

***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 3'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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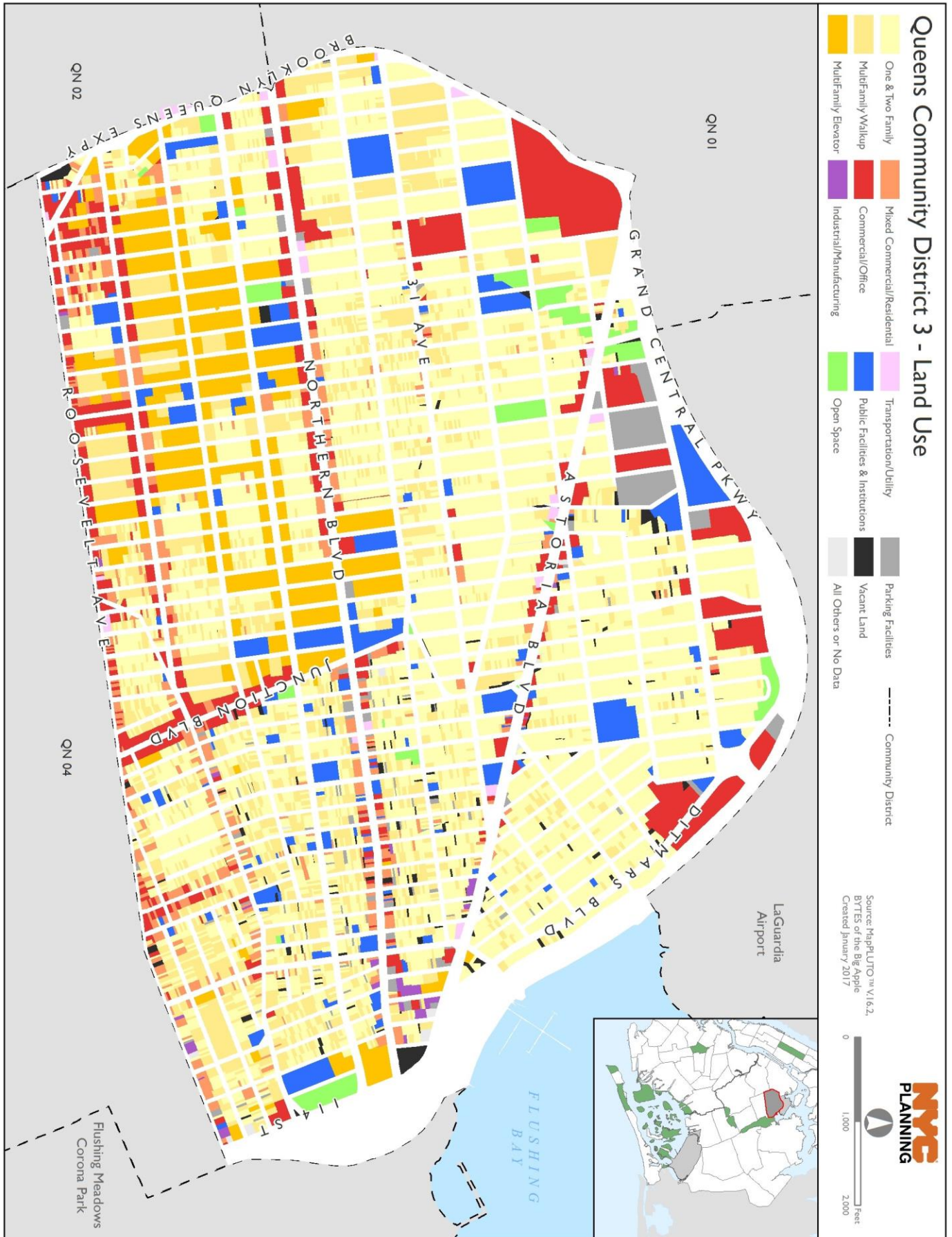
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2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Community Board 3 FY2018 District Needs Statement

The community is changing but our basic priorities remain the same. Community Board 3's goal is to enhance the quality of life for all of its residents from our very young to seniors. Community Board 3 is comprised of the neighborhoods of North Corona, East Elmhurst and Jackson Heights, bounded by the Brooklyn- Queens Expressway to the west, Grand Central Parkway to the north, Flushing Meadow Corona Park to the east and Roosevelt Avenue to the south. The district encompasses zip codes 11368, 11369, 11370 and 11372.

CB3's land area is 3.0 square miles and is serviced by the 115th Police Precinct; Sanitation Queens West 3; Fire Engine Company 307/Ladder 154 and Engine Company 316; 15 Public schools; 11 private and parochial schools; 2 postsecondary degree granting institutions; 4 public libraries; 1 private library; 28 Day Care/ Head Start facilities; 11 known mental health facilities; 12 residences that provide services for individuals with developmental disabilities; 9 park/playgrounds; 1 vest pocket park; 7 sitting areas; 8 park strips, Diversity Plaza , 78th Street Play Street and Fisher Pool.

The District lies in the shadow of La Guardia Airport, where some of its residents are employed. Airport related uses along a portion of its northernmost street Ditmars Boulevard, are obvious with the presence of hotels such as the Garden Hotel, the Marriott Hotel, the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, the Quality Hotel, and on the GCP, the Marriott Courtyard Hotel. National Car Rental maintains a major facility and the Vaughn College- School of Aeronautics is located in the vicinity.

Our major shopping districts and commercial corridors are located along Roosevelt Avenue on the southern boundary of the District; Astoria Boulevard on the northern boundary; 37th Avenue, Northern Boulevard, 73 Street; 74th Street, 82nd Street, 90th Street, Junction Boulevard, 103rd Street .

The District's showplaces within the M-1 zone is the Bulova Corporate Center, Home Depot and Bed, Bath and Beyond. Nearby in Flushing Meadow Corona Park, CITIFIELD New York Mets and USTA. Willets Point is a stone's throw away from our borders.

Housing Stock The housing stock is very diversified encompassing brick apartment houses and Tudor style row and two-family homes. Some of the finest, architecturally distinctive dwellings in Queens County and the City can be found in Community Board3, particularly in East Elmhurst and the Jackson Heights neighborhoods. Just to mention a few notable sites; the Jackson Heights Historic District, America's first planned "garden city" and the Louis Armstrong House/Museum, a national landmark in North Corona.

Demographics Community Board 3 is a densely populated and probably the most diverse community on the planet.

According to NYU Furman Center, 62.8% of our population is foreign born and the majority of our citizens originate from Latin America. English is their second language.

The 2010 Census reports that our population is 171,576, which means that our numbers have increased by 1.5% (2,493) since the 2000 census. It is widely known, however, that New York was severely undercounted in the last census. We therefore believe that NYU Furman Center's single year indicator for 2013 which projects our population to be at 185,815 is probably a more accurate count.

Priorities While there are three distinct neighborhoods, North Corona, East Elmhurst and Jackson Heights, we are all working towards a common goal to improve the quality of life for our families and community. We therefore continue to advocate for our top priorities:

- Construct New School Facilities in CB3- Early Childhood Center, Primary and High School
- Clean Up Flushing Bay and Implement the Army Core of Engineers Recommendations
- Expand the Capacity of the Jackson Heights Library

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- Expand the East Elmhurst Library
- Expand Corona Library
- Construct a Library north of Northern Blvd. within Jackson Heights & East Elmhurst.
- Create Affordable Housing
- Reconstruct/Repair Sewers to Alleviate Backups and Flooding
- Construct an Intergenerational Facility in Jackson Heights that will accommodate both youth and seniors,(Boys and Girls Club)
- Increase Youth Programs
- Increase Senior Programs
- Increase Hospital Beds
- Expand Medical Services at the Corona Health Center
- Increase Police Personnel at the 115th Precinct
- Increase park and open space in Community Board 3, particularly in Jackson Heights
- Conduct a Commercial District Needs Assessment

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Queens Community Board 3 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Schools*
- *Senior services*

There are many issues facing Community Board 3 affordable housing, senior services, health services, school overcrowding, quality of life and neighborhood preservation. It is impossible to narrow our concerns down to a few issues. All the aforementioned are important to the success of our community. **Affordable Housing** According to the NYU Furman Center for renter households Community Board3 ranks number one citywide for severe crowding. Clearly the creation of affordable housing is important for our district. **School Overcrowding** Our primary and intermediate schools feed into severely overcrowded high schools that are located outside of the District. Community Board3's highest priority is to provide a first class education for our children. In order to accomplish that goal, we must first address overcrowding on all levels from elementary, intermediate to high school. Census projections indicate more overcrowding is on the horizon. While we have been fortunate to have classrooms added, along with a new elementary and intermediate school on the way; additional schools are needed. We therefore continue to advocate for more schools and keep education as our top priority. **Senior Services** Seniors comprise 9.9 % of our overall population, transportation, mental health services, home care and escort services are urgently needed. Funding must be increased in order to ensure that our seniors receive the services that they require.



Health Care and Human Services

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

Elder Abuse Program/DFTA Citywide there has been an increase in elder abuse cases; physical, emotional, financial or neglect. Increase funding for this program so that resources will always be available to assist any senior who may require services.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Corona Health Center Junction Boulevard Upgrade and expand services at the Corona Health Center. The majority of the residents in the catchment area of the center are either under or uninsured and in dire need of medical assistance. Reinstatement of the dental clinic and expand services to include primary care, free screenings for eye, ear, sickle cell anemia, asthma, diabetes, cholesterol, prostate and breast cancer. Promote education and awareness on nutrition, smoking cessation, mental health and treatment. A full service clinic is urgently needed in North Corona. Constituents residing in this section of the district do not have the means to travel to the health center that is located in Brooklyn; it is the only city operated facility that is offering these critical services. Increase Hospital Beds at Elmhurst Hospital and Borough-Wide Since 2008, five hospitals have closed in the Borough of Queens. Our area hospital is feeling the impact. Elmhurst Hospital is now accommodating many of the patients that used to go to the hospitals that are now closed. Elmhurst Hospital reports that in the last 7 years the emergency department volumes have gone up 33% which is very significant. Patient wait time has considerably increased. Additional hospital beds and expansion of the emergency room is sorely needed. Although Urgent Care facilities are opening around the board area and borough, it does not diminish the fact that more hospitals and the services that they provide are still needed.

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

Senior Services The senior members of our district make up nearly 10% of our population. In addition to home care, escort services, transportation and mental health services, seniors need assistance with legal and benefit services. Funding levels for DFTA and related agencies that provide these critical services must be increased.

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
21/25	DOHMH	Health inspections	Increase health inspections, e.g. for restaurants	
22/25	HHC	Health care facilities	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	Elmhurst Hospital
23/25	DFTA	Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) programs	Enhance NORC programs and health services	



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

After school programs

Increase Funding for After School Programs Working parents can benefit from utilizing after school programs. In many program there is homework , and recreational

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Eliminate School Overcrowding Community Board3's highest priority is to provide a first class education for our children. In order to accomplish that goal, we must first address overcrowding on all levels from elementary, intermediate to high school. Overcrowding in our neighborhood schools have been a problem for many years. The utilization rate for P. S. 228 is 173%, P. S. 212 is 139% and P. S. 222 is 139%. Census projections indicate more overcrowding is on the horizon. While we have been fortunate to have classrooms added, along with a new elementary and intermediate school on the way; additional schools are still needed. We therefore will continue to advocate for more schools and keep education as our top priority.

Supporting Materials:

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) found in the Appendix into a browser.

[- School Utilization Projections- District Needs Statement 2017](#)

Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

Affordable Child Care Affordable child care services are vital to working families. Parents who have children under the age of four rely on these hard to find services. In order to support our moderate income families; fully fund and open up additional day care slots.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Community Board3,Queens supports the expansion of the program and increase in funding for SYEP. We call upon DYCD to secure sufficient funds to employ any young person who wishes to work next summer

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/27	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	
25/27	DYCD	<i>Need for Community Center</i>	<i>Construct an Intergenerational Facility to Accommodate Both Youth and Seniors</i>	
CS	DYCD	<i>Child care</i>	<i>Other child care requests</i>	
CS	NYCTA	<i>Camera Installation</i>	<i>Cameras</i>	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
4/25	DYCD	Youth workforce development	Other youth workforce development requests	
8/25	DOE	Educational Program	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	
9/25	DOE	Educational programs	Other educational programs requests	
10/25	ACS	Child care	Other child care requests	
20/25	DCA	Hire DCA Agents	Hire additional Consumer Affairs agents to conduct night and weekend street vending inspections	
24/25	DFTA	Enhance Home Care Services	Provide funding for seniors to retrofit their apartments and homes	



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Fire Safety

Community Board 3 supports the funding of the fire prevention and fire safety initiatives Juvenile Fire-Setters Program, Queens Fire Safety House and the Fatal Fire Team.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

Police Department Community Board 3 continues to support the Roosevelt Avenue Task Force and the newly instituted Community Policing program. Keep the Roosevelt Avenue Task Force and Impact Zone initiatives in place. Our local precinct is doing an outstanding job but could benefit from an increase in personnel and additional resources. Hire civilians to cover administrative duties so that police officers can be freed up to address crime and quality of life complaints. School Crossing Guards Hire additional school crossing guards to cover all of our area schools.

Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

Fund FDNY's Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors Distribution Program Community Board 3 supports this life saving program.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
CS	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</i>	<i>115th Precinct</i>
CS	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional traffic enforcement officers</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
6/25	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>115th precinct</i>

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

Air quality and pollution

Air Pollution Monitors CB3 is surrounded by Lagoon Airport, BQE and Grand Central Parkway. Our residents are concerned about the impact of fumes emitting from motor vehicles and planes in the community. There is a high incidence of asthma & respiratory disease in our district. The need to install air monitors in our area is clear

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Water, Sewer and Environmental Protection Clean Up Flushing Bay, Build an Additional CSO Tank in order to Dredge, Reduce Odors and Improve Water Quality. The environmental studies and recommendations on the ecological decline of Flushing Bay must be acted upon expeditiously. We call upon the City to build a CSO tank so the bay can be dredged and the Army Corp of Engineers odor abatement recommendations can be implemented. Our objective is to bring Flushing Bay back to its Pre-World's Fair (1964) condition. Catch Basins In order to reduce the incidence of costly emergency repairs, a regular maintenance and cleaning schedule must be established and adhered to. Fund A Study For The Replacement of The Combined Sewer System In CB3. Conduct a study to determine the feasibility to change out the existing combined sewer system to a storm sewer. Over the years, the incidence of flooding and sewer backups have been more frequent. In previous years, sewer backup conditions and flooding were more prevalent in East Elmhurst and North Corona where there were primarily 1-2 family homes. Today, flooding and backups can occur in any part of the district whenever there are heavy. because of the extensive development. We ask DEP to give serious consideration of our request.

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

In order to improve the level of cleanliness throughout the district, increase litter basket collection to three times per day.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/27	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Build new or expand wastewater treatment or water pollution control facilities	
6/27	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Build new, expand or repair storm sewers	
7/27	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Build new, expand or repair sanitary sewers	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/25	DEP	Environmental protection	Address air quality issues	
3/25	DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	
16/25	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling infrastructure	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	

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

Affordable housing programs

affordable housing

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

DOB - Request: Increase staffing levels for Administrative & Community Outreach Units. Explanation: Additional administrative and community personnel is needed to improve the agency's ability to disseminate information and work with property owners. No, this is a request for our community more generally

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

Construct Affordable Housing for Middle, Low Income Families and Seniors Around the district new buildings are going up, but nearly none of are affordable. A recent survey reported that “49 %t of Queens residents shell out as much as 48% of their income on housing” In CB3, the average rental rate for apartments is approximately \$1600 a month for one bedroom, which is far out of range for most working families. Young people who were born and raised in our community and seniors on fixed incomes cannot afford to live in the District. There is a urgent need for mid-low income housing facilities. “ We have noted that in order to pay expensive rents families are doubling and tripling up in apartments and houses. We need affordable housing that will fit in and support the needs of the existing community. Strategies and programs must be developed to stimulate the production of affordable housing facilities. Employ strategies such as No property taxes for 5 years to encourage the development of affordable housing.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Conduct a Commercial District Needs Assessment- Last winter Community Board 3 conducted a forum for our area businesses. There was a good turnout, many of the operator’s questions centered around gaining access to capital, taxes, high rental rates, marketing, doing business with the City of New York and merchant organizing. CB3 requests that a Commercial District Needs Assessment be conducted to support our local businesses.

Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
5/27	HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Other affordable housing programs requests</i>	
CS	DOB	<i>Housing oversight and emergency programs</i>	<i>Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
7/25	EDC	<i>Economic development investments</i>	<i>Expand graffiti removal services on private sites</i>	
12/25	SBS	<i>Business regulatory assistance</i>	<i>Other business regulatory assistance requests</i>	
14/25	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 safety

District Wide Traffic Study Community Board 3 is concerned about many of the transportation issues that are outlined in this section but a Traffic Study would be beneficial to the safety of the overall community. The Department of Transportation has implemented several safety improvements projects within the district. We have seen the positive effects. Community Board3 requests that a comprehensive study be conducted to examine pedestrian, vehicular and parking patterns throughout the entire district. The assessment will assist us in developing a plan to effectively manage conditions on our streets.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
8/27	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	86th Street 25th Avenue 30th Avenue
10/27	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Grand Central Parkway 114th Street Northern Blvd.
11/27	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Conduct traffic or parking studies	GCP 114th Street Astoria Blvd
13/27	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	
14/27	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Upgrade or create new greenways	Center Mall Astoria Blvd
15/27	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Upgrade or create new greenways	
17/27	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Upgrade or create new step streets	
18/27	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	
19/27	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new medians or bus pads	
20/27	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Other transportation infrastructure requests	
21/27	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Other transportation infrastructure requests	
22/27	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Other traffic improvements requests	
23/27	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
13/25	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	
25/25	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Other transportation infrastructure requests	



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Access to and quality of park programming

Hire Additional Park Associates CB3 parks are heavily utilized but have only two associates. The programs that are provided by the associates are outstanding and all of our young park users should have access and to park programming. We request funding to hire a park associate for each of our area parks.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Open Space/Recreational Facilities and Programs Our community needs and deserves more park space. It is well documented that CB3. Queens comes in second citywide as to having the least amount of park space. PlanNYC indicates that Community Board 3's open space is at .04 acres per 1000 residents, particularly in Jackson Heights. Combining the acreage of our athletic fields, courts, passive open spaces and community gardens totals .16 per 1000 resident. CB3 is woefully below the open space requirements set by NYC Neighborhood Standards. We are committed to finding creative ways in which to increase public spaces and recreational programming within our district. We have supported expanding our public space by converting local streets into temporary playstreets/plazas and purchased private property to enlarge a local park, i.e. 78th Street Playstreet, Diversity Plaza and Rory Staunton Field. While we are grateful for what has been accomplished thus far additional park space is sorely needed. We ask that funding be provided so that new sites can be identified and developed.

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

Louis Armstrong House Museum- Education Visitor Center The Louis Armstrong House Museum is a National Historic Landmark and a New York City landmark. It is the only landmark located within the confines of Community Board 3. LAMH is located in the heart of North Corona. It is reported that the museum hosts over 12,500 visitors each year. The Visitor's Center is in its final stages of development. The new addition will allow the institution to accommodate more visitors; large groups, provide housing for the storage of the Louis Armstrong archives and expand programming to include concerts and forums. The current space is too small to conduct the aforementioned activities. Community Board 3 fully supports this project. We request that the construction of the Visitor's Center be fully funded; that work commence expeditiously and opened before the close of FY2017.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

Libraries Community Board 3 has four libraries and all are well utilized. The Center for Urban Future indicates that in 2014 visitors to the Jackson Heights branch exceeded 445,970, North Corona 240,466., Langston Hughes 168,849 and East Elmhurst 66,595. Our residents both adults and children rely on our local libraries for employment information, cultural and educational programs and general access to the internet. Libraries have always been one of our top priorities. We are pleased to see that our local facilities will be opened six days a week. We now look forward to the advancement of the following projects: The expansion of the Jackson Heights Library, the children's center is extremely overcrowded; consideration should be given to constructing an annex that will be located close to the existing facility. The Jackson Heights facility is the most heavily utilized branch in North West Queens. The East Elmhurst Branch urgently needs a cultural facility. The project has been on the books since 1999. While the land has been acquired, and design completed; there has not been any movement towards construction. The community is eagerly looking forward to the completion of the cultural center and opening in FY 2017. In the North West Section of CB3 there are no library facilities. The residents in this portion of the district are sorely lacking library services. Residents who live north of Northern Boulevard must travel a distance. Constituents complain that they would use library services more frequently if there were a facility closer to their neighborhood. We ask that the QPL System seriously consider our requests and move the aforementioned projects forward.

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
3/27	QL	Library facilities, equipment and	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	East Elmhurst Library
4/27	QL	Library facilities, equipment and	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Jackson Heights Regional Library
9/27	QL	Library facilities, equipment and	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Northwest Sector of CB3
12/27	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
16/27	DPR	Park programming	Other park programming requests	
24/27	QL	Library facilities, equipment and	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	
26/27	DCAS	Community board facilities and staff	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	
27/27	DPR	Park programming	Other park programming requests	
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	
CS	DPR	Park programming	Other park programming requests	Forest Park
CS	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	LOUIS ARMSTRONG HOUSE

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/25	QL	Library facilities, equipment and	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	
5/25	DPR	Park programming	Other park programming requests	
11/25	OMB	Community board facilities and staff	Other community board facilities and staff requests	
15/25	DPR	Park programming	Other park programming requests	
17/25	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	
18/25	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	New equipment for maintenance	
19/25	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	Northern Playground

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
25/27	DYCD	<i>Need for Community Center</i>	<i>Construct an Intergenerational Facility to Accommodate Both Youth and Seniors</i>	
CS	NYCTA	<i>Camera Installation</i>	<i>Cameras</i>	

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
8/25	DOE	<i>Educational Program</i>	<i>Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material</i>	
20/25	DCA	<i>Hire DCA Agents</i>	<i>Hire additional Consumer Affairs agents to conduct night and weekend street vending inspections</i>	
24/25	DFTA	<i>Enhance Home Care Services</i>	<i>Provide funding for seniors to retrofit their apartments and homes</i>	

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Queens Community Board 3 Capital Requests

Queens Community Board 3 submitted 27 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/27	DOE	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>Request: Construct new school facilities in CB3, especially Early Childhood Centers, Elementary, Intermediate & a High School. Explanation: We are pleased that two new sites have been earmarked for the construction of an elementary & intermediate school; every seat will be utilized. Overcrowding of classrooms is still our most pressing problem and must be addressed. The need for additional school seats and the construction of a high school remains our first priority.</i>		
2/27	DEP	<i>Build new or expand wastewater treatment or water pollution control facilities</i>	<i>Request: Construct Additional Holding / CSO Tanks in Flushing Bay In Order to Reduce Odors, Improve Water Flow and Quality. Explanation: Construct additional holding tanks in Flushing Bay in order to reduce the amount of waste entering into the bay. The holding tanks must be put in place before the Bay is dredged and the Army Corp of Engineers recommendations are implemented.</i>		
3/27	QL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Request: Expand East Elmhurst Library. Explanation: The East Elmhurst Community urgently needs a cultural facility and the expansion of the library to accommodate the increase in users. Proceed with the final phase of the expansion; construction by the start of FY 2017</i>	<i>East Elmhurst Library</i>	
4/27	QL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Construct a new building and expand the capacity of the Jackson Heights Regional Library - keep allocation in place. Explanation: The Jackson Heights Branch is the most heavily utilized library facility in Northwest Queens. The library is the home to the most ethnically diverse population in the City. Space for expansion is available behind the present structure. A new facility will significantly reduce overcrowding.</i>	<i>Jackson Heights Regional Library</i>	
5/27	HPD	<i>Other affordable housing programs requests</i>	<i>Request: Create Affordable Housing for Middle & Low-Income families including seniors. Explanation: Strategies and programs must be developed to stimulate the production of new/affordable housing facilities. There is a severe shortage of housing for the aforementioned income groups.</i>		

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6/27	DEP	Build new, expand or repair storm sewers	Request: Reconstruct Sewers on Astoria Blvd btw 84 through 96 Sts; 114 St btw Ditmars Blvd & 23 Ave; 25 Ave from Gilmore St to the Cul-De-Sac; 110 St from Astoria to Northern Blvd; Northern Blvd btwn 98 & 99 Sts; 99 St btwn Ditmars Blvd & 27th Ave; 87 St btwn Astoria Blvd & 25 Ave; Astoria Blvd Corner 108th and Northern Blvd. at Elmcot Senior Center; 99 St & Astoria Blvd-Blessed Sacrament Church & School, 93 St & 35 Ave. Explanation: The District has experienced serious flooding and property damage. Whenever there is heavy rainfall, water and sewage back-up into residential basements. Reconstruction of the sewers is urgently requested.		
7/27	DEP	Build new, expand or repair sanitary sewers	Request: Fund a Study For The Construction of a Separate Sewer System for 103rd & Northern Blvd., 25th Avenue & 81st Street, 77th Street & 30th Avenue, 25th Avenue and 77th Street and 25th Avenue and 76th Street. Explanation: Neighborhoods that were once comprised of one & two family homes have been replaced with units of six to ten families. These changes have increased the demand on our infrastructure & sewer system. Before 1996, conditions were confined to East Elmhurst or North of Northern Blvd. Sewer backup conditions are now district-wide.		
8/27	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Request: Reconstruct Streets in Community Board 3. Explanation: Reconstruct Northern Blvd. from Junction Blvd. to 114th street. Northern Blvd. from Junction to Roosevelt Ave. 37th Ave from Junction Blvd. to 114th Street. 82nd Street from Roosevelt Ave to the BQE. Roosevelt Ave from 114th to 69th Streets and Astoria Blvd. from 69th to 114th Streets.	86th Street 25th Avenue 30th Avenue	
9/27	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Request: Construct Library in NorthWest Sector of CB3. Explanation: The residents in this portion of the District are sorely lacking library facilities.	Northwest Sector of CB3	
10/27	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Conduct a Traffic Study & redesign of the exit at 114th Street and Northern Boulevard and the Grand Central Parkway. Explanation: The exit at 114th Street and Northern Blvd provides access to the Grand Central Parkway. A traffic study and redesign is requested as several accidents have occurred at this location.	Grand Central Parkway 114th Street Northern Blvd.	

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11/27	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	Request: Fund a traffic study of the Exit of the GCP at 114th Street and Astoria Boulevard. Explanation: The Exit at 114th Street and Astoria Boulevard provides access to the Grand Central Parkway and Whitestone Expressway. A traffic study and redesign is requested as several accidents have occurred at this location.	GCP 114th Street Astoria Blvd	
12/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Request: Rehab Fisher Pool and construct misting area. Explanation: The Community would benefit from the construction of a misting area for this very heavily utilized pool.		
13/27	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Install left turn signals at 82nd & 85th Streets and Astoria Blvd. East Bound.		
14/27	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	Request: Beautify the center mall on Astoria Boulevard. Explanation: Plant Shrubs & trees along the Center Mall from 82 Street to 114 Streets at Astoria Boulevard to increase greenery and beautify the community. Most importantly, improve conditions so that pedestrians may safely access Astoria Boulevard.	Center Mall Astoria Blvd	
15/27	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	Request: Beautify the Center Mall on 34th Avenue from 112th to 114th streets. Explanation: Plant shrubs and trees to increase greenery.		
16/27	DPR	Other park programming requests	Develop unused property located near the 94th Street entrance to the GCP for a dog park. Explanation: Residents in this area would like to have a dog park developed on the unused property fronting the entrance to the Grand Central Parkway and 94th street. There is no facility in the immediate area.		
17/27	DOT	Upgrade or create new step streets	Redesign Step Street at Butler/Ditmars Blvd. The 23rd Ave step street could use a face-lift, which would entail improved lighting, seating areas, pruning and planting of additional greenery. The proposed enhancements would attract more users of this important public space.		

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18/27	DOT	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	Request: Provide funding for curb repair. Explanation: While the property owner is responsible for the repair of sidewalks and encouraged to replace curbs, all too often, violations go unaddressed because of financial difficulties or neglect. Unsafe conditions are left to the city to be corrected. It is therefore important that funding to hire more outside contractors to perform sidewalk and curb repairs be increase.		
19/27	DOT	Repair or construct new medians or bus pads	Request: Provide funding for bus pads. Explanation: Provide sufficient funding for the replacement of defective bus pads in areas where there is a high volume of traffic.		
20/27	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Request: Provide funding for the installation & upgrade of pedestrian ramps. Explanation: In order to comply with and improve pedestrian safety, increase the funding levels for the installation and upgrade of pedestrian ramps. Ensure that all corners within our board area are compliant.		
21/27	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Request: Purchase new trucks for the Engineering Unit. Explanation: Bucket trucks are needed for sign replacement and repairs. Having this important equipment in good order makes a significant difference in service delivery.		
22/27	DOT	Other traffic improvements requests	Provide funding to study the traffic circle at 23rd Ave		
23/27	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Provide funding to study traffic circle at 23rd Avenue. Explanation: It is important that the traffic circle at 23rd Ave & Ditmars Blvd. be studied. In recent years traffic in this area has increased exponentially. Vendors and contractors that provide services to La Guardia airport add to this already busy traffic circle. For safety reasons, this location should be studied.		
24/27	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Request: Expand Corona Library Explanation: This heavily used facility is one of only four libraries in community Board 3. Whether expansion entails building up or acquiring adjacent property, the new addition would be welcomed.		
25/27	DYCD	Construct an Intergenerational Facility to Accommodate Both Youth and Seniors	Request: Construct an Intergenerational Facility to Accommodate Both Youth and Seniors Explanation: There is a severe shortage of programs in CD3 that cater to the recreational needs of our youth and seniors. Our Community deserves quality facilities and programing that will enrich our lives.		

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26/27	DCAS	<i>Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Convert Community Board's paper documents to electronic files. Explanation: Digitize community board's paper files. storage of paper documents is becoming increasingly difficult. Our offices are usually small with little room to add more file cabinets. Help bring community boards' offices into the 21st century.</i>		
27/27	DPR	<i>Other park programming requests</i>	<i>Continued Support: Repair the drainage at Flushing Meadows Corona Park.</i>		
CS	NYPD	<i>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</i>	<i>Cont. Support: Provide funding for the pointing of the brick work at the 115th Precinct. The exterior walls of the precinct are beginning to show its age. Before the structure suffers any further damage, pointing of the exterior walls would be in order.</i>	115th Precinct	
CS	DPR	<i>Other park programming requests</i>	<i>Continued Support - Restore the Queens Green House at Forest Park.</i>	Forest Park	
CS	NYPD	<i>Assign additional traffic enforcement officers</i>	<i>Cont. Support: Hire additional Traffic Enforcement Agents. Explanation: Hire additional white hat agents to address traffic congestion in high traffic areas within the district.</i>		
CS	DCLA	<i>Support nonprofit cultural organizations</i>	<i>Construct a Visitor Center for Louis Armstrong House Museum. Explanation: We request that the construction of the Visitor Center be fully funded and work commence expeditiously. Community Board 3 fully supports this project.</i>	LOUIS ARMSTRONG HOUSE	
CS	DPR	<i>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</i>	<i>Cont. Support: Purchase a Wenger Wagon - Provide funding for the purchase of a Wenger Wagon. Community groups depend on the parks department to provide an inexpensive way of showcasing their events. The Borough could use more than one mobile stage.</i>		
CS	DYCD	<i>Other child care requests</i>	<i>Cont. Support: After School Program Explanation: Increase funding for after school programs. Working parents can benefit from utilizing after school programs. These programs are vital to families because it allows parents to work and provides children with a safe and nurturing environment.</i>		
CS	NYCTA	<i>Cameras</i>	<i>Cont. Support: Install Cameras at every station along the number seven (7) line especially 111th, 103rd, 90th, 82nd and 69th streets and Roosevelt Avenue.</i>		

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CS	DOB	<i>Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations</i>	<i>Cont. Support: Increase staffing levels for DOB Compliance Unit. Explanation: Additional administrative and community relations personnel is needed to improve the agency's ability to disseminate information and work with property owners.</i>		

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1/25	DEP	Address air quality issues	Request: Install Air Monitors in the Neighborhoods of Jackson Heights and East Elmhurst that are located near LaGuardia Airport. Explanation: CB3 is surrounded by Laguardia Airport, BQE and Grand Central Parkway. Our residents are concerned about the impact of fumes emanating from motor vehicles and planes in the community. There is a high incidence of asthma & respiratory disease in our district. The need to install air monitors in our area is clear.		
2/25	QL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Request: Keep Queens Libraries Open 7 Days a week with one late night closing at 10:00pm. Explanation: Our libraries are heavily utilized and do not meet the needs of CB3 constituents. Provide funding to restore our libraries to full operational capacity.		
3/25	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Request: Increase Litter Basket Collections to Three Times Per Day in our Commercial Strips. 37th Ave.; Junction Blvd.; Roosevelt Ave.; Northern Blvd.; 103rd St. and 74th Streets; Astoria Blvd and 73rd Street and 72nd Street in Jackson Heights. Explanation: Provide more frequent litter basket collections along commercial strips.		
4/25	DYCD	Other youth workforce development requests	Request: Restore and Increase funding for youth, adult and senior programming in Jackson Heights, North Corona and East Elmhurst. Explanation: There is a severe shortage of programs in CD3 that cater to the recreational needs of our youth and seniors. Our community deserves quality facilities and programming that will enrich our lives.		
5/25	DPR	Other park programming requests	Request: Hire Parks Associates for P.S. 127, Junction Boulevard and Area Parks. Explanation: CB3 requires additional associates in our area parks. currently there are only two associates in the entire district, Gorman park and Travers. Our community has increased by 40,000 residents, we deserve more programs and services.		
6/25	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Request: Hire additional Custodial Personnel for 115th precinct. Explanation: Hire additional custodial personnel for the 115 precinct. The additional staff will improve the precinct's day to day operations and upkeep.	115th precinct	
7/25	EDC	Expand graffiti removal services on private sites	Request: Increase Graffiti Removal Programs. Explanation: To combat the increased incidence of graffiti throughout the City and in particular in CD#3, additional monies are needed to support programs.		

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8/25	DOE	<i>Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material</i>	<i>Request: Open Special-Education Programs and Vocational Training in CB3Q. Explanation: There is a severe shortage of programs in CB#3. Parents and residents alike have cause of concern. All too often our children are bused to schools located outside of the district. Students travel a minimum of an hour each way to receive these specialized services. Our children deserve quality education and enrichment programs that are based in our neighborhood.</i>		
9/25	DOE	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>Request: Fund gifted programs in CB3 Explanation: There is a severe shortage of gifted programs within our district. Our children deserve quality education and enrichment programs that are based in our neighborhood schools.</i>		
10/25	ACS	<i>Other child care requests</i>	<i>Request: Restore Day Care Slots Explanation: Our Community's population has increased. Many of our young working families require day care services & after school programs. Working parents deserve programs that will serve the needs of their pre-school children ages three months to five years old.</i>		
11/25	OMB	<i>Other community board facilities and staff requests</i>	<i>Improve Community Access to government services by sharing 311 data with Community Boards. Explanation: Community Boards are understaffed, underfunded and have always worked with less even during times of prosperity. An increase in funding levels for Community Boards would be in order. In addition, the advent of Hurricane Sandy and Irene underscored the need for improved communications with 311. We need the ability to share and retrieve information in order to analyze data impacting our community.</i>		
12/25	SBS	<i>Other business regulatory assistance requests</i>	<i>Implement Economic Development programs to include entrepreneurial training, loan packaging, micro Loan Program, management training, export assistance. Coordinate neighborhood redevelopment, Marketing & Anti-Graffiti programs will benefit the residents of North Corona, East Elmhurst & Jackson Heights.</i>		
13/25	DOT	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	<i>Request: Increase funding to hire additional personnel to install, replace traffic Signs, repair pot holes for Queens DOT Explanation: Increase funding to hire personnel for sign replacement and pothole repair.</i>		
14/25	HPD	<i>Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations</i>	<i>HPD - Hire additional inspectors to address code enforcement, demolition and seal-up complaints.</i>		

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15/25	DPR	Other park programming requests	Request: Increase staffing levels for Parks recreation and maintenance personnel, including an Assistant Gardener. Explanation: In CB3, there are only two maintenance workers assigned to our parks. In the event that a maintenance worker becomes ill or takes annual leave, the District will be severely short-handed.		
16/25	DSNY	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment	Request: Purchase a small sanitation truck with plow for Alley Collections and an additional small truck for school refuse collections. Explanation: Community Board 3 needs its own school refuse collection truck. Three new schools have been brought online and the additional equipment would be certainly welcomed. The purchase of an additional alley truck will increase productivity.		
17/25	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Request: Install free WIFI in CB3 parks and Plazas. Explanation: Upgrade our area parks by installing free WIFI services. Keep park users plugged in and informed.		
18/25	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	Request: Purchase a 4x4 single cab pick-up with plow, salt spreader and powerlift. Explanation: The purchase of this critical equipment will make a significant improvement on Parks day to day operations.		
19/25	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	Request: Extend fencing at Northern Boulevard Playground. Explanation: Part of the fencing at this playground is chain linked and the balance is wrought iron. Remove the chain linked portion of the fence and replace it with wrought iron for safety and aesthetic reasons.	Northern Playground	
20/25	DCA	Hire additional Consumer Affairs agents to conduct night and weekend street vending inspections	Explanation: Increase funding for hiring additional consumer affairs agents. The new hires chief responsibilities would be to conduct inspections on nights and weekends. In Community Board 3, weekends and overnight are the times that require the greatest attention.		
21/25	DOHMH	Increase health inspections, e.g. for restaurants	Request: Hire additional Department of Health Inspectors to conduct night inspections. Explanation: Unlicensed food vending along Roosevelt Ave, Broadway, 74th and 37th Avenues are increasing. The community would benefit from having more inspections conducted particularly at night where the problem is most prevalent.		
22/25	HHC	Renovate or upgrade an existing health care facility	Request: Increase hospital beds in the Borough of Queens and upgrade the emergency room at Elmhurst Hospital. With the closing of several Hospitals in the Borough of Queens, area hospitals such as Elmhurst Hospital are feeling the impact. Additional hospital beds are sorely needed.	Elmhurst Hospital	

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23/25	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	Request: Provide funding to increase NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) Programming in CB3. Explanation: Seniors are the second largest population within CB3. It is important that senior programming such as NORC be made available to our elder residents. Providing health and social services within the confines of their coop/apartment complex would significantly improve their quality of life.		
24/25	DFTA	Provide funding for seniors to retrofit their apartments and homes	Request: Provide funding for seniors to retrofit their apartments and homes. Explanation: Our seniors deserve to stay in their own homes as they age. While the accommodations may not be designed to meet older adults needs, some simple modifications can be made. Provide funding to retrofit senior apartments, i.e. rehab bathrooms, kitchens and for wheelchair use.		
25/25	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Request: Install cameras at the overpasses located at 27th and 31st Drive & Ditmars Boulevard. Explanation: Installing cameras at these locations would help the agencies responsible to care and keep these properties safe. It would make a significant difference. Over the past year, these properties have been vandalized with graffiti and used as dump sites.		

Appendix - Supporting Materials

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) into a browser.

Youth, Education and Child Welfare



- School Utilization Projections- District Needs Statement 2017

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=16670AF7-E5BA-466A-86DC-3C7C31582B90>