

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

Fiscal Year
2018



Submitted to:

NYC
PLANNING

January 2017

**Queens
Community District 08**

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 8'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.

If you have questions about this report or suggestions for changes please contact:

CDNEEDS_DL@planning.nyc.gov

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.

Borough President, Melinda Katz



Chairperson, Martha Taylor

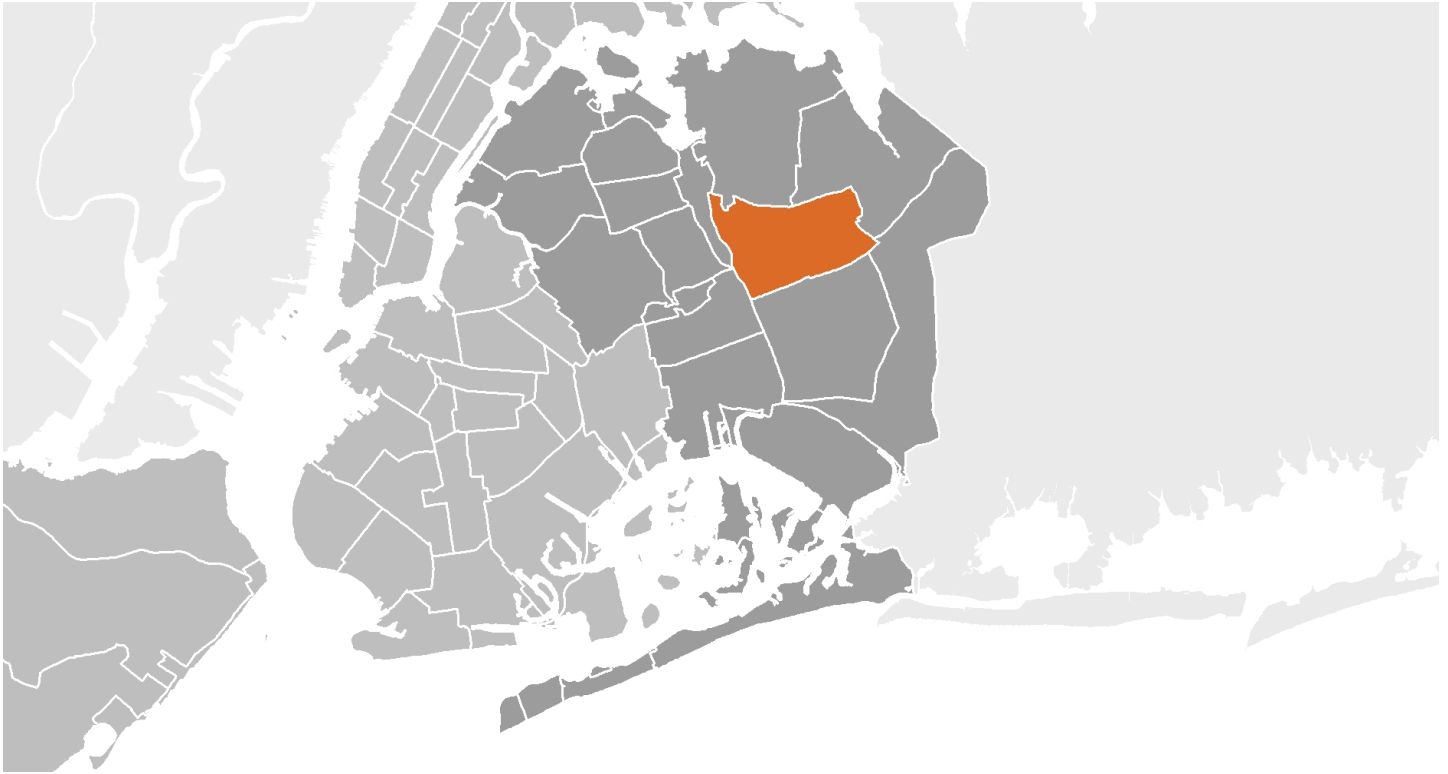
The City of New York
Borough of Queens

Community Board 8
197-15 Hillside Avenue
Hollis, NY 11423-2126
Telephone: (718) 264-7895
Fax: (718) 264-7910
Qn08@cb.nyc.gov

Deputy Borough President, Melva Miller



District Manager, Marie Adam-Ovide



Statements of Community District Needs

and

Community Board Budget Requests

for

Queens Community District 8 Fiscal Year 2018

Submitted to the Department of City Planning
January 2017

Disclaimer

This report represents the Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests of Queens Community Board 8 for Fiscal Year 2018. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the Community Board.

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

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

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

TABLE OF CONTENTS

- 1. Community Board Information**
- 2. Community District Land Use**
- 3. Overview of Community District**
- 4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall**
- 5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests**
 - Health Care and Human Services**
 - Youth, Education and Child Welfare**
 - Public Safety and Emergency Services**
 - Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency**
 - Land Use, Housing and Economic Development**
 - Transportation**
 - Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities**
- 6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests**
 - Table of All Capital Requests**
 - Table of All Expense Requests**

1. Community Board Information

Queens Community Board 8

Address: 197-15 Hillside Avenue,

Phone: 718-264-7895

Email: movide@cb.nyc.gov

Website: nyc.gov/queenscb8

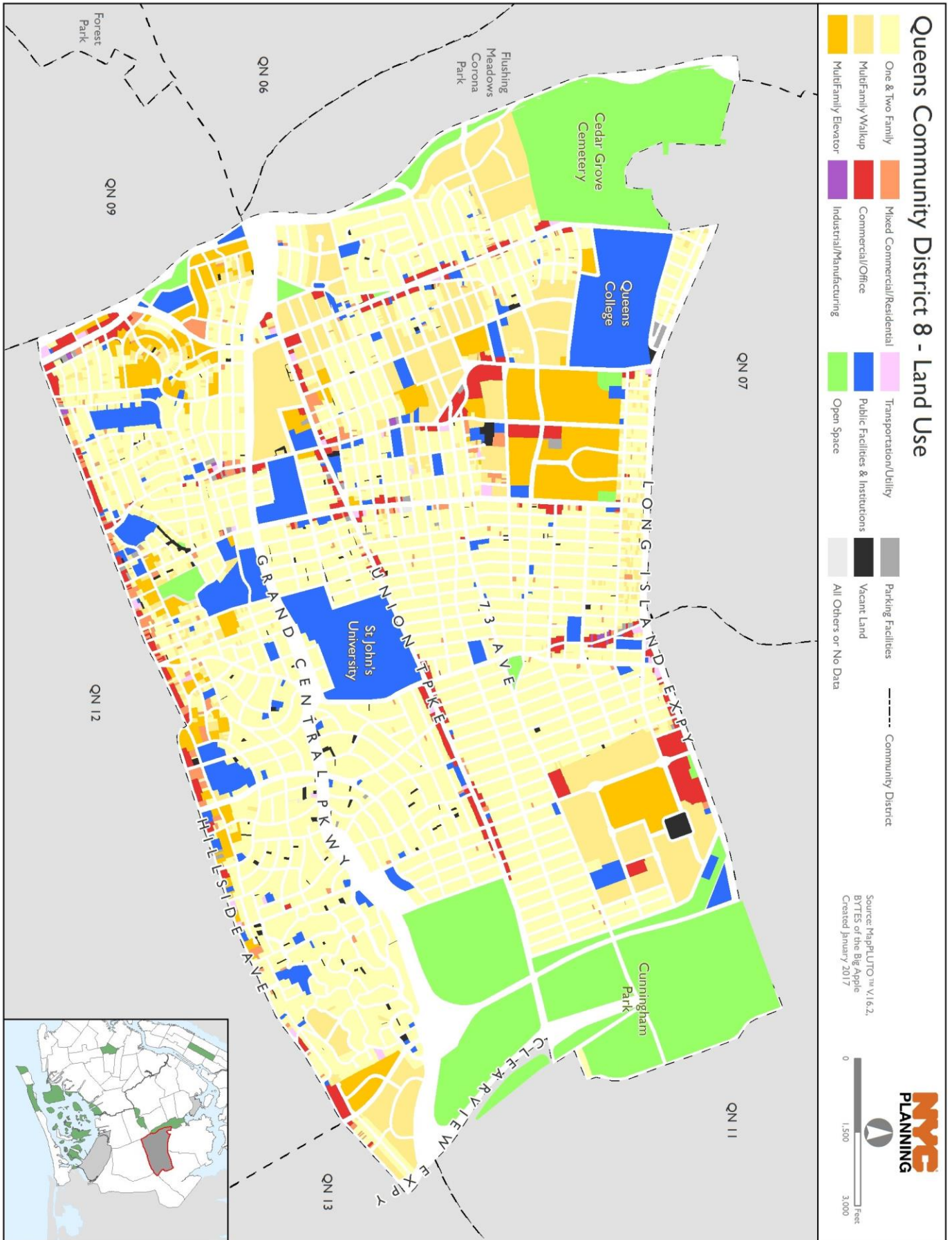
Chair: Ms. Martha Taylor

District Manager: Marie Adam-Ovide

Community Board Officers:

Mr. Marc Haken, Other (please specify) | Budget Director

2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Community Board 8, Queens is bounded by the Long Island Expressway to the north, Hillside Avenue to the south, Van Wyck Expressway to the west, and the Clearview Expressway to the east. It includes the communities of Briarwood, Flushing Suburban, Flushing Heights, Fresh Meadows, Hillcrest, Hillcrest Estates, Holliswood, Jamaica Estates, Jamaica Hills, Kew Gardens Hills, Utopia and West Cunningham Park. These communities are overwhelmingly residential with several commercial strips.

There are over 150,000 residents of Community Board 8. There has been a moderate but steady increase in population. Our residents are mostly middle income, multi-ethnic, multi-racial who own their own homes and co-ops or are renting. The residences consist of one and two-family homes, garden apartments, large apartment buildings such as the Fresh Meadows Development and Cunningham Heights, co-ops such as Electchester, Hilltop Village and Parkway Village. Our district also houses the New York City Housing Authority complex - Pomonok. It is important to understand that our population, as counted by the Census does not accurately represent the need for services in our district. Queens College, CUNY Law School, St. John's University, Lander College for Men are located within our borders. Thousands of students who are not counted by the US Census reside in our community while attending College/University from the months of August through May, The services that we receive should reflect those needs.

The Community Board 8 residents are concerned with quality of life issues, upgrading the infrastructure, personal safety and security, education and maintaining their fair share of City services.

TRANSPORTATION - Many of our roads are not in good condition. We continue to request increased asphalt allocation for street resurfacing. Some of our roads are sinking and need to be reconstructed. To this end, we are asking for increased funding for trench restoration. We request stand-alone funding for curb installation and replacement. There has been a backlog for curb repair and curb installation for over a decade. Currently, DOT repairs curbs only where there is a sidewalk violation. Instead of repairing their own sidewalks within 45 days of receiving the notice of violation, homeowners choose to wait for DOT contractors to do the work. This is the only way to ensure that Community Board 8, Queens is bounded by the Long Island Expressway to the north, Hillside Avenue to the south, Van Wyck Expressway to the west, and the Clearview Expressway to the east. It includes the communities of Briarwood, Flushing Suburban, Flushing Heights, Fresh Meadows, Hillcrest, Hillcrest Estates, Holliswood, Jamaica Estates, Jamaica Hills, Kew Gardens Hills, Queens Village, Utopia and West Cunningham Park. These communities are overwhelmingly residential with several commercial strips.

There are over 150,000 residents of Community Board 8. There has been a moderate but steady increase in population. Our residents are mostly middle income, multi-ethnic, multi-racial who own their own homes and co-ops or are renting. The residences consist of one and two-family homes, garden apartments, large apartment buildings such as the Fresh Meadows Development and Cunningham Heights, co-ops such as Electchester, Hilltop Village and Parkway Village. Our district also houses the New York City Housing Authority complex - Pomonok. It is important to understand that our population, as counted by the Census does not accurately represent the need for services in our district. Queens College, CUNY Law School, St. John's University, Lander College for Men are located within our borders. Thousands of students who are not counted by the US Census reside in our community while attending College/University from the months of August through May, The services that we receive should reflect those needs.

The Community Board 8 residents are concerned with quality of life issues, upgrading the infrastructure, personal safety and security, education and maintaining their fair share of City services.

TRANSPORTATION - Many of our roads are not in good condition. We continue to request increased asphalt allocation for street resurfacing. Some of our roads are sinking and need to be reconstructed. To this end, we are asking for increased funding for trench restoration. We request stand-alone funding for curb installation and replacement. There has been a backlog for curb repair and curb installation for over a decade. Currently, DOT repairs curbs only where there is a sidewalk violation. Instead of repairing their own sidewalks within 45 days of receiving the notice of violation, homeowners choose to wait for DOT contractors to do the work. This is the only way to ensure that DOT repairs their curbs. As a result, sidewalks remain damaged for a longer period of time and the danger to the pedestrians is also prolonged. In addition, this will cost the City more funds for lawsuits.

3. Overview of Community District

BUILDING - Much of Community Board 8's housing stock is residential, with many one-family and two-family dwellings. Additional Buildings Department inspectors are necessary to enforce existing regulations and address quality of life violations. DOB introduced the Development Challenge Process initiative a few years ago. Additional plan examiners are needed to review and respond to these challenges and the many requests that we receive for audits. In addition, more plan examiners would eliminate the self-certification by architects and engineers.

We receive our share of illegal conversion and illegal occupancy complaints. The lack of affordable regulated housing is the root cause of the prevalence of illegal apartments. There are very few rent stabilized apartments within Community District 8.

SANITATION - Although Community Board 8 has relatively clean streets, we have issues that need attention. With the steady increase in population, our superintendent must receive the support necessary to address our sanitation issues:

- Streets that are not covered by Street Cleaning Regulations need to be cleaned regularly.
- The paved center malls require year-round cleaning and more frequent seasonal weed-control.
- Retain the five day-a-week pick-ups at public schools and extra pick-up at Pomonok Houses.
- Sanitation Police are needed for night patrol to discourage illegal dumping, especially on abandoned homes.
- Additional agents for Sanitation Code Enforcement are needed to address the quality of life complaints that we receive. While the enforcement issues for residential properties are addressed, we noticed that enforcement of our commercial establishments is insufficient. While we do not want to stifle business by fining our small business owners some of them are repeat offenders who show a total disregard for the community. The issuance of fines is the only way to receive cooperation.
- Unlike other community boards, CB8 has no dedicated pick-up truck for litter baskets for our commercial areas. This must be provided to ensure the cleanliness of our commercial strips in addition to more baskets (especially on Hillside Avenue). The Adopt-a-Basket program must be better promoted to encourage public and private sector partnerships.
- Dedicated bulk pick-up trucks for large apartment/co-operative developments.

SENIORS/YOUTH/EDUCATION/LIBRARIES - A civilization is best judged by the way it treats its most vulnerable members (seniors and youth). We have seen an increase in the youth and senior population from 2000 to present, as such, increase for services is needed. Increased funding for afterschool programs, summer youth employment, senior transportation services, NORCs are needed. Our schools must have the necessary equipment (smart boards, computers etc.) for our students to compete. The library has become the place to do homework for those who do not have access to computers and/or the internet at home.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Queens Community Board 8 are:

- *Parks*
- *Street conditions (roadway maintenance)*
- *Street flooding*

PARKS - The most attractive characteristic of Community Board 8 is its suburban nature. Our residents value the many parks and playgrounds that we have within our borders. All of them are heavily used and as such they must be maintained. They have multiple events (i.e. concerts, plays, movies etc.) throughout the year that attract a multitude of residents from our district and the neighboring districts.

FLOODING - The residents of Fresh Meadows, Utopia, Hillcrest and Kew Gardens Hills are very concerned with the water table rising and inadequate sewer systems. In recent years, there have been many water main installations and upgrades; however, there have been very few sewer projects. We have requested installation of new sewer lines along Hillside Avenue for many years. Hillside Avenue is a low lying area bordering Holliswood, Jamaica Estates, Jamaica Hill and Briarwood. The F train, which is the only subway line that services our district, was totally flooded a few years ago after a rainstorm. Many residents have no other way of getting into Manhattan. This also affected the businesses along Hillside Avenue. Hillside Avenue from 197th Street to 195th Street is flooded with water after each rainfall. There is just nowhere for the water to go.

STREET CONDITION - Many of our roads need trench restoration. In 2014, 179th Street from Union Turnpike to 75th Avenue sunk and the Department of Environmental Protection had to do costly emergency repairs. In advance of this our office received complaints about street depression. Our sewers are very old. With each passing vehicle and delivery truck, pressure is added to them causing sewer break and undermining of the street. We asked for funding for trench restoration for several locations, which have been on our list for many years. This would prevent the recurrence of such a condition in other areas of the district.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Environmental health issues (noise, lead, respiratory illness, etc.)

One needs only to look at the studies of the state of health and life expectancy of residents of Community Board 8Q, as well as all New Yorkers, to note inarguably that health is rooted in the circumstances of our daily lives to include environment and economic status. While there are a number of important health issues to be faced in our district that are unquestionably important and not to be ignored, most of them single out selective segments of the population. However, the category of environmental health issues, to include noise, lead, respiratory illnesses, etc., notably affect the total population of our district, not limited by age, nor social or economic background. For this reason, Community Board 8Q's Health Committee has unanimously singled out environmental health as the most important issue. Many local governments across the country, to include New York, have recognized their responsibility in addressing health determinants and have promulgated laws accordingly, i.e. anti-smoking, limiting excessively sugared drinks, etc. Yet our daily lives continue to be heavily conflicted in our district, where we are sandwiched between two of our nation's largest and busiest airports with unbearable, if not illegal noise levels and dangerous fuel dumping; still-uncovered and untreated lead levels; death-dealing cancers from unregulated perfluorinated chemicals in our everyday consumer products; dangers from planet-warming pollutants and the respiratory dangers of carbon dioxide emissions from hydrofluorocarbons; and the many harmful chemicals we ingest, touch, smell and breathe. Our progressive city should continue to lead the way by potently addressing the many issues which bring such harm to our residents of all ages and lead the way to transitory alternatives that will move us closer to still better health, reduce illness and suffering, and improve our quality of life as well as longevity.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Community Board 8 Queens supports funding for the expansion of access to primary healthcare services for those within CD8. We endorse the new paradigm of healthcare, not just sick care, which must include the traditional care provided by physicians and midlevel health providers plus efforts to encourage healthy living. Some examples would be: nutritional education, programs for smoking cessation, exercise as part of one's routine and many others. Special emphasis must be placed on managing chronic diseases. Care Managers should be utilized to ensure that individuals receive transdisciplinary health care with a goal toward controlling chronic disease, prevention of acute incidents, emergency room visits and hospitalization, and optimizing independence.

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

According to the US Census of 2010, there were over 20,000 individuals within our district that were 62 years old and over. This is an increase from the previous census taken in 2000. There are many benefits to seniors aging in place: 1) Keeping a familiar environment 2) Fostering Community Continuity 3) Maintaining their social networks 4) Strengthening of family ties 5) Fostering both their physical and mental wellbeing We do not have any NORCs for our residents who reside in apartment buildings nor NORCs (WOW) for our 1-2 family residences within our district. We want our seniors to remain in their neighborhoods and the NORCs facilitate the desire of many seniors to age in place. These are done through the multi-faceted services that they provide.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

Community Board 8 has one family shelter in Briarwood and it is in need of air conditioning. Briarwood shelter, when built was considered the model shelter for the City of New York. Unfortunately, this model shelter only has air conditioning only in the areas where the staff works. There is no air conditioning where the residents sleep. We have asked for many years that air conditioning be provided for these families with children. The response received in FY 2016 was that DHS provides a cooling room in every shelter. When not available, the residents are given the location of other cooling rooms. How does that help the family with young children that cannot sleep at night due to the heat? The latest response given (in FY 2018) was that further study was necessary. This shelter has been waiting or a long time for this much needed accommodation and we look forward to a positive response this fiscal year.



Health Care and Human Services

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
16/37	DHS	Services for the homeless	Other request for services for the homeless	80-20 134th Street
32/37	DFTA	Facilities for seniors	Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
15/25	DFTA	Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) programs	Enhance NORC programs and health services	
17/25	DFTA	Services for homebound older adults	Increase transportation services capacity	
19/25	DFTA	Senior center programs	Other senior center program requests	



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

After school programs

This is the most important need for our district, as the youth population has increased and become more diverse. Afterschool programs provide recreational and educational services including homework helper, and tutorials. These programs also provide counseling, anti-bullying, substance abuse programs that are so vital to the youth of our community. Additional programs will accommodate hundreds of our presently underserved youth.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

The future of Community Board 8 lies with the youth . Our community has been underserved by the City of New York. About 34% of the household in Community District 8 have children under the age of 18, according to NYU Furman's report of 2014. We do have afterschool programs that accommodate our youth but there aren't enough slots for all our youth. This is a blot on our City. We urge the City of New York to provide funds for the underserved youth of our community. for the following: substance abuse prevention, homework help, tutoring program, meaningful and organized recreational programs and arts programs (fine art, music and dance).

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
4/37	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school</i>	<i>MS 216</i>
18/37	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate site component</i>	
23/37	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>P.S. 26</i>
26/37	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate site component</i>	<i>Public School 173</i>

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
5/25	DYCD	<i>Youth workforce development</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	
16/25	DYCD	<i>After school programs</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)</i>	



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Emergency service delivery (including rapid response)

The 107th Precinct’s officer count has been dwindling for several years. It is not always possible to do more with less; especially, when it comes to the safety of our community. We look forward to the implementation of the new community policing initiative at the 107th Precinct. We understand that additional officers will be provided.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
25/37	FDNY	FDNY facilities and equipment	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	
30/37	FDNY	FDNY facilities and equipment	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	
37/37	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Provide surveillance cameras	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/25	NYPD	NYPD programs	Other NYPD programs requests	Beacon 216 158-40 76th Road Block 9724, Lot 173
6/25	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Provide shotspotters	
20/25	FDNY	FDNY programs and staffing	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Water runoff and flooding

Community Board 8Q's Sanitation & DEP Committee, in conjunction with the Area Chairs, has identified water runoff and flooding as the most important Core Infrastructure and City Services need for CB 8Q. In recent years, we have seen a surge of storms that have placed great burden on the capacity to channel water off our streets. We have experienced serious flooding into basements and ponding of water on our streets throughout the community board. Some storms have created flooding where residents had to abandon their cars and take refuge on the roofs of their vehicles. Flooding is a threat to both human life and property. Ponding is increasingly a public health concern given West Nile Disease and the possibility of future transmission of Zika virus. Given the trend towards warming climates, other mosquito transmitted viruses currently found further south may be an issue a few decades from now. While we chose water runoff and flooding as our most important issue, sewer capacity and Water Sewers Environmental Protection are interrelated challenges that contribute to the city's capacity to handle increased rainfall.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Kevin will provide statement on capacity.....,

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

While most of our streets are kept clean and CD8 score cards are better than many other districts, there is room for improvement. This is especially true of our commercial strips (Hillside Avenue, and Queens Boulevard). While we commend our Superintendent for doing the very best with his limited resources, we are asking that he receives more support from the Department. We are asking for more bins (i.e. the new trio of garbage, paper and bottle recycling bins) for the district. With the addition of these new bins, he will need more support to empty them on a regular basis. For this, he needs at least a dedicated truck to empty these bins. Keep in mind that people come from all over to get to the Jamaica Estates 179th Street/Hillside Avenue station by many bus lines to board the F train to Manhattan. It is a transportation hub. Our bins fill up quickly with coffee cups in the morning, and all sorts of litter throughout the day. When they overflow our streets are littered. It is unfortunate that the Department was unable to provide a dedicated basket truck in the 2017 budget despite the high priority given by our community. We look forward to this added resource for Fiscal Year 2018. Sanitation Enforcement for our commercial strips is needed. Residents complaint that violations are often issued to private homes for one piece of litter while blatant violations in front of storefront go unnoticed.

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/25	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Clean catch basins</i>	
4/25	DSNY	<i>Street and lot cleaning</i>	<i>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</i>	
18/25	DSNY	<i>Sanitation Enforcement</i>	<i>Other enforcement requests</i>	



Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Zoning review and enforcement

The Building/Housing Committee met on July 21, 2016 to identify the perceived most important Community Board 8 District Need for Land Use, Housing and Economic Development in the District from a list of 11 categories, which does not take into account the diverse essentials required by this community. To facilitate the demands of the District, we are recommending Building Code Enforcement as a priority since it will protect homeowners, coop/condo owners and renters alike and OMB supports the Department of Buildings' position as explained in the Community Board 8Q Expense Budget Priorities and Request for Fiscal Year 2017. To further support the request for Building Code Enforcement, we have information that in June 2016 there were 112 priority calls made requesting Code Enforcement inspections in Queens versus 40 in Brooklyn, 43 in Manhattan, 12 in the Bronx and 5 in Staten Island. Picking one priority from the list is not equitable to the people of this district when there are so many other needs on that list that should be addressed as well. We are looking for a revision of this process for Fiscal 2019.

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

There is a need for affordable housing in Community District 8. There is a significant percentage of renters within our district who are rent burdened. According to the NYU Furman's Annual "State of the City's Housing and Neighborhoods," our median monthly rent in 2014 was \$1353. In addition, there was an increase in the rent burden for all renter from 17.4% in 2000 to 31.7% in 2014. There was an even more drastic change for those renters who have low incomes. It changed from 35.4% in 2000 to 58.5% in 2014. Community Board 8 has seen a change in zoning along Hillside Avenue, which is located near the F subway line. We welcome a certain number of affordable units set aside to address the great number of rent burdened residents.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Our commercial strips could use a facelift by improving cleanliness, adding streetscape and changing the façade of the businesses. We welcome the establishment of Business Improvement Districts to help revitalize our commercial strips.

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
8/25	DOB	<i>Building code and zoning enforcement</i>	<i>Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)</i>	<i>Queens DOB Office</i>
14/25	SBS	<i>Commercial district revitalization</i>	<i>Support storefront / facade improvements</i>	<i>Hillside Avenue 179th Street Queens Boulevard</i>
22/25	DCP	<i>Zoning and land use</i>	<i>Other zoning and land use requests</i>	



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Roadway maintenance

In looking at the traffic and transportation infrastructure in CB8, the Transportation Committee recognizes that street maintenance is our highest priority. Our roadways are deteriorating. Many have become hazardous to motorists and pedestrians. Many of our streets have serious potholes, sinkholes and depressions caused by inadequate repairs after street excavations. Patchwork repairs are the norm where what is needed is a comprehensive plan to improve and maintain our streets and roadways. When work is completed on a roadway, the contractor should be required to restore it to its original state. Currently this is not the case and our streets are paying the price. In addition, damage caused by over-sized trucks and heavy vehicles on non-commercial streets have resulted in significant deterioration to the roadbeds and their substructure. The results of this have been the breaking of subterranean pipes which cause street collapses. In our district, contract resurfacing has raised roadbeds and reduced curbs on streets, center islands and malls. This deterioration causes surface water, during heavy storms, to overflow the sidewalks which results in serious flooding conditions and damage to the streets, curbs and properties in our community. Our City should focus on improving the streets and roads in Queens and stop deferring their maintenance. These improvements are sorely needed and can be visible proof to the residents of Queens that our tax dollars are being used to improve our infrastructure and their quality of life.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

In addition to the stated needs below for street resurfacing, sidewalk construction, and street reconstruction, there has not been any funds allocated for curb repair in over a decade. When curbs are broken, this condition creates a trip hazard. This makes the City liable for tort claims. In addition, water collects where there are missing curbs and ultimately damage sidewalks. Pedestrian and traffic safety are items of concern, as well. We request adequate funding for the installation of stop signs, traffic lights, and traffic signs.

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Our community needs additional buses to service the growing population (i.e. Q76, Q30, Q20). The residents of Kew Gardens Hills would welcome the return of the Q74 to Vleigh Place. The private bus lines were added to the Transit Authority fleet and still have no posted schedules (i.e. Q25, Q24 and Q65). This is a necessity for our seniors who are not technology savvy and cannot use the MTA Bus Time App. We urge that the City explores the possibility of increasing service capacity along the F subway line. The trains are often at capacity when they reach the 169th Street station. The commuters at the subsequent subway stops are unable to board the train.



Transportation

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/37	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	
7/37	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	
8/37	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or provide new street lights	
9/37	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	
10/37	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or provide new street lights	
17/37	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Upgrade or create new plazas	Queens Boulevard Main Street 84th Drive
20/37	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Clover Hill Place Clover Hill Road Dead End
21/37	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	
22/37	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	Main Street Manton Street 84th Road
28/37	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	Goethals Avenue 164th Street 168th Street
31/37	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	183rd Street Horace Harding Expressway 73rd Avenue
33/37	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	Goethals Avenue 168th Street 170th Street
35/37	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Other transportation infrastructure requests	69th Avenue 195th Lane 192nd Street
CS	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or provide new street lights	

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
9/25	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Other transportation infrastructure requests	
21/25	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Upgrade or create new greenways	
24/25	NYCTA	Transit Service	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	
25/25	NYCTA	Transit Service	Expand subway service frequency or hours of operations	



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Quality of parks and park facilities

After discussion, the Parks Committee voted unanimously that the quality of parks and park facilities is the most important issue facing our district. Community District 8 is fortunate to be home to many parks and numerous playgrounds. This is in addition to over 50 greenstreets. All of these park facilities require regular maintenance. There is always a need for new irrigation systems, updated playground equipment and safety resurfacing on a rolling basis. Our major parks: Captain Tilly Park, Cunningham Park, Flushing Meadow Corona Park are used by thousands of our residents and those of neighboring districts. They usually have major events attended by people coming from far and wide. For many, our parks and playgrounds are the destination for many families with children who have staycations. Some of our smaller parks/playgrounds such as Hoover/Manton Playground, Utopia Playground, Vleigh Playground, Cedargrove Playground, Freedom Park, and Albert Mauro Playground are in need of upgraded play equipment and/or safety resurfacing. We must keep our parks maintained, updated and safe havens for all our residents. To this end, funding for parks and park facilities is a must.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

The most attractive characteristic of Community Board 8 is its suburban nature. Our residents value the many parks and playgrounds that we have within our borders. All of them are heavily used and as such they must be maintained. The Community Board would like to see the reinstatement of playground associates to provide programs for children in the parks. In addition, the Brinkerhoff Cemetery has been designated a historic landmark and is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation. This site needs maintenance to restore the damage done by years of neglect. While this is not the most important issue for Parks and Recreation, the maintenance of our existing street trees (i.e. pruning, dead tree and stump removal) is also a very important need in CD8. We have very mature trees in all our neighborhoods (i.e. Briarwood, Fresh Meadows, Holliswood and Jamaica Estates), that require routine maintenance. During extended periods of very hot weather, our greenstreets and street trees need to be irrigated to remain green. Water trucks are needed for that purpose.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

All Community Board 8 branch libraries meet the current spatial requirements as published by the Queens Public Library. The Briarwood Branch Library must be able to meet the needs of its residents. The Pomonok Branch Library is in dire need of a new sign. All the libraries could benefit from additional computers, books and bandwidth. ESL program for the all the libraries due to the increase in the new immigrant population and assist in their desire and ability to speak English.



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/37	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
3/37	QL	Library facilities, equipment and	Provide more or better equipment to a library	
5/37	QL	Library facilities, equipment and	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Briarwood Branch Library
6/37	QL	Library facilities, equipment and	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Queens Hospital Center
11/37	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
12/37	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Hoover-Manton Playground
13/37	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Goethals Avenue 168th Street 169th Street
14/37	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Utopia Parkway 73rd Avenue Long Island Expressway
15/37	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
19/37	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Hoover Playground
24/37	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Provide better park maintenance	Flushing Meadows Corona Park
27/37	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Flushing Meadows Corona Park
29/37	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Vleigh Place Playground
34/37	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Flushing Meadow Corona Park
36/37	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	
CS	QL	Library facilities, equipment and	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Hollis Library
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Utopia Playground
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Block 9652, Lot 112
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Freedom Square Playground
CS	QL	Library facilities, equipment and	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	71-34 Main Street



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/25	DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>	
7/25	DPR	<i>Street trees and forestry services</i>	<i>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</i>	
10/25	DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>New equipment for maintenance</i>	
11/25	DPR	<i>Park programming</i>	<i>Other park programming requests</i>	
12/25	DPR	<i>Park programming</i>	<i>Other park programming requests</i>	<i>69-65 182nd Street</i>
13/25	QL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	<i>71-34 Main Street</i>
23/25	DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>	<i>Freedom Park</i>

6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Queens Community Board 8 Capital Requests

Queens Community Board 8 submitted 37 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority /
Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/37	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruction/trench restoration is needed to address street depression and sinkholes. Park Drive East (all locations) 77th Avenue (from Park Drive East to Vleigh Place) 75th Avenue (from 186th Street to 188th Street) 68th Drive (from Main Street to 144th Street) Avon road (from Chevy Chase to 188th Street) Goethals (from 168th to 170th		Jamaica Estates Association; Hillcrest Estates Civic Association
2/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate Cunningham Park's Redwood Playground and 210th Street Playground		Friends Of Cunningham Park
3/37	QL	Provide more or better equipment to a library	Funds are needed for computers and smart boards for the conference rooms. Pomonok Branch - 158-21 Jewel Avenue Hillcrest Branch - 187-05 Union Turnpike.		Fresh Meadows Homeowners' Civic Association
4/37	DOE	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	Provide air conditioning units for every classroom on the first floor level at M.S. 216. The school is used year round. Upgrade the electrical wiring to accommodate AC units and other electronics.	MS 216	Fresh Meadows Homeowners' Civic Association
5/37	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	The Briarwood Library needs to be expanded and renovated to meet with the increase in demand.	Briarwood Branch Library	Briarwood Community Association
6/37	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Create an annex for the Queens Public Library at Queens Hospital Center - 82-68 164th Street, Jamaica NY 11432	Queens Hospital Center	Hillcrest Estates Civic Association
7/37	DOT	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	Installation of new sidewalk and curbs. The area near Brinkerhoff cemetery is a dumping ground for garbage. Pedestrians need a safe place to walk. A) 170th Street (Goethals Ave and Union Turnpike) B) 171st Street (65th Avenue and 67th Avenue) C) Brinkerhoff Memorial Cemetery on the east side of 182nd Street between 69th Avenue and 73rd Avenue. D) Utopia Parkway (73rd Avenue to Horace Harding Expwy		Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association; Hillcrest Estates Civic Association
8/37	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Lighting is needed on 73rd Terrace between 137th Street and 136th Street. Lighting is necessary to insure pedestrian safety.		Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association.

6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Queens Community Board 8 Capital Requests

Queens Community Board 8 submitted 37 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority / Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
9/37	DOT	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	Install and/or repair bus pads. CB8 requested replacement of the cracked and broken bus pads since 2005. Hillside Avenue is the route for about 10 bus lines. The lack of bus pads makes it necessary for numerous requests for repairs of hummocks each year. Hillside Avenue was just resurfaced. Install bus pads to prevent the newly resurfaced street from deteriorating. A) 188th Street & Union Turnpike B) 188th Street from Union Turnpike to 73rd Avenue C) Hillside Avenue (westbound lane) from Francis Lewis Boulevard to 205th Street		Civic Assosiation of Utopia Estates; Hilltop Village#4 Co-op Board
10/37	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Installation of additional street lighting along the Main Street Wall; high intensity lighting at Park Drive East northbound (Jewel Avenue - Van Wyck - facing the park). Areas needs to be lit for safety.		Briarwood Community Association
11/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate Fresh Meadow Park. Provide FREE Wi-Fi to both Fresh Meadow Park and Cunningham Park. Cunningham Park - 196th Place and Union Turnpike. Fresh Meadow Park - 188th Street and Horace Harding Expressway. It would attract more people to the park.		Fresh Meadows Homeowner's Civic Association.; Friends of Cunningham Park
12/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Resurface Hoover/Manton Playground's basketball courts.	Hoover-Manton Playground	Briarwood Community Association.
13/37	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Greenstreet or equivalent on Goethals Avenue and 168th Street, to beautify the area.	Goethals Avenue 168th Street 169th Street	
14/37	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Create new center island malls on Utopia Parkway.	Utopia Parkway 73rd Avenue Long Island Expressway	Fresh Meadows Homeowners' Association
15/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rebuild and/or upgrade Cedar Grove Playground. Replace play equipment at Freedom Park including swings. Renovate Farm Playground - 73rd Road and 196th Street. Renovate Albert Mauro Playground (Park Drive East). Playgrounds need rehabilitation, as it has not been done in many years. New play equipment and new surface are needed.		Kew Gardens Hills Homeowner's Civic Association

6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Queens Community Board 8 Capital Requests

Queens Community Board 8 submitted 37 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority / Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
16/37	DHS	Other request for services for the homeless	Air conditioning is needed for the Briarwood Family Shelter. This can be achieved by adding portable window units. Cooling rooms are not sufficient. The residents should be afforded the same treatment as the staff who work in temperature controlled rooms.	80-20 134th Street	Briarwood Community Association
17/37	DOT	Upgrade or create new plazas	Conversion of center island on Queens Boulevard from Main Street north to 84th Drive into a New York City Pedestrian Plaza.	Queens Boulevard Main Street 84th Drive	Briarwood Civic Association.
18/37	DOE	Renovate site component	Secure additional funds for smart boards in every classroom, computers for every classroom, administrative offices and upgrade the sound system for all schools in Community District 8.		Fresh Meadows Homeowners' Civic Association
19/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Convert Hoover Playground' concrete athletic field near 83rd Avenue to a little league baseball field.	Hoover Playground	Briarwood Community Association
20/37	DOT	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Replace and/or repair the cobblestones that make up the street at Clover Hill Place. The road is very steep. The cobblestones are needed to provide traction for DSNY vehicles to remove snow in the winter. The road is very steep and this is needed to ensure that residents and emergency vehicles can reach the top of the hill if necessary.	Clover Hill Place Clover Hill Road Dead End	Holliswood Civic Association
21/37	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Reconstruction of: 1) 182nd Street between 64th Avenue and Horace Harding Expressway 2) 181st Street -between 67th Avenue and 69th Avenue Streets needs more than resurfacing. Portions of the street are sinking.		Fresh Meadows Homeowner's Civic Association
22/37	DOT	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	Pave the grassy strip with cement along curb for the length of the Main Street Wall. This will make the are safer for pedestrians. This grassy strip is not maintained and collects garbage and debris.	Main Street Manton Street 84th Road	Briarwood Community Association
23/37	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Upgrade the sound system for the auditorium of P.S. 26. Upgrade the electrical wiring for P.S.26Q for the installation of air conditioning in the auditorium, gymnasium and cafeteria. The school is used in the summer to house the P.S. 224 students who are developmentally disabled. They require temperature controlled environments as per the mandate for ADA compliance.	P.S. 26	Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association
24/37	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Provide mobile/temporary bathrooms near ball fields in southern section of Flushing Meadows Corona Park. Needed for the youth and adults who use the Park, especially during large events.	Flushing Meadows Corona Park	Kew Garden Hills Civic Association; Kew Garden Hills Tenants Association

6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Queens Community Board 8 Capital Requests

Queens Community Board 8 submitted 37 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority /
Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
25/37	FDNY	Provide new emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances	Fly vehicles for EMS and ambulances for Queens' Tactical Unit. EMS is in need of Fly Vehicles, as they can reach an emergency in less time than an ambulance to aid and triage while the ambulance is en route.		
26/37	DOE	Renovate site component	Upgrade electrical wiring to 220 to support electrical needs of smart boards and air conditioners for P.S. 173.	Public School 173	Fresh Meadows Homeowners' Civic Association
27/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate Flushing Meadow Corona Park and rebuild bridge over Flushing Creek at the south end of Willow Lake.	Flushing Meadows Corona Park	Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association
28/37	DOT	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	Construct a center island/median on Goethals Avenue between 164th Street and 168th Street. This is to beautify the street and for public safety.	Goethals Avenue 164th Street 168th Street	Hillcrest Estates Civic Association.
29/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate Vleigh Playground. The asphalt needs to be replaced. Additional lighting is needed. This park has not been upgraded for many years.	Vleigh Place Playground	Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association
30/37	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	Provide the funds to complete all work orders from the fire houses within Community District 8 and add cameras. Install security cameras/system at every fire house in Community District 8 to prevent vandalism and theft. Engine 298 - Ladder 127 - 153-11 Hillside Avenue Engine 299 - Ladder 152 - 61-20 Utopia Parkway Engine 315 - Ladder 125 - 159-06 Union Turnpike. It has come to our attention that our fire houses have been vandalized and electronics were stolen.		Jamaica Estates Association
31/37	DOT	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Resurfacing of 183rd Street from Horace Harding Expressway eastbound to 73rd Avenue, including trench restoration from 67th Avenue to 73rd Avenue. The road is in disrepair.	183rd Street Horace Harding Expressway 73rd Avenue	Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association.
32/37	DFTA	Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors	Create a new senior center for Community District 8		Community Board 8; Fresh Meadows Homeowner's Association
33/37	DOT	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs or pedestrian ramps	New sidewalk is needed on north side of Goethals Avenue from 168th Street to 170th Street. This is NYC property. Area abuts NYC property. Sidewalk is needed for pedestrian safety.	Goethals Avenue 168th Street 170th Street	Community Board 8, Queens.

6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Queens Community Board 8 Capital Requests

Queens Community Board 8 submitted 37 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority /
Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
34/37	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Build an environmental center in Flushing Meadow Corona Park. This center is needed to provide a variety of programs for the community.	Flushing Meadow Corona Park	Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association
35/37	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Extend Center Median on 69th Avenue to 195th Lane - about 20 feet.	69th Avenue 195th Lane 192nd Street	Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association
36/37	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate small neighborhood parks and triangles.		Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association; Jamaica Estates Civic Association
37/37	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Argus cameras are needed to assist in solving crime.		107th Precinct Council
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Replace play equipment at Freedom Square Playground including swings. Equipment is old and needs to be replaced.	Freedom Square Playground	Kew Gardens Hills Homeowner's Civic Association; Fresh Meadows Homeowner's Civic Association
CS	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	Upgrade all street lighting in Community District 8 with environmentally sound lights.		
CS	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	We continue to support funding for the rehabilitation of the Hollis Branch Library. Funds are also needed for upgrading equipment, increasing bandwidth to accommodate additional computers and for additional books.	Hollis Library	Hilltop Village Co-op#4
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Renovate the Hoover/Manton Playground. The project should include renovation of the playground and handball courts.	Block 9652, Lot 112	Briarwood Community Association
CS	QL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Construct the Kew Gardens Hills Branch Library.	71-34 Main Street	Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association; Kew Gardens Hills Tenant Association
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Additional seating in the Utopia Playground for Children, parents and spectators, especially in the basketball court area.	Utopia Playground	Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association

6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Queens Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Queens Community Board 8 submitted 25 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/25	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	Traffic Safety programs for afterschool program participants.	Beacon 216 158-40 76th Road Block 9724, Lot 173	
2/25	DEP	Clean catch basins	Increase personnel for the maintenance of catch basins, sewers and water mains in CD8.		Fresh Meadows Homeowners' Civic Association
3/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Fund /purchase of potable water trucks to water Million Trees NYC newly planted trees and Green Street gardens planted throughout CD8. Fund a Green Streets beautification program for (69th Avenue, 67th Avenue and 64th Avenue) center island malls in Fresh Meadows. In addition. The Department must consult on annual basis with the community about their plans.		(Susan Cleary's) Tenants Association
4/25	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	Dedicated basket trucks are needed to empty street bins more frequently. This would improve the cleanliness of our streets. Hillside Avenue (Francis Lewis Boulevard to Queens Boulevard) Queens Boulevard (Hillside Avenue to Main Street) and Main Street. Routine center mall cleaning is also needed throughout the seasons.		Jamaica Estates Civic Association; Briarwood Community Association
5/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	Increase funding for summer youth employment programs. Every year the percentage of funds allocated to meet the needs for the program has been diminished. The number of youth (in the age group of 14 to 24 years old) that qualify for summer youth employment has increased. The yearly funding to meet that need has fallen short.		
6/25	NYPD	Provide shotspotters	This is needed to assist our precinct in detecting the trajectory of bullets to better solve crime.		
7/25	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Assign additional personnel to Parks and Forestry for street tree maintenance. Much funding has gone to planting new trees. With new trees the need for maintenance increases. It takes too long to have tree stumps removed. They pose a trip hazard for residents and liability for the City.		Jamaica Estates Association; Fresh Meadows Homeowners' Association
8/25	DOB	Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	Hire a dedicated inspector for Queens Community Boards' half day inspections. The number of requests sent to the Queens Borough Office is much greater than any other office in the five boroughs. The Queens' Office had a part-time inspector that used to accompany the District Managers on site visits on a monthly basis. Unfortunately, this person went on sick leave and was never replaced. We are requesting that a new full-time inspector be hired as a replacement.	Queens DOB Office	Hillcrest Estates Civic Association; Fresh Meadows Homeowners Association

6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Queens Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Queens Community Board 8 submitted 25 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
9/25	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Increase yearly asphalt allocation of highway resurfacing for Community District 8.		Jamaica Estates Civic Association; Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association
10/25	DPR	New equipment for maintenance	1) 4X4 crew cab with plow, salt spreader and powerlift 2) gator with heat enclosure & snow plow		
11/25	DPR	Other park programming requests	Increase funding for Park's enforcement personnel. Community Board 8 has many parks, playgrounds and sitting areas. Maintaining the safety of these areas of refuge for our residents is paramount. Personnel is needed to enforce infractions in the parks (i.e. dog walkers in restricted areas, smokers, etc...)		
12/25	DPR	Other park programming requests	Funding and maintenance of Brinkerhoff Memorial Cemetery.	69-65 182nd Street	Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association.
13/25	QL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Once the rehabilitation of the Kew Gardens Hills Library has been completed, the sixth day service must be provided on Sundays. This library services a very large Orthodox Jewish community that cannot use the library on Saturdays.	71-34 Main Street	City Council Member Rory Lancman; Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association
14/25	SBS	Support storefront / facade improvements	Hillside Avenue could use a facelift to make it more appealing for people that patron the diverse businesses. Improving cleanliness, maintenance of the storefronts and beautification through streetscape.	Hillside Avenue 179th Street Queens Boulevard	
15/25	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	Provide funding to create NORCs in Community Board 8.		Fresh Meadows Homeowners Civic Association
16/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	Increase funding for Beacon Programs in CD8. Funds need to increase to meet the growing need in the community.		

6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Queens Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Queens Community Board 8 submitted 25 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
17/25	DFTA	Increase transportation services capacity	We have a multi-ethnic population. In recent years, we have seen an increase in people who identify as Asian. As such, the services provided for seniors need to meet that change. When services are not readily available for one ethnic group, transportation to neighboring centers that do is desirable. While the population is not necessarily homebound but the frail senior population does have issues with using mass transit. For those that are homebound, they need to interact with people from the outside world. This could possibly mean using technology to help them stay connected. They can participate in senior activities remotely (i.e. through Skype).		Fresh Meadows Homeowners' Civic Association
18/25	DSNY	Other enforcement requests	Increase personnel for Sanitation Police to increase sanitation inspection in all categories and throughout the district.		Jamaica Estates Association; Civic Association of Utopia Estates
19/25	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	Enhance funding for senior services. Funds are needed to meet the demands for services.		Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association
20/25	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Increase funding for CPR Training Program and for the Fire & Life Safety Education Outreach		
21/25	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	Increase arterial highway forces for cleaning areas adjacent to highways and assign additional personnel for maintenance.		Community Board 8
22/25	DCP	Other zoning and land use requests	Provide funding for rezoning issues.		Community Board 8
23/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Provide an irrigation source for landscaped areas in Freedom Park.	Freedom Park	Kew Gardens Hills Civic Association
24/25	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	Our community needs additional buses to service the growing population (i.e. Q76, Q30, Q20, Q88 - Express/Limited). The residents of Kew Gardens Hills would welcome the return of the Q74 to Vleigh Place. The private bus lines were added to the Transit Authority fleet and still have no posted schedules (i.e. Q25, Q24 and Q65). This is a necessity for our seniors who are not technology savvy and cannot use the MTA Bus Time App.		
25/25	NYCTA	Expand subway service frequency or hours of operations	We urge that the City explores the possibility of increasing service capacity along the F subway line. The trains are often at capacity when they reach the 169th Street station. The commuters at the subsequent subway stops are unable to board the train.		