
24/26	HPD	<i>Housing oversight and emergency programs</i>	<i>Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations</i>	



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Traffic congestion

While we are only given the opportunity to select one, each of the above plays a very important role as to how our residents feel about the flow of traffic, accessibility to mass transit, the ability to safely navigate a congested sidewalk. In addition, there is a lack of properly maintaining our roadways and the maintenance of our bridges. Many of our complaints coming from our residents deal with the condition of the sidewalks, curbs, pedestrian pads as well as the many deteriorated bus pads. Each of these creates a major tripping problem, especially for seniors and the handicapped.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

We are constantly receiving complaints from residents living in our district about the #7 train line. The station is filthy, the escalators are constantly in repair, the staircases are extremely narrow, the platforms during rush hour are jammed, and with the increase in population, we are concerned that this station will not be able to handle the crowds that will be utilizing this station. In addition, the L.I.R.R. is a nightmare in downtown Flushing. The staircases are extremely steep and even able-bodied individuals have a difficult time navigating these staircases onto the platform. The construction of the elevator must be accelerated.

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

With the increased populations, and approximately 100,000 persons passing through downtown Flushing every day, we have requested that the #7 line platform be expanded west of Main Street, and that the subway line be extended east to the other neighborhoods of Flushing and Bayside. Thus relieving some of the congestion in the downtown area. We are an intra-modal transportation hub with 24 bus lines converging in downtown Flushing area. MTA has introduced SBS which is having a tremendous negative impact in downtown Flushing. This is having a negative impact on the small business community, making it more difficult to receive deliveries, and parking close to the stores has become more difficult to find. Downtown Flushing is the 2nd most congested area in the city, and by introducing the SBS, they have narrowed down Main Street to one lane in each direction. This has resulted in traffic at times coming to a crawl due to the lack of street capacity. In addition, the LIRR station at Willets Point must be in operation on a yearly basis. The only time that this station operates is for the Mets home games, as well as the USTA. If it were to operate full time, then drivers could utilize the abutting parking fields, thus relieving some of the congestion in downtown Flushing.



Transportation

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/31	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	
4/31	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	
5/31	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	Willeys Point
7/31	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	
8/31	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	
11/31	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	College Point Corporate Park
15/31	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	39-07 Prince
16/31	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	
18/31	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	
29/31	DPR	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	Outside George Harvy Park
CS	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Casey Stengel Bus Depot
CS	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
6/26	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Other traffic improvements requests	
10/26	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Other traffic improvements requests	
11/26	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Conduct traffic or parking studies	
12/26	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Other traffic improvements requests	
26/26	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve parking operations	



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Park care and maintenance

Community Board #7 has 64 park locations, over 30 greenstreets, as well as a portion of Flushing Meadows Corona Park. Our residents are always concerned about the maintenance and care of their parks, as well as the care of the trees within each of these parks. Unfortunately the maintenance of the trees within Kissena Park resulted in the death of a pregnant woman. Our residents are always calling us to discuss the conditions of the equipment that their children use within the playgrounds, and many of our seniors call with regard to the tennis courts. Due to the fact that we have a lot of park properties, the leagues are always concerned about the maintenance of the ballfields, soccer and football fields.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

In each of our parks, where there is a parkhouse, the residents are always requesting that the park have a full time park person over seeing the cleanliness of the building, as well as the balance of the park. As part of our budget we have always supported the needed for supplies that are for the park funded daycare programs. Within our expense budget priorities we have always supported an increase in regular as well as seasonal personnel in order to handle the ongoing maintenance of our tennis courts, proper tree maintenance, pruning and removals. We have quite a few Joint operated parks that need constant maintenance since they abut the local schools, and unfortunately the custodians of the schools do not assist. The JOP's must be maintained by both the parks and the Department of Education. With the tremendous amount of parkland, our district has a full time gardener and two part time gardeners to deal with the upkeep of the grass and flower beds within each of our parks. The sidewalk tree program time must be accelerated. Residents do not want to wait several years to have the roots trimmed on a city sidewalk tree that is uplifting their sidewalks causing tripping hazards and a liability to the homeowner. Since we have a tremendous amount of parkland, many of our capital and expense budget submission are for the parks department either through upgrading of a specific park, or additional resources for the agency.

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

Flushing being the home of religious freedom, we house a myriad of cultural institutions that play a vital part for our communities. We have Flushing Council on Culture and the Arts housed in Flushing Town Hall, Queens Botanical Gardens, Poppenhusen Institute, Kingsland House, the Louis Latimer House, and Volker Orth House. Each of these buildings have played a very important role in the history of Queens, and we must constantly support their survival. These facilities provide music, art, and historical programs that our communities have requested, and they depend on financial help in order to address these requests. During a difficult budget year, their much needed funding has always been cut. Unfortunately these cuts result in an increase in monies that the patrons have to allocate. These institutions even though they are housed in our community, they serve the borough with programs of interest for all age groups, as well as ethnic populations.

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

Community Board #7 is the largest population wise of all 59 community boards, in addition to being the most diverse world wide. In some instances our board serves over 150,000 more people than some Community Boards within the city. Even though we are a city agency, and we do appreciate the city picking up the cost of our rent, we still must pay for various service contracts in order for our agency to operate on a daily basis. In addition, the work load is tremendous due to the increase in population, development within the community - large scale developments - shopping malls and commercial establishments, we are working with 3 1/2 people including the District Manager. With a recorded population of over 250,000 documented people, and perhaps over 300,00 with the undocumented, of which 1/3 are seniors, and 1/3 new Americans, many of which many do not have a command of the English language. This all takes more time, and while all boards receive the same budget, we feel this has a tremendous impact on our dedicated staff that works extremely hard to make sure that the needs of our residents are met.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/31	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Little Bay Park
3/31	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Kissena Corridor Park
6/31	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	McNeil Park
10/31	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Flushing Memorial Field
12/31	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Frank Golden Park
13/31	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Kissena Park
17/31	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
19/31	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	
20/31	DPR	Park programming	Other park programming requests	
21/31	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility	Poppenhusen Institute
24/31	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility	Queens Botanical Garden 43-50 Main Street
25/31	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Flushing Meadows Corona Park
27/31	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Fort Totten
28/31	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Fort Totten
30/31	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Flushing Meadows Corona Park

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/26	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Provide better park maintenance	
3/26	OMB	Community board facilities and staff	Provide more community board staff	Community Board #7-Queens 133-32 41st Road Suite 3-B
9/26	DPR	Park programming	Other park programming requests	
17/26	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	
18/26	QL	Library facilities, equipment and	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	
19/26	QL	Library facilities, equipment and	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Additional Comments

over the years the need for day care programs has increased due to the fact that both parents must work in order to maintain their cost of living standards. More importantly, inexpensive day care programs are needed since these cost have risen very high.

Other Expense Requests

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7/26	ACS	Incease Funding for Day Care Centers	Administration for Children's Services	

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1/31	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruction of 20th Avenue from the Whitestone Expressway service to College Point Boulevard, and 127th Street from 14th to 23rd Avenues. This heavily utilized main artery within our district connects the communities of Whitestone and College Point, and also serves a large shopping mall between these two areas. The road has extensive flooding problems, and existing roadbed is sinking. Major road construction and sewer work is necessary in order to bring these streets up to grade.		College Point Civic and Taxpayers Association
2/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Reconstruct Little Bay Park. This includes several phases - (1) rehabilitation of soccer/baseball fields, (2) installation of additional lighting along the paths, (3) construction of a fitness track. (1982-project)	Little Bay Park	Bay Terrace Community Alliance; Robinwood Homeowners Association
3/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Reconstruction of Kissena Corridor Park. There is a need to reconstruct the ballfield at Colden Street and Elder Avenue, in addition to the Little league baseball/soccer field. In addition a sidewalk must be installed on the 56th Avenue side of the park. The park also needs additional benches, light poles, security and a designated walkway from 56th Avenue to Colden Street and construction of Meditation Garden. (1981 project)	Kissena Corridor Park	Queensborough Hill Neighborhood Association; University Park tenants Association
4/31	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruction of Union Street from Northern Boulevard to 26th Ave. and from 26th Ave. to Parsons Blvd.. This is a heavily used major artery serving the southern end of Whitestone into Downtown Flushing, utilized by trucks and busses. The road, bus pads and pedestrian ramps are badly deteriorated.		Mitchell Linden civic association; North Flushing Civic Association
5/31	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Willets Point Phase II - This area has been neglected by the city of New York and needs a total Capital reconstruction to include sidewalks, roadbed, sewers, and street lighting. This area has extensive flooding problems and the roadbed has sunk making it impossible for drivers to navigate the area.	Willets Point	Willets Point United
6/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Reconstruction for McNeil Park is needed to include: (1) seawall/drainage, (2) paths, (3) playground, (4) installation of sidewalk abutting the Poppenhusen Avenue side of the park. (1993-project)	McNeil Park	College Point Civic and Taxpayers Association

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7/31	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruction of Ulmer Street from the Whitestone Expressway S.R to 25th Avenue. This street which is a main access road into College Point is collapsing causing drivers to lose control. The roadbed must be surcharged, and the sewers placed on piles in order for the street to not collapse again.		College Point Civic and Taxpayers Association
8/31	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruction of 28th Avenue from Linden Place to College Point Boulevard. This street is an access road into College Point as well as the Corporate park. The roadbed is collapsing and possibly causing drivers to lose control. The roadbed must be surcharged. and the sewers need to be placed on piles in order for the street not to collapse again.		College Point Civic and Taxpayers Association
9/31	DEP	Build new, expand or repair sanitary sewers	The construction and reconstruction of sanitary, storm and combined sewers will help lessen the incidents of sewer back-ups and will assist in the draining of storm and sanitary water. The modernization of interlocker catch basins and granite head catch basins will facilitate maintenance within board #7 (1984-project)		
10/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Reconstruction of comfort station/park house for Flushing Memorial Field. The existing parkhouse houses not only the pre-school office, but their maintenance facility. This building is necessary to support the existing sports facilities within the park. (1984-project)	Flushing Memorial Field	
11/31	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Implement recommendations of traffic study for College Point Corporate Park. Park rapidly developing and must move forward. It houses the new Police Academy, two Sanitation garages, the reconstructed Marine transfer station, plus the myriad of buildings, and retail components which adds to the present traffic congestion. With the development, the traffic study has focused on 1800 to 2000 coming to the site, the back-up of traffic along 20th Avenue extends into the community of Whitestone. 1998-project	College Point Corporate Park	College Point Civic and Taxpayers Association; Greater Whitestone Taxpayers Civic Association
12/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Reconstruct Frank Golden Park. This reconstruction is necessary in order to rehabilitate and correct serious drainage problems. After a heavy rainstorm, this athletic field cannot be utilized for several days.	Frank Golden Park	College Point Civic and Taxpayers Civic Association

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13/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Reconstruct Kissena Park Phase III . Design and rehabilitate the parkhouse abutting Kissena Lake. This parkhouse is utilized the pre-school program. Phase IV is for the upgrade of the paths and landscaping throughout the park. Phase V is for the rehabilitation of outdated and unsafe playgrounds throughout the park. Specifically the playgrounds at 164th,160th, and Booth Memorial Avenue. Phase VI is for the construction of a comfort station in close proximity to the Veleldrome.	Kissena Park	Kissena Park Civic Association
14/31	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	Due to growth in the number of housing units in CB#7-Qns. upgrading the firehouse is considered the utmost importance which includes electrical system, plumbing, painting throughout , and back-up diesel generators. Relates to four Engine companies 274, 273, 297 & 295		
15/31	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Expand mezzanine portion of #7 line to Prince Street to include an exit into 39-07 Prince Street. Board #7 passed a zoning change that in the near future, downtown Flushing will see an insurgence of new development west of Main Street. Recently a developer made a commitment that if the mezzanine were extended west they would allow and entrance/exit into this building.	39-07 Prince	
16/31	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Implement Main Street redesign Phase IV. Downtown Flushing street improvements, sewer/water main replacement, curbs, sidewalks, lights, and landscape. This area is to include King Street from College Point to Northern Boulevards, 36th Avenue, 36th Road, 37th Avenue and 39th Avenue from College Point Boulevard to Prince Street.		
17/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Upgrade paths and lighting for Flushing Meadows Corona Park and Joe Michael Mile. These two parks located within our board area, need extensive path and lighting rehabilitation since they are utilized by our residents. The agency must seriously look at these two locations to eliminate a potential liability to the city.		Bay Terrace Community Alliance; Flushing Meadows Park Conservancy
18/31	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Construct College Point Boulevard between 14th and 23rd Avenues. This location is the main artery for the business district of College Point. The road has extensive flooding problems, in addition to street and sidewalk deterioration. This road reconstruction is necessary to bring this area up to grade.		College Point Board of Trade; College Point Civic and Taxpayers Association

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19/31	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Support funding for Park Contracts to handle tree removals, pruning and stump removals. Community Board #7 has a backlog of tree removal/pruning as well as stump removals. This work cannot be handle with in-house crews. Funding must be maintained in order to continue or improve the seven year cycle.		
20/31	DPR	Other park programming requests	Support new Parks Department equipment. In order to handle the tremendous amount of parkland & city trees in our district, the following is needed: leaf vacuum truck (bobcat w/attachment), trailer gator for Kissena Park, ride on mowers & weed whackers, hand held blowers, lawn mowers, crew cab pick-ups, cab cadet, zero turn mower, and trailer for garden tracker. Crew cab pick-up w/lift gate, 16 yard packer, single cab pick-up w/snow plows & Power lift gate.		
21/31	DCLA	Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility	Increase funding for Poppenhusen Institute in College Point to preserve its historic structure. The building has sustained damage and needs the installation of a handicapped service elevator, including upgrading of electric, a facsimile of a gas lighting system, safety upgrades for a second means of egress to include raised handrails. This Landmark facility should be funded by the city and not individual organizations as Poppenhusen falls under the Department of Cultural Affairs.	Poppenhusen Institute	College Point Civic and Taxpayers Civic Association
22/31	DFTA	Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors	Funding must be obtained to allow the Department for the Aging to develop additional sites within CB#7-Qns. Our District has a senior population with close to 90,000, & with the lack of upgraded facilities this goal is hard to accomplish. These sites must be developed keeping in mind that our seniors are more active & involved.		
23/31	FDNY	Upgrade communication equipment to improve emergency response	Complete & Upgrade of E.R.S. boxes will cut down on false alarms and provide better services in times of real emergencies. Will eliminate wear and tear and waste of diesel fuel on the rigs.		

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24/31	DCLA	<i>Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility</i>	<i>Continue upgrade of Queens Botanical Garden. Repairs are needed for additional service buildings as well as upgrading their greenhouses to include emergency heating systems. Additional bathrooms as well as handicapped facilities are needed when these service buildings are either upgraded or replaced. Upgrades should be funded by the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs. (1984 project)</i>	<i>Queens Botanical Garden 43-50 Main Street</i>	
25/31	DPR	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>There is a need for a Nature/Environmental Center to be located by the South West Corner of Meadow Lake in FMCP. This Center would provide various groups i.e. birdwatchers, Boy & Girl Scouts and students to utilize the Park in a more organized environmental atmosphere. This building which would need renovation was originally utilized the boat storage.</i>	<i>Flushing Meadows Corona Park</i>	
26/31	NYPD	<i>Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct</i>	<i>Over the years crime has increased in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. The Precincts surrounding the park are too busy to assist with regard to park security. If an incident was to occur within the park the response time would be significantly improved with the establishment of a satellite precinct. Safety must be our number one priority for the myriad of families utilizing the park on a daily basis</i>	<i>Flushing Meadows Corona Park</i>	
27/31	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i>	<i>An architectural & structural assessment needs to be done in order to stabilize the building, salvage the remaining details that dated to its original 1829 construction. This house will continue to be an important contributing resource in the Fort Totten Historic District & testament to the early development of the borough.</i>	<i>Fort Totten</i>	
28/31	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Construction is to include a parking lot, sports lighting (night time) as well as athletic Fields (track & football).</i>	<i>Fort Totten</i>	
29/31	DPR	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Sidewalk installation necessary for safety & security of park patrons. Park is heavily utilized by youth playing various sports or utilization of playground and without sidewalks both parents and youngsters end up walking in the roadbed in order to use the park, thus creating a very dangerous situation fro both pedestrians & drivers.</i>	<i>Outside George Harvy Park</i>	

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30/31	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	A design consultant needs to evaluate the existing signage within the Park to determine what new signage needs to be installed, as well as where it should be installed. At present the existing signage at times, is not very clear, and must be upgraded in order to get patrons to the correct venue within the Park.	Flushing Meadows Corona Park	Dwarf Giraffe Little League; Greater Whitestone Taxpayers Civic Association
31/31	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	At present locker room are old and must be updated to accommodate the female officers and new hirers.		
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Expansion & upgrading of Flushing Airport (FA308), realignment of Linden Place required drainage retention pond. grade/curvature adjustments necessary due to location of drainage retention pond. Project abutted by Flushing Airport, College Pt., Sports Complex & Corp. Park. Roadways involves cracked, uneven, & deteriorating. Linden Place has severe water ponding condition w/non-existent curbs. There's a need for marginal road to get traffic off the southbound Whitestone Expwy. Svcs. Rd. (1998-project)		Joint Community Council; College Point Civic and Taxpayers Association
CS	DEP	Build new, expand or repair storm sewers	Construction of storm, sanitary and water mains from the N/B Whitestone Expressway Service Road going E/B into the Whitestone communities. Homeowners have being experiencing tremendous flooding in front of their homes as well as their basements. These projects will eliminate this ongoing problem.		Mitchell Linden Civic Association; Greater Whitestone Civic and Taxpayers Association
CS	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Reconstruct and Correct Drainage systems at Flushing Bus Depot. (1980-project)	Casey Stengel Bus Depot	
CS	EDC	Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts	Improve and develop Flushing Airport site to be utilized for soft recreational uses which would include using an aviation theme. site should include uses such as a driving range, miniature golf, water park to enhance the wetlands, etc. CB#7-Qns. does not want to see heavy trucking uses such as a manufacturing or a retail component. (1980-project)	Flushing Airport	Bowne Park Civic Association

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CS	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	Community Board #7 having the largest population of the 59 Community Boards, and one of the largest in geographic area, there is a need for an additional police precinct in our district. According to information the 109th precinct is 4th in the overall index crime complaints in the city, and first in Queens for radio runs (approximately 6,000 per month). The fair share allocation for manpower has to take into consideration the quality of life issues that the precinct has to deal with. This requires time and manpower of which our precinct is being stretched far beyond their limit.		Friends of Fort Totten; Bay Terrace Community Alliance
CS	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	There is a need to develop a multi agency civic learning center to teach youngsters about safety issues as it pertains to fire, buildings, environmental protection, health, police and sanitation departments. In addition, these site could be used for seniors as a refresher center.	Fort Totten	Bay Terrace Community Alliance; Friends of Fort Totten

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1/26	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	Due to the increased construction in Community Board #7, there is a need to increase the number of qualified inspectors to expand the Administrative Tribunal to deal with the volume of violations, and to increase the number of inside personnel to assist community board staff. Eight (8) additional support staff, additional administrative staff and additional inspectors are needed.		
2/26	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	CB#7-Qns supports an increase in regular, & seasonal personnel in order to maintain park locations, tennis courts, proper tree maintenance which include pruning & removal, Joint Operated Parks, PEP Workers, Greenstreet location & playgrounds. A tremendous amount of parkland in CB#7 seasonal workers and 21 POP workers will eliminate the full time and part time gardeners. Additional monies needed for sidewalk tree programs, maintenance & recreational staff & an operator for Parks Dept. Tram.		
3/26	OMB	Provide more community board staff	Workload increase as community relies on the CB to assist with the delivery of municipal services, zoning matters, land use issues, city budget and problem affecting the community. For Community Boards to fulfill the expanded Charter mandated roles, and operate efficiently, an increase in funds is needed to hire a full time staff member and replace aged equipment. CB#7 requests operating budget be increased. Since we're the largest population of all 59 boards. According to several service agencies as well as the Police Dept. our population hovers just below 300,000 people.	Community Board #7- Queens 133-32 41st Road Suite 3-B	
4/26	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	Additional personnel are needed to handle basket pick-ups on Saturday, Sunday & Holidays on commercial strips. Maintain 5-day school collection & twice weekly recycling collection & sweepers. Plus household bulk must be opened during the week to accommodate homeowners who need access to the dump. If the household dump is not accessible illegal dumping will increase.		
5/26	DEP	Clean catch basins	Additional maintenance staff is needed to handle the increase number of street collapses and to perform odor control monitoring at water plants & staff to handle repairs for the general cleaning and repairing of catch basins.		
6/26	DOT	Other traffic improvements requests	Fund a curb replacement program. Additional funding is needed to continue and accelerate a curb replacement contract in conjunction with the Highways IFA resurfacing program to include three crews which would include cement masons and A.C.H.R.'s crew personnel. (1993-project)		

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7/26	ACS	Administration for Children's Services	Increase funding for day care centers in order to accommodate the increasing population within our board area. The need for this service has increased tremendously since both parents need to work. (1984-project)		
8/26	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Support funding for additional personnel to address quality of life complaints, maintain the DARE program (workshop on drug education for school children). Additional civilian personnel to relieve officers assigned to the 109th precinct, school crossing guards. Additional traffic enforcement agents are needed to intensify enforcement coverage. In addition, the K9 unit dogs are capable of sniffing out drugs and bombs.	109th Precinct	
9/26	DPR	Other park programming requests	Increase supplies and equipment for parks. Supplies are needed for park programs such as arts and crafts, as well as equipment and tools in order to maintain our park locations, tennis facilities, and green street locations.		
10/26	DOT	Other traffic improvements requests	Support replacement contracts for deteriorated bus pads. Community Board #7 with its 13 miles of streets and 24 bus lines, many of the bus pads in the area are deteriorated - they have either sunk or crumbled. The replacement program must be accelerated in order not to create a major liability for the city.		
11/26	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Personnel needed for engineering division to conduct traffic studies, signal investigations and surveys. Crews needed for handling replacement of missing worn & faded signs. Additional personnel is needed to handle line markings. Also needed is Bridge maintenance personnel. Personnel to handle graffiti on highway structures. Manpower to handle milling & Resurfacing. The agency request an increase in maintenance crew to handle cave-ins milling potholes and wear & tear on streets in CB#7		
12/26	DOT	Other traffic improvements requests	Fund additional equipment for the Department of Transportation for the engineering division. Vehicles are needed for inspectors to do field studies, in addition to utility trucks, bucket trucks and machine counters. Arterial highways need back-up trucks and rack trucks to handle tree pruning on arterial highways. The sign shop needs additional traffic device maintainers and trucks. Asphalt allocations must be increased due to the size of our district.		
13/26	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Funding is needed to support probie training, restoration of salvage unit, establishment of SVC liaison unit ,expansion of juvenile fire setter intervention program and arson task force program, and the arson task force.		

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14/26	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Each of our Fire houses need to be supplied with Generators, GPS Systems, Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors & CPR Kits. Support funding for senior dual C/O - smoke detector installations - CPR & Fire safety training.		
15/26	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	Maintaining the weekly recycling program is a necessity with the increasing population, building growth and new products-i.e.: all plastics, clothing and food waste. It's extremely important to have weekly collections in order to accommodate the anticipated growth of the agency/population. Quota numbers need to be increased.		
16/26	NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	Money needs to be allocated in order to fund boots for commercial trucks that ark overnight in residential areas, as well as heavy duty tow trucks for eighteen wheelers. In addition, money must be allocated to purchase new equipment, such as Plate Readers, GLA Trackers and Argus Cameras.	109th Precinct	
17/26	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Funding is needed to maintain programs through Flushing Council on Culture and the Arts, Lewis Latimer House, Queens Botanical Garden, Poppenhusen Institute, and Kingsland House. While these institutions are in Community Board #7, they serve the borough by providing programs for all age groups. (1983-project)		Downtown Flushing Development Corp. Change
18/26	QL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Additional funding is needed to keep all branches open six days per week. With our ever growing population, many of our residents only have weekends to utilize the libraries. By not giving them access, it has forced them to go into other boroughs to utilize the library system.		
19/26	QL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	CB#7 is one of the most ethnically diverse communities in the city. It is necessary for our Libraries to have book and electronic equipment not only I English, but in the languages familiar to our newly arrived population.		
20/26	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Fire Marshalls are the detectives for the Fire Department and are on the scene of a fire to determine if arson is the cause. The evidence must not be destroyed, and with the projected opening of the base in Queens. the backload of open cases and arson fires will be reduced.	Fire Marshal Base at Fort Totten	
21/26	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Joint Operated Playgrounds are presently maintained/operated solely with Parks Dept. personnel and budget. Due to severe cutbacks, the responsibility must be shared as join operated implies. Dept. of Education must contribute a fair share to this Program. This is a matter of safety for the children that use these playgrounds		

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22/26	DEP	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	Money must be allocated to purchase noise mitigation equipment for the Agency to measure the sound levels of pile driving & jack hammering. With the accelerated new construction going on in our district we have been receiving an increase in complaints from area residents regarding noise which presently is being monitored & enforced by DEP.		
23/26	EDC	Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs	Support Neighborhood Business Development Program (NBDP) & industrial development in Queens county.		
24/26	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Increased staff is needed to maintain inspectors at current level. Money must be allocated to increase staff attorney's to handle the backload of cases. At present the Agency only has five (5) staff attorney's and each year the number of cases increase between 7 to 8%		
25/26	HRA	Other senior center program requests	Many eligible seniors (68%) and immigrant adults have signed up to receive food stamps. SNAP benefits are available as Nutritional support to low income individuals which is based on household size and gross income limits established by the Federal government annually.		
26/26	DOT	Improve parking operations	Over the past years CB#7-Qns. has seen an increase in growth. Parking in our commercial districts is at maximum capacity. With the inception of the muni meter program the number of available on street parking would increase by 20%. There s need for commercial Muni Meters. These will eliminate the problem of the businesses from parking all day without paying.		