

Queens CD2: 2026 District Needs Survey Results

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I am grateful to the many Community Board members and supporters who helped get the word out and to all the respondents who took the time to share their perspectives.

Executive Summary

The Board developed and circulated [a survey](#) to gather community input for our Statement of Needs submission, with questions that parallel the submission's Top 3 Pressing Issues and seven policy areas. The survey was open from May 7th to August 31st, 2026 in English and [Spanish](#). It was shared on social media by Board Members and community organizations, through the CB2 Office and the Newsletter, in person at summer events such as Open Streets and farmers markets, and through PTA groups. It received 505 responses, up 60% from 316 in 2025. The geographic mix shifted westward this year. About 56% of respondents live or work in the Long Island City area, up from 24% in 2025, while the Sunnyside/Sunnyside Gardens share fell from 54% to 31%.

Respondents identified Affordable housing (41.2%), Parks and open space (37.6%), and Crime and public safety (30.1%) as the district's most pressing issues. The first two also led in 2025. Crime and public safety and Homelessness rose notably, while Land use trends fell out of the top three. The leading policy-area selections were services to reduce or prevent homelessness, after school programs, general crime, cleanliness/trash collection, affordable housing creation, subway service and quality, and insufficient park or open space. In about 2,100 open-ended comments, respondents most often described rents rising faster than incomes, parks with little usable green space, more visible homelessness and untreated mental illness, unanswered quality-of-life complaints, dangerous driving, and strained basic services and school capacity. 135 respondents submitted specific budget requests, most often to repair and reopen the Murray Playground dog run, add litter baskets, plant street trees, and build a public pool in the Hunter's Point/Court Square area.

The raw results, redacting personal identifying information except for individuals responding on behalf of organizations, are available [in spreadsheet form](#). A companion website presents a [question-by-question breakdown](#) of the responses, with a chart for every survey question and the full text of the open-ended answers. The website has a [theme mappings page](#) that lists, for each theme in this write-up, the individual survey responses associated with it.

Results - Topline Summary

The "[Top 3 Pressing Issues](#)", by the share of respondents selecting each, were as follows:

1. Affordable housing (41.2%)
2. Parks and open space (37.6%)
3. Crime and public safety (30.1%)

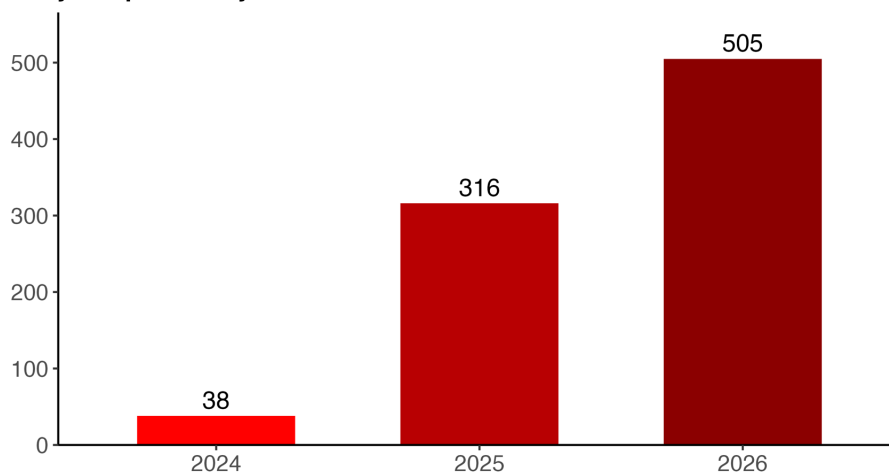
Within the “7 Policy Areas”, the top issues were as follows:

1. Healthcare and Human Services – Services to reduce or prevent homelessness (23.6%)
2. Youth, Education and Child Welfare – After school programs (19.4%)
3. Public Safety and Emergency Services – General crime (21%)
4. Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency – Cleanliness/trash collection (29.3%)
5. Housing, Economic Development and Land Use – Affordable housing creation (24.8%)
6. Transportation and Mobility – Subway service and quality (20.2%)
7. Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities – Insufficient park or open space (37.2%)

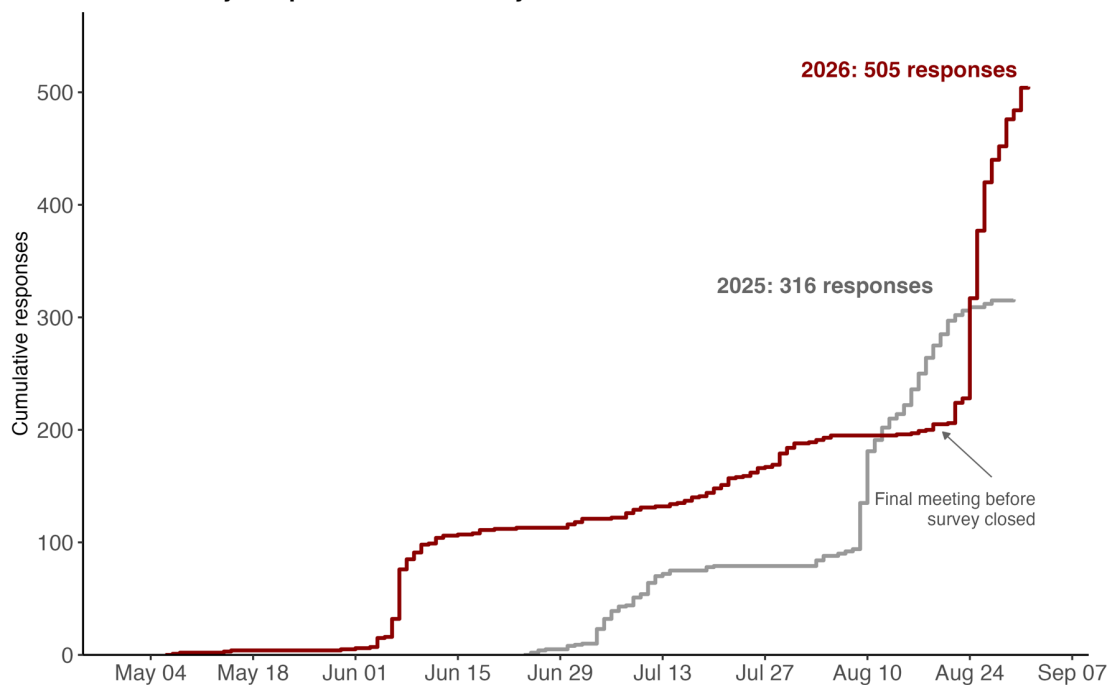
Outreach and Response Details

The survey received 505 responses in 2026 (503 through the English form and 2 through the Spanish form), up from 316 responses in 2025 (a 60% increase) and 38 responses in 2024. Two factors likely contributed to the increase. The survey opened about seven weeks earlier than in 2025, and a concentrated push to distribute the survey link in the final days before the deadline generated nearly 300 responses. One response received early on the morning of September 1st is included in the totals.

Survey Responses by Year



Cumulative Survey Responses Received by Date



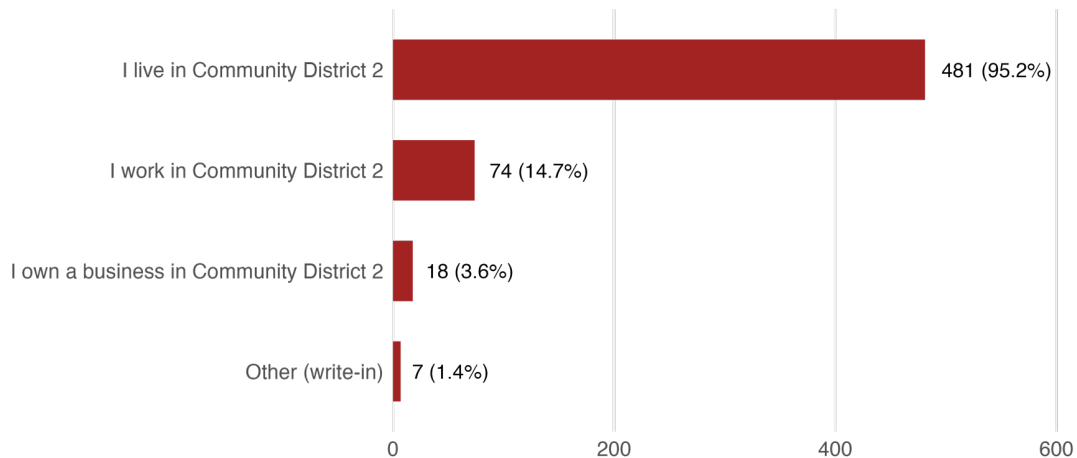
The chart above shows the cumulative number of responses received by date, with 2025 shown for comparison. Responses arrived in three distinct waves. Nearly 100 responses (97) came in between June 4th and June 12th, when the survey was first widely shared, including 44 on June 7th alone. Responses then slowed to a trickle of roughly one or two per day from mid-June through August 21st (102 responses over ten weeks), leaving the survey at 206 responses, well behind the 2025 survey's pace as of the same date (297). A final surge between August 22nd and the deadline produced 299 responses (59% of the total), including 89 on August 24th, 60 on August 25th, and 43 on August 26th; the 2026 survey passed the 2025 total on August 24th. The 2025 survey showed the same end-loaded pattern (75% of its responses arrived in August), suggesting that reminder pushes close to the deadline are the most effective driver of participation.

Respondents also engaged more deeply with the open-ended questions than last year: 349 respondents (69%) wrote commentary explaining their Top 3 selections, compared to 156 (49%) in 2025; 135 (27%) shared specific budget requests (98, or 31%, in 2025); and 149 provided an email address to join the CB2 Newsletter (119 in 2025). Unlike in 2025, the seven policy-area questions were optional this year, and between 4% (Health Care and Human Services) and 11% (Youth, Education and Child Welfare) of respondents skipped each one. Percentages throughout this write-up are calculated out of all 505 respondents, as in 2025.

Responses by Community Member and Neighborhood

What is your connection to the district? (Choose one or more options)

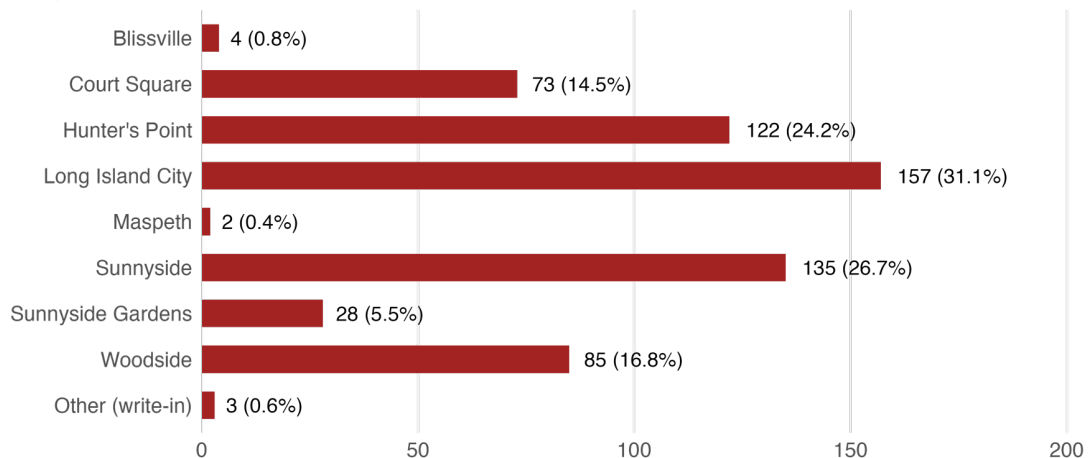
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About 95% of respondents indicated that they lived in CD2. About 15% indicated that they work in CD2 and 4% that they own a business in CD2 (respondents can indicate multiple connections to the district, so many of those who work in the district also live in it, for example). Seven respondents wrote in another connection (for example, family or friends living in the district) and eight did not answer.

What parts of our district do you live or work in?

505 responses

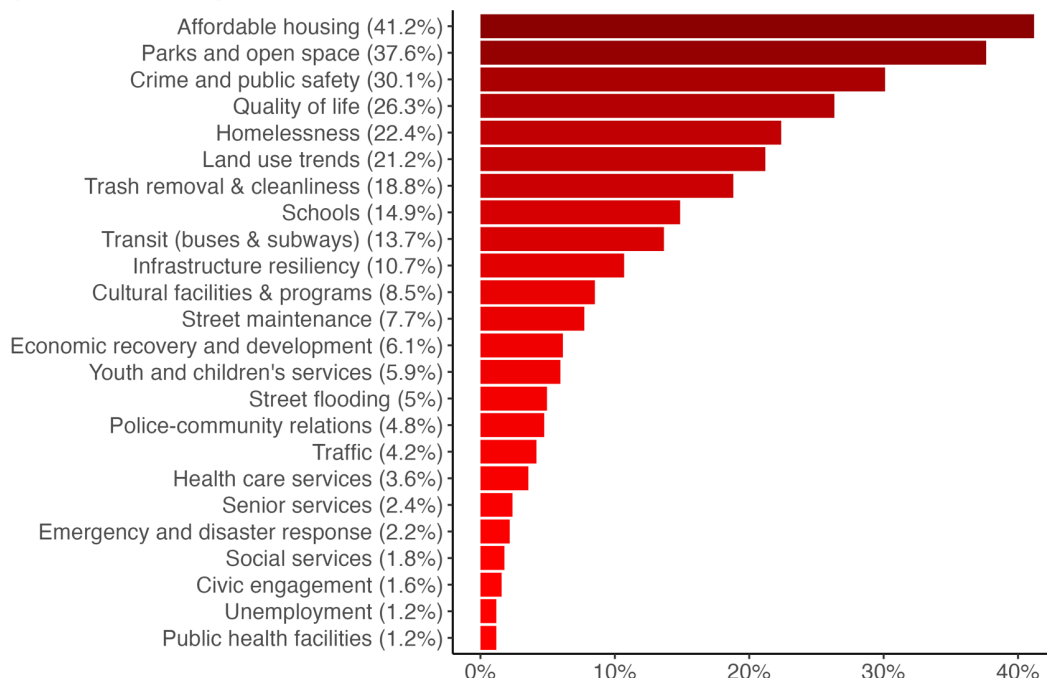


Respondents could select one or multiple (sub)neighborhoods to describe the parts of the district they live or work in. About 31% selected Long Island City, 27% Sunnyside, 24% Hunter's Point, and 17% Woodside. A total of 283 respondents selected one or more of Court Square, Hunter's Point, or Long Island City as part of the district they lived or worked in, so the combined Long Island City share of respondents was about 56%, up from about 24% in 2025. A combined 156 (about 31%) of respondents selected either or both of Sunnyside/Sunnyside

Gardens, down from about 54% in 2025, and the Woodside share fell from 27% to 17% even though the number of Woodside respondents (85) was essentially unchanged. In addition, 0.8% of respondents selected Blissville. The geographic mix of respondents therefore shifted substantially toward the western part of the district this year, which is worth keeping in mind when comparing results to 2025.

Top 3 Pressing Issues

Top 3 Most Pressing Issues



Respondents identified the “Top 3 Pressing Issues” as 1. Affordable housing (indicated by 41.2% of respondents) 2. Parks and open space (37.6%), and 3. Crime and public safety (30.1%). Other issues that received a relatively large share of responses included Quality of life issues (noise, graffiti, petty crime, etc.) (26.3%), Homelessness (22.4%), Land use trends (zoning, development, neighborhood preservation, etc.) (21.2%), and Trash removal & cleanliness (18.8%). Affordable housing and Parks and open space were also the top two issues in 2025; Crime and public safety (21.2% in 2025) and Homelessness (12.3% in 2025) each rose notably this year, while Land use trends (26.9% in 2025) dropped out of the top three.

Below are themes (extracted by Claude and reviewed by Michael for accuracy) from the open-ended comments survey takers provided for their Top 3 Issue selection. The number in parentheses after each theme is the number of comments that raised it (a comment can count toward more than one theme); the specific response mappings to each theme are detailed [here](#).

1. Affordable Housing

- **Rising rents and fear of displacement** (58 responses): Longtime residents of Sunnyside, Woodside, and LIC describe steep annual rent increases and being priced out even with professional jobs. Several say they can only afford to stay by holding onto an apartment they have rented for years.
- **“Affordable” units that are out of reach** (9 responses): Many respondents report that the income bands and rents for lottery/Housing Connect units are close to market rate or above what they currently pay, and that units in new buildings rarely materialize. One respondent notes that their rent-stabilized apartment is cheaper than the “affordable” units on offer.
- **Luxury high-rises and neighborhood change** (17 responses): New high-rise buildings in Sunnyside and Woodside are seen as driving up rents, replacing local businesses, and eroding the low-rise character of the neighborhoods, with several residents worried that Sunnyside is turning into another LIC.
- **Need for family-sized units** (5 responses): Parents in Sunnyside, Court Square, and Hunter’s Point cite a shortage of affordable two- and three-bedroom apartments, saying new buildings offer mostly studios and one-bedrooms and families are forced to leave when they grow.
- **Calls to build more housing** (9 responses): Some call for upzoning near transit (Roosevelt Ave, Northern Blvd, the 7 train), converting underused lots and industrial sites, and advancing Sunnyside Yards to expand supply.
- **Skepticism of market-rate development** (6 responses): Others argue that more market-rate development will not lower rents, that any new housing should be rent-regulated, or oppose further development outright.
- **Requested tenant protections** (4 responses): Respondents suggest measures such as capping rent at 30% of income, preferences for existing residents, and limits on landlord fees.
- **Link between housing costs and homelessness** (2 responses): Two respondents connect rising costs to increased homelessness and the displacement of working-class residents.

2. Parks and Open Space

- **Sunnyside and Woodside lack true green space** (42 responses): Residents repeatedly say their parks (Lou Lodati, Noonan, Windmuller, the plazas under the 7 train) are playgrounds or concrete with no grass to sit on, that the area south of Queens Blvd has none at all, and that they must leave the neighborhood to reach a real park.
- **Sunnyside Gardens Park is private** (11 responses): The only green park in Sunnyside is members-only, which many describe as inequitable and emblematic of a district with some of the lowest park space per capita in the city.
- **LIC growth outpacing open space** (30 responses): Respondents in Court Square, Queens Plaza, and Hunter’s Point say thousands of new units have arrived without new parks, leaving the Court Square/Queens Plaza area with little green space and the

Hunter's Point/Gantry waterfront overcrowded in warm weather. Several ask that remaining undeveloped sites be used for parkland rather than more housing development.

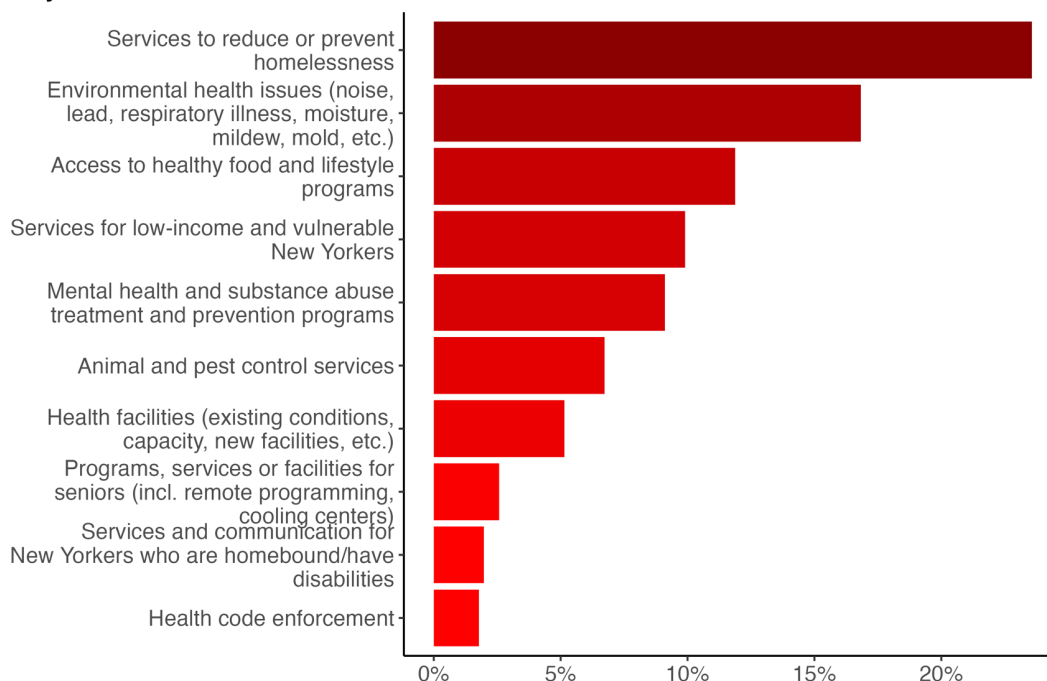
- **Maintenance of existing parks** (14 responses): Murray Playground's dog run and lawns have been fenced off for years over failed soil testing, and Noonan and Lou Lodati are cited as needing upgrades and lighting.
- **Dog waste and off-leash dogs** (3 responses): Dog waste and off-leash dogs in parks are a recurring complaint.
- **Missing facilities** (17 responses): Requests include a public pool, sports fields and courts, more dog runs in LIC and Court Square, a community or recreation center, and spaces geared to adults rather than only young children.
- **Climate and health benefits of green space** (5 responses): Parks and trees are cited for flood absorption, shade, and mental health.
- **Reuse of vacant land for parks** (3 responses): Suggestions include converting vacant lots and warehouses into green space and turning the Montauk Cutoff into an "LIC high line."

3. Crime and Public Safety

- **Visible homelessness and untreated mental illness** (48 responses): The most common concern is an increase in people in crisis who harass or follow pedestrians, use drugs openly, or urinate and defecate in public, centered on Court Square, Queens Plaza/Queensboro Plaza, Jackson Ave, and Vernon Blvd in LIC and around the 7 train in Sunnyside. Several cite recent random assaults reported in the news.
- **Reports of rising crime** (49 responses): Respondents mention robberies and muggings, phone snatching, car break-ins, package and mail theft, retail theft at local pharmacies, and break-ins, and say the district feels less safe than it did a few years ago.
- **Frustration with police response** (19 responses): Many say the 108th Precinct does not respond to 311 complaints or quality-of-life issues (fireworks, drag racing, illegal parking, drinking in parks) and ask for more foot patrols at stations, on the waterfront, and around Court Square.
- **Reckless driving and e-bikes** (9 responses): Speeding, running stop signs and red lights (Center Blvd, Barnett Ave, 52nd St at Skillman), drag racing along the waterfront, fake or defaced plates, and e-bikes and scooters on sidewalks are cited as daily hazards, with requests for enforcement and speed bumps.
- **Late-night disorder on the waterfront** (5 responses): Hunter's Point residents describe illegal fireworks, drinking and partying in Gantry and Hunter's Point South parks after closing, and loud music from bars, and ask for evening and weekend patrols.
- **Opposition to shelter and supportive-housing sites** (3 responses): Residents ask that shelters in LIC and Sunnyside be closed or relocated, or oppose the planned supportive units at Parcel E.
- **Calls for outreach and supportive housing** (3 responses): Residents call for more outreach and housing with comprehensive care for unhoused neighbors.

Policy Area – Healthcare and Human Services

Policy Area: Health Care and Human Services



Services to reduce/prevent homelessness was again the top Healthcare and Human Services issue (23.6%), followed by environmental health issues (16.8%), and access to healthy food and lifestyle programs (11.9%).

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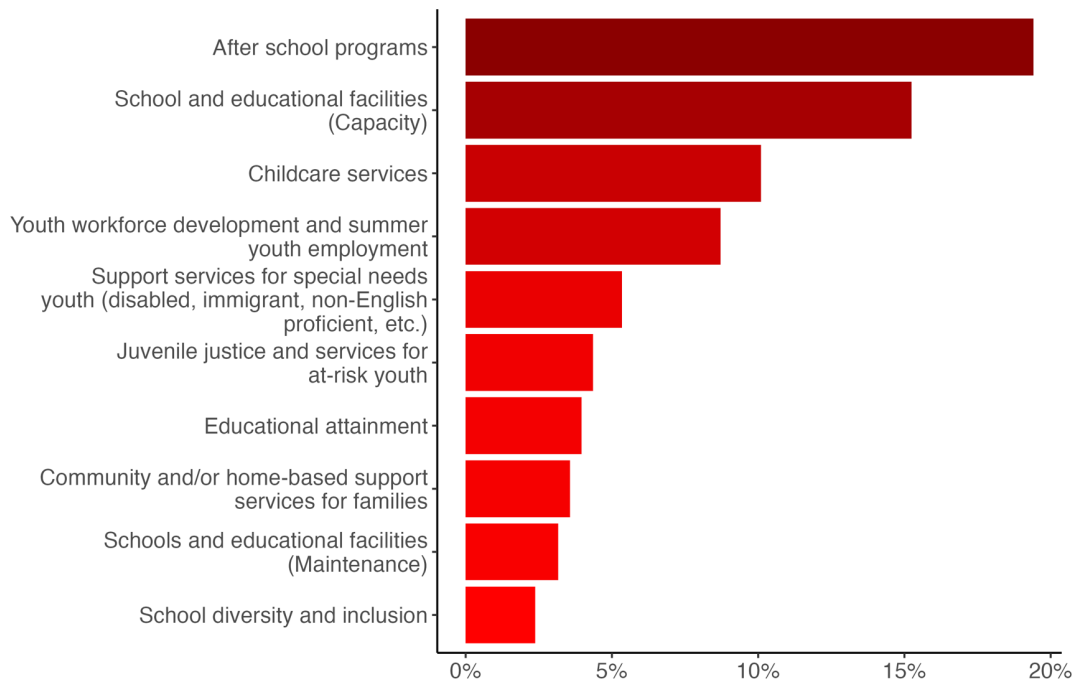
- **Increase in visible homelessness** (65 responses): Respondents most often explain their choice by describing noticeably more unhoused people than in past years, especially in LIC (Vernon Blvd, Jackson Ave/Court Square, the Borden Avenue shelter area) and around subway stations. 22 frame it as a safety problem, citing harassment, assaults, and feeling unsafe; 28 emphasize that unhoused neighbors are suffering and need services; the remaining 15 simply note the increase.
- **Untreated mental illness and substance abuse** (34 responses): Many tie street homelessness, harassment, and crime to untreated mental illness or addiction and ask for treatment, outreach, and prevention programs rather than leaving people to “roam the streets”; several recount being screamed at or, in one case, punched.
- **Environmental health hazards** (46 responses): Construction dust and noise, the district’s industrial legacy (lead, contaminated soil, and air quality near Queens Blvd, the Midtown Tunnel, power plants, and idling trains), and aging buildings with lead pipes, mold, and asbestos are cited as health risks, particularly for children.
- **Rats, pests, and dog waste** (26 responses): Rat infestations come up again and again, in parks and front gardens, along Greenpoint Ave, and on the waterfront, along with

pigeon feeding and unpicked-up dog waste; both Spanish-form respondents wrote in about rats.

- **Access to affordable healthy food and recreation** (28 responses): Groceries are described as expensive or far away (nothing within walking distance in Blissville; costly options in LIC), with requests for farmers markets, support for the food pantries already in heavy use, and public recreation, such as a pool, gym, or community fitness center.
- **Shortage of local health facilities** (10 responses): Respondents report difficulty finding primary care or a pediatrician nearby (several travel to Manhattan), few urgent cares, and no hospital or emergency room in the district, a particular worry for fast-growing Hunter's Point South.

Policy Area: Youth, Education and Child Welfare

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After school programs was the top selected (19.4% of responses) Youth, Education, and Child Welfare issue, followed by School and educational facilities (Capacity) (15.2%) and Childcare services (10.1%).

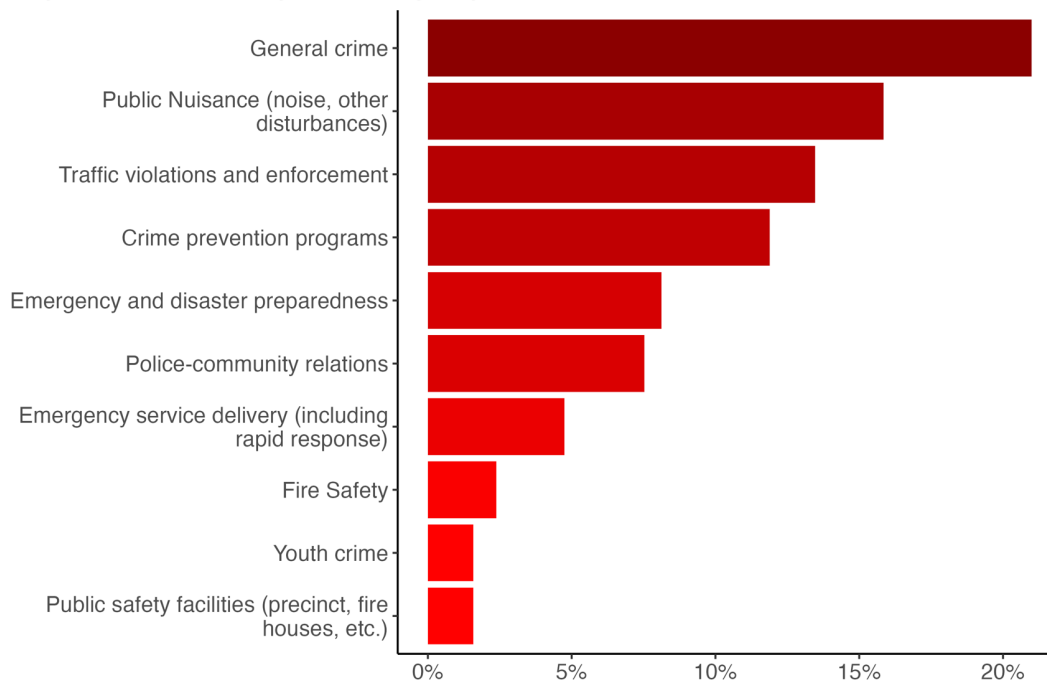
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- **School capacity** (40 responses): Schools are described as at or over capacity, with seats not keeping pace with the district's growth. Several respondents say children cannot get into their zoned schools (PS 78 in Hunter's Point is named), class sizes are too high, and more seats are needed from elementary through high school, especially in LIC.

- **Childcare costs and shortages** (30 responses): Childcare is described as scarce and nearly as expensive as rent, with monthly costs of \$2,000–\$3,200, waitlist fees, and “childcare deserts” in fast-growing LIC; several respondents ask for a quick rollout of free or universal 2-K.
- **After-school program capacity** (29 responses): Working parents say affordable after-school care is what lets them hold a job, and that existing programs cannot meet demand. Respondents describe lottery enrollment, families lining up for hours to enroll at PS 343, and PS 361 families struggling to get into the Woodside on the Move program.
- **Teen spaces and activities** (21 responses): Respondents describe teenagers with nothing to do — subway surfing on the 7, riding motorbikes in Murray Playground, few “third spaces” or indoor places for young people — and want programs and places that keep kids engaged and out of trouble.
- **Summer youth employment** (16 responses): Summer jobs and internships are described as hard to find and valuable for confidence, experience, and legal earnings; two respondents cite SYEP by name as a proven stepping stone.
- **Services for at-risk and homeless youth** (12 responses): Respondents ask for intervention and services for at-risk, troubled, and homeless youth to prevent recidivism, stop harm early, and protect homeless young people they see on the street.
- **Support for special-needs and immigrant youth** (15 responses): Families describe leaving the neighborhood for special-needs services and schools that cannot accommodate disabled children, and several ask for stronger support for immigrant youth in response to federal immigration enforcement.
- **School building repairs** (6 responses): Teachers and parents cite buildings in disrepair: leaks, potable-water problems, and pest infestations at Aviation High School; a broken PA system, façade and lead-pipe issues at PS 150Q; and shared devices and unusable bathrooms at PS 78Q.

Policy Area: Public Safety and Emergency Services

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General crime (21%) was the top selected Public Safety and Emergency Services issue, followed by Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances) (15.8%) and traffic violations/enforcement (13.5%).

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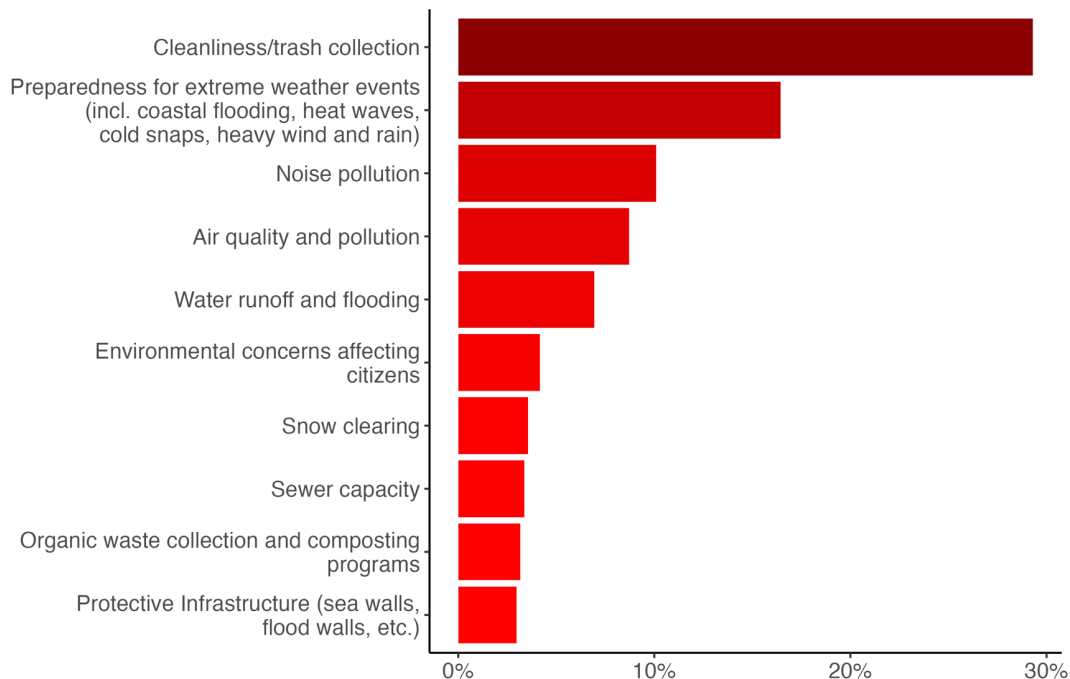
- **Traffic violations and lack of enforcement** (59 responses): Respondents most often cite speeding, red-light and stop-sign running, drag racing, cars parked on sidewalks and in crosswalks, and e-bikes or mopeds on sidewalks, all described as going unenforced. Several report near-misses or preventable deaths, naming Center Blvd, Jackson Ave, the Pulaski Bridge, 43rd Ave & Skillman Ave, and Blissville.
- **Perceived rise in crime** (42 responses): Respondents describe break-ins, car and package theft, stolen checks and catalytic converters, shoplifting that leaves store shelves locked, and recent murders around Court Square, and say the area feels less safe than a few years ago.
- **Unanswered complaints and requests for more police presence** (46 responses): Respondents report that 311 complaints and calls to the 108th Precinct go unanswered or get slow follow-up, and ask for officers walking beats, posted at subway stations and the waterfront, better precinct coverage for Sunnyside/Woodside, and more community engagement to rebuild trust.
- **Concerns about policing itself** (8 responses): A separate group of 8 comments objects to policing rather than asking for more of it, citing intimidation of young people

of color, a false arrest, and ICE activity in the neighborhood, and asking for investment in care and social services instead.

- **Noise, fireworks, and nighttime disturbances** (26 responses): Illegal fireworks, revving engines and drag racing, dirt bikes, and loud music from bars and events (Ottomanelli's, MoMA PS1 parties), concentrated on the Hunter's Point waterfront and Center Blvd in summer, with several noting the rules go unenforced.
- **Homelessness and mental illness in public spaces** (17 responses): People in crisis on the streets — public urination, open drug use, harassment, a man wandering into a building lobby — make respondents feel unsafe, including around Blissville's shelters. Of the 17 comments, 4 ask the city or police to manage or enforce, 2 ask for appropriate care and more B-HEARD mental-health teams, and 11 describe the problem without specifying a remedy.
- **Preparedness for flooding, extreme weather, and fires** (32 responses): Flooding (Davis St, basement apartments, and blocks across Woodside) and climate-driven storms and heat dominate these answers, alongside Sunnyside's history of building fires and calls for fire prevention and education; one respondent asks that emergency planning include pets.
- **Slow emergency response and hospital access** (7 responses): Respondents report slow 911/EMS response times and limited access to emergency care: there is no hospital close by, and reaching Manhattan hospitals from Hunter's Point means crossing the river while Queens hospitals are considerably farther.

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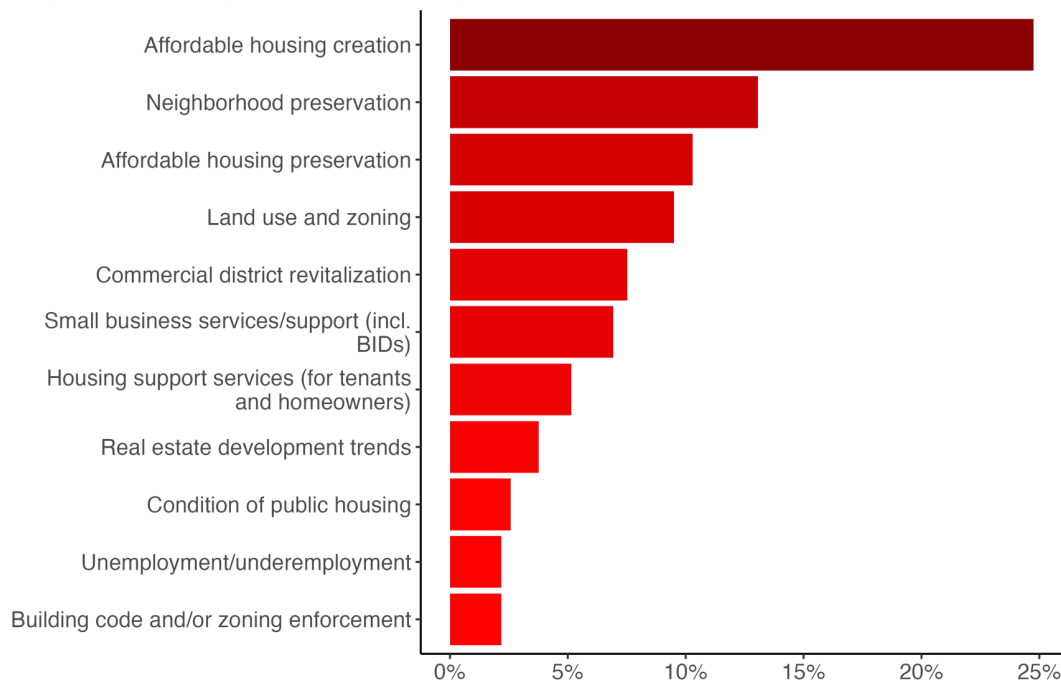
Cleanliness/trash collection (29.3%) was the top Core Infrastructure issue, followed by Preparedness for extreme weather events (16.4%), and noise pollution (10.1%).

Below are themes from the open-ended explanations respondents provided for their selections (number of comments in parentheses):

- **Trash collection, rats, and litter baskets** (61 responses): The most frequent complaint concerns overflowing or missing corner trash cans (south of Queens Blvd, on Skillman and 48th Aves, around LIC and the waterfront parks), garbage bags torn open before pickup, dirty sidewalks under the 7 train and the LIRR, dog waste, and the rats all of it feeds. Several ask for more frequent pickup, sealed containers, or enforcement against litterers and dog owners.
- **Street and basement flooding** (36 responses): Respondents describe streets, basements, and businesses that flood in ordinary rainstorms - LIC, Hunter's Point, Court Square, Jackson Ave, and Blissville are named - and point at century-old sewer mains, catch basins that need cleaning, and new high-rises adding hundreds of units without infrastructure upgrades.
- **Extreme-weather preparedness** (45 responses): Many frame preparedness as urgent as storms, heat waves, and coastal flood risk intensify with climate change - asking for sea walls and protective infrastructure, cooling centers and emergency information, attention to basement units, and better snow clearing after last winter's storms left sidewalks, crosswalks, and bus stops hard to pass.
- **Elevated-train and nighttime noise** (32 responses): The elevated 7, the LIRR, and the track curves at Court Square and Queensboro Plaza are called uniquely, unhealthily loud, alongside drag racing and revving cars, late-night fireworks and parties near the waterfront, and loud bars and rooftop building equipment - with several noting there is no visible enforcement of noise rules.
- **Air pollution and asthma** (21 responses): Respondents point to asthma and "asthma alley," construction dust, highway and Queens Blvd traffic, wildfire smoke, and industrial operations (autobody shops, asphalt and concrete plants); several frame it as a health emergency that falls hardest on vulnerable neighbors.
- **Water quality and Newtown Creek** (13 responses): Brown or fluctuating tap water - blamed by some on construction - plus Newtown Creek's pollution and sewage runoff, with a few stressing the water supply as the resource most worth protecting.
- **Composting and recycling gaps** (19 responses): Seventeen comments ask to expand and explain composting (public compost bins, the lost Greenmarket drop-off, low adoption, confusing rules) and to make specialty recycling - batteries, e-waste, textiles - findable; two respondents instead want the compulsory program scaled back, citing rats and the burden on small apartments.

Policy Area: Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

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Affordable housing creation was, by far (at 24.8%), the top Housing, Economic Development and Land Use issue, followed by Neighborhood preservation (13.1%), and Affordable housing preservation (10.3%).

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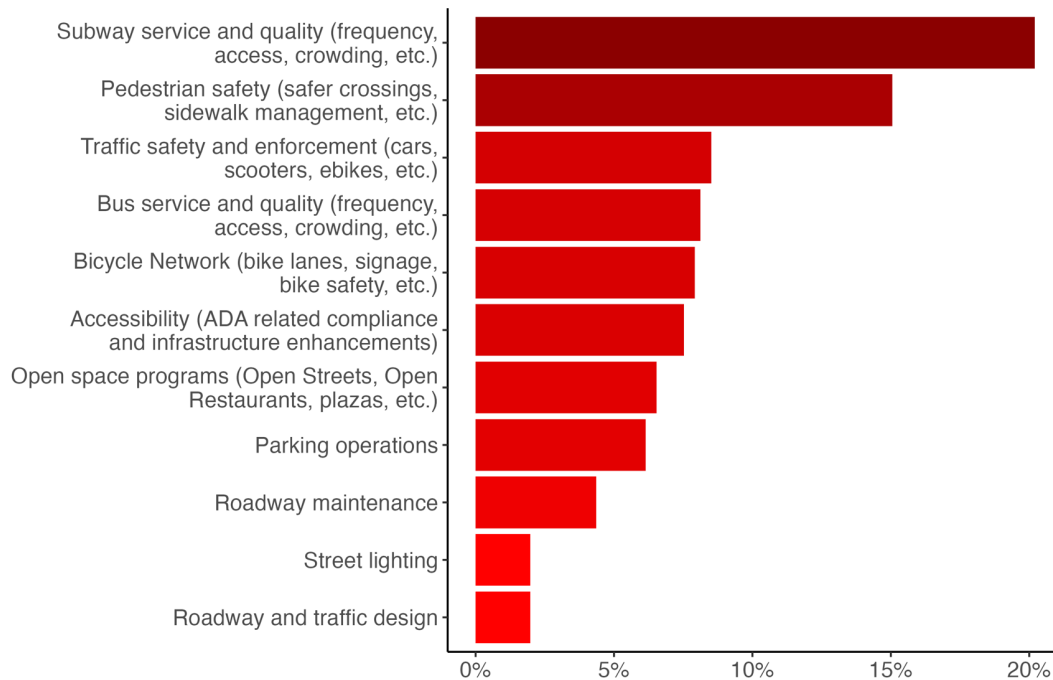
- Rising rents and affordability** (65 responses): Across both the creation and preservation options, respondents describe rents and prices rising faster than incomes and longtime, working- and middle-class residents being priced out. Many pair building new affordable units with protecting the existing rent-stabilized and co-op stock, and some ask for tenant and homeowner supports such as limits on lease-renewal fees or preference for longtime residents.
- Income limits, rents, and sizes of “affordable” units** (18 responses): Respondents say the income bands and rents for lottery units are set too high or skip the middle class, that “affordable” labels feel like developer PR, and that new buildings offer too few family-sized two- and three-bedroom units.
- Concerns about the pace of development** (34 responses): Respondents want development slowed, for different reasons: 16 want to preserve neighborhood character, architecture, and history - framed in Sunnyside, Woodside, and Sunnyside Gardens as keeping the low-rise scale, and by Hunter’s Point and LIC commenters as protecting the area’s history and charm; 8 say sewers, schools, transit, and other services are not keeping up with the pace of new development; and 10 object to the pace and scale of

luxury construction, several asking for green or community space instead. Two respondents - one in Woodside, one in Sunnyside - say outright that they do not want their neighborhood to become another LIC.

- **Calls to build more housing** (23 responses): Respondents call for rewriting zoning to allow much more housing of every kind - market-rate as well as income-restricted - including over Sunnyside Yards and on vacant or underused industrial land, arguing that supply is the root fix for affordability.
- **Small businesses and everyday retail** (43 responses): Respondents want more independent small businesses and fewer chains, point to empty storefronts and closures driven by rising commercial rents, and ask for everyday retail - especially affordable, good-quality grocery stores in Hunter's Point and near the waterfront.
- **Land for public space and community uses** (17 responses): Many ask that land be planned for parks, community rooms, pools, and other shared uses rather than only more density - keeping the 45th Street community garden, greening Queens Plaza, adding open and sports space at Hunter's Point South, and creating affordable "third spaces."
- **Criticism of shelters and concentrated low-income or supportive housing** (7 responses): Respondents argue that concentrating shelters, low-income units, or supportive housing has hurt safety and quality of life - most citing Hunter's Point developments (Gotham Point, the planned Parcel E project), one the shelters near Blissville.
- **Repairs and support for public housing residents** (3 responses): Respondents want existing public housing repaired and its residents supported first.
- **Support for supportive and disability housing** (3 responses): Respondents describe supportive housing as working well or ask for more of it, including disability housing at Sunnyside Yards; one describes the shelters near Blissville as run in a dignified way.
- **Redevelopment of NYCHA sites at higher density** (2 responses): Two respondents would redevelop NYCHA sites at higher density.

Policy Area: Transportation and Mobility

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Subway service/quality was the top (20.2%) Transportation and Mobility issue, followed by Pedestrian Safety (15%) and Traffic safety and enforcement (8.5%), with Bus service (8.1%) and the Bicycle Network (7.9%) close behind.

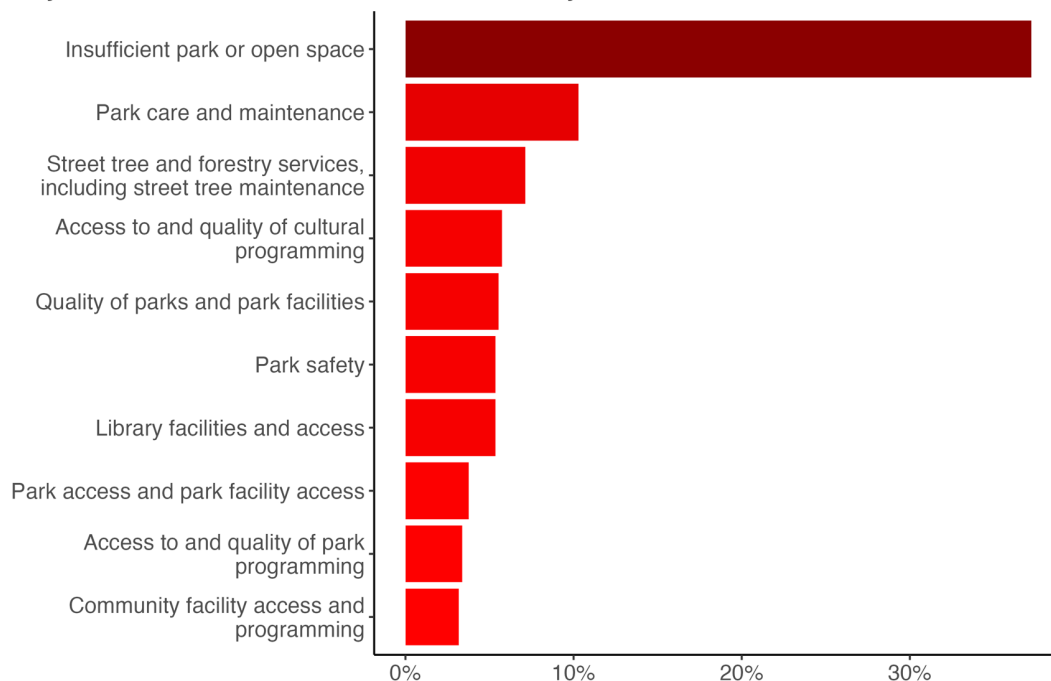
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- **7 train crowding and reliability** (44 responses): Riders describe rush-hour crowding, weekend shutdowns, and frequent delays on the 7, the district's single lifeline, and say service and stations (Court Square's packed entrance, the stalled 52nd St renovation) are not keeping pace with the thousands of new units going up; they ask for more frequency, an extended G, or the QueensLink.
- **Speeding and lack of traffic enforcement** (79 responses): The largest group describes cars speeding and running red lights and stop signs (Center Blvd, Jackson Ave, and Queens Blvd come up repeatedly) and e-bikes and scooters weaving through sidewalks and crosswalks, and asks for real enforcement, cameras, traffic calming, and safer intersection design.
- **Protected bike lanes** (28 responses): 23 respondents point to deaths and near-misses on unprotected streets and want a connected network of physically protected lanes (Jackson Ave, Roosevelt and Northern Blvds, Greenpoint Ave, and a link from Vernon Blvd to the Hunter's Point South waterfront are named); 5 respondents instead object that lanes and Citi Bike docks take scarce parking or that the street redesigns miss the mark.

- **Bus reliability** (22 responses): Riders on the B62, Q39, Q60, and Q101/Q103 describe late, bunched, and crowded buses and want the frequency, especially on evenings and weekends, to make them a real alternative when the 7 or G is down; several also flag the Brooklyn bus redesign's cut to Greenpoint access and stops that were moved or removed.
- **Subway station accessibility** (18 responses): Respondents ask for elevators at the district's subway stations; Vernon Blvd-Jackson Ave, Court Square, and Hunter's Point Ave are named and the new 46th St elevator is welcomed, with accessibility framed as serving wheelchair users, seniors, and parents with strollers alike.
- **Parking availability** (19 responses): 17 respondents say parking is being lost to bike lanes, bus routes, and food trucks, that garages are unaffordable, and propose residential permit programs or municipal lots; 2 take the opposite view that abundant free parking itself causes danger and congestion.
- **Roadway maintenance** (16 responses): Respondents report unrepaired potholes and broken pavement, naming the Queens Blvd service road, Roosevelt Ave, and 39th St along with the crumbling Pulaski Bridge, and describe tire damage, snow-season obstacles, and hazards for cyclists.

Policy Area: Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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Insufficient park/open space was the top issue in this policy area by far (37.2%), followed by park care and maintenance (10.3%), and street trees/forestry services (7.1%).

Below are themes from the open-ended explanations respondents provided for their selections (number of comments in parentheses):

- **Lack of green space in existing parks** (68 responses): Local parks are described as asphalt or concrete playgrounds with no grass or lawns to sit on, leaving residents nowhere green to go, especially in Sunnyside, south of Queens Blvd, and in Blissville. Several add that the only true green park in Sunnyside is the private, members-only Sunnyside Gardens Park.
- **Residential growth without new parkland** (23 responses): Respondents around Court Square, Queens Plaza, and the LIC waterfront say the population boom has not been matched by parkland, leaving existing parks overwhelmed while remaining lots are developed; several cite the district's near-last citywide ranking for open space per capita, and two ask that Parcel E become a park.
- **Park maintenance backlog** (38 responses): Conditions named include the years-long closure of Murray Playground's fields and dog run over contaminated soil, Dutch Kills Green's deteriorating benches and plantings, rats in the waterfront parks, dirty or locked park restrooms, and worn spaces at Doughboy, Windmuller, and Lou Lodati.
- **Requests for dog runs and dog-friendly space** (13 responses): Dog owners ask for the closed Murray Playground dog run to be reopened and for more places where dogs are allowed; Court Square's park now bans them, and respondents in LIC and near Queensboro Plaza say there are not enough dog runs.
- **Off-leash dogs and dog waste** (9 responses): Other respondents complain about off-leash dogs and unscooped waste in parks and ask for enforcement of leash and clean-up rules.
- **Street tree planting and maintenance** (26 responses): Respondents ask for more street trees to cool streets as summers get hotter (Northern Blvd and the blocks north of Queensboro Plaza are named as bare) and for pruning of the many dead limbs that fall in storms.
- **Indoor community facilities and programming** (29 responses): Respondents ask for indoor facilities the district lacks, including a public pool, a recreation or community center, and athletic space, plus affordable space for community groups and more arts and cultural programming.
- **Library hours, branches, and programming** (22 responses): Library users want longer hours (several name Sundays), the promised Court Square and 5Pointz branches delivered, upgrades at existing branches, and more programs for children and adults.

Optional - Specific Budget Requests

Residents could provide additional budget request suggestions. Below are summarized themes and a list of specific requests; the number in parentheses is the number of responses that raised each point.

Key Budget Request Themes

Parks & Open Space

- **Murray Playground dog run** (9 responses): The single most repeated request in the survey – repair and reopen the dog run at Murray Playground in Court Square (closed for years over soil testing) and address the playground’s trash and rat problems; related requests for more dog runs in Court Square, Hunter’s Point, and LIC.
- **New park development** (8 responses): Acquisition of the open space at 24-03 Skillman Ave (Block 100, Lot 1) as a public park with access to the Montauk Cutoff, a new park parcel in Blissville (Walk to a Park), new green space in Sunnyside south of Queens Blvd and on the north side of Queens Plaza, and reuse of vacant sites such as the former Kingdom Hall at 44-17 Greenpoint Ave and the warehouse next to Lou Lodati Park.
- **Park upgrades and maintenance** (6 responses): Ongoing maintenance and capital repairs at Dutch Kills Green (benches, pavers, lighting), an updated dog park and more green space at Lou Lodati, a shade structure at General Hart Playground, bathrooms at Sabba Triangle and longer playground bathroom hours, and a study of the plazas beneath the 7 train viaduct.
- **Additional facilities** (8 responses): A public pool in the Hunter’s Point/Court Square area (several requests), pickleball courts, a farmers’ market in Hunter’s Point, and more free community programming.

Trees & Streetscapes

- **Tree planting and care** (11 responses): More street trees across the district, especially on LIC’s wide sidewalks and along Queens Blvd and Northern Blvd; replacement of fallen trees (47th Rd, 11th St median); tree guards throughout the Sunnyside Shines BID.
- **Greening streets** (4 responses): Bioswales, native plantings, and “truly green” treatment of the Queens Blvd medians and plazas, plus general beautification in LIC.

Sanitation & Cleanliness

- **Trash cans** (9 responses): Strong repeated requests for more corner litter baskets (11th St, Bradley Ave & 35th St in Blissville, Hunter’s Point, LIC, and more corners in Sunnyside/Woodside) and more frequent emptying (e.g., in front of the Hunters Point Library).
- **Dog waste** (7 responses): Bag dispensers and enforcement of pet-waste rules, especially in South Hunter’s Point, on the Queens Blvd medians, Jackson Ave, and in Woodside.
- **Street and plaza cleaning** (7 responses): Regular power-washing of the 40th St plaza and the crosswalks under the 7 train in Sunnyside, cleanup of curbs and sidewalks (including around MTA structures), monthly street cleaning and enforcement of cleaner sidewalks in LIC, and bird spikes under the LIRR underpasses.
- **Recycling collection events** (1 response): Bring back regular shredding and electronics/hazardous-waste collection events; residents report having no free local option for disposing of these items.

Schools, Childcare & Libraries

- **School seats** (5 responses): More school seats in LIC/Hunter's Point, and zoning the buildings around Queensboro Plaza station into the Court Square elementary and middle schools.
- **Afterschool and childcare** (6 responses): Expanded free afterschool at PS 361 (through Woodside on the Move) and PS 343Q, affordable childcare and summer programs in LIC, and laptops for students at PS 78.
- **Library funding** (4 responses): More support for public libraries generally, funding for new book acquisitions at the Woodside Library, and another branch in LIC.
- **Community Board outreach** (1 response): A street presence for the CB2 office and a modernized website.

Housing & Social Services

- **Affordable housing** (11 responses): Capital funding for permanently and deeply affordable housing (including family-sized units in Hunter's Point South) and preservation of existing affordable housing, and a comprehensive plan for Northern Blvd and Roosevelt Ave to unlock new housing (8 responses). Two LIC/Hunter's Point respondents asked instead for no more residential buildings, and one Sunnyside respondent asked to protect the small-business character of Skillman Ave.
- **Services for vulnerable groups** (7 responses): LGBTQ+ senior housing, immigrant services, senior centers and social adult day programs, support for families placed in new buildings and for NYCHA residents, funding for the peer support specialist initiative, and help for basement-apartment residents on flood-prone blocks.
- **Retail and services** (6 responses): An affordable grocery store and urgent care in Hunter's Point South and north of Queens Plaza, and support for small businesses.
- **Animal welfare** (1 response): Queens' share of city spay/neuter and pet-food pantry funding, with mobile pet resource stations in Sunnyside/Woodside.

Transit, Safety & Infrastructure

- **Street safety** (9 responses): A traffic signal at Skillman Ave & 52nd St; a stop sign, speed bump, and repainted crosswalks at 56th Ave & 2nd St; speed bumps and crosswalks along Center Blvd near the ferry; convex mirrors on the bike path at Laurel Hill Blvd & 54th Rd; safer traffic patterns at the foot of the Pulaski Bridge and a DOT traffic study west of Vernon Blvd.
- **Pedestrian infrastructure** (6 responses): Bulb-outs, bollards, and planters; bollards at the Hunters Point South Greenway entrances (2nd St, 57th Ave, Center Blvd); completion of the pedestrian ramp at 21st St & 45th Rd; the Queens Plaza crossing improvements from the LIC Partnership mobility study and the approved pedestrian lighting in LIC; repair of the Pulaski Bridge underpass at 50th Ave.
- **Bike network and transit** (11 responses): Completion of the protected bike lanes and accessible station projects in Sunnyside, a bike lane study along Jackson Ave, secure bike

parking, and removal of QueensWay from the city budget in favor of QueensLink (one response instead questioned the emphasis on bike lanes and the removal of bus stops).

- **Parking** (4 responses): Two respondents asked to keep resident parking or create a residential permit program, while two asked to charge for street parking (with CB2 joining any pilot).
- **Sewer & drainage** (6 responses): Replace the undersized 8" sewer lines beneath Greenpoint Ave and 37th St in Blissville with standard lines, add catch basins and sewer capacity where LIC streets pool after storms, and repave and flood-proof Davis St.

Public Safety & Policing

- **Police patrols and enforcement** (18 responses): Most public-safety requests asked for more police patrols and personnel (LIC streets and parks, the Hunter's Point waterfront, Gantry Plaza State Park), prosecution of petty crime, enforcement against fireworks, unleashed dogs, and disorderly conduct, and action on people sleeping in subway stations and other public spaces.
- **Services-based public safety approaches** (3 responses): A smaller number asked for services-based approaches instead: outreach patrols that connect people in crisis to mental health care, shelter, and drug treatment, funding for the peer support specialist initiative, and housing with comprehensive care for unhoused neighbors in Woodside.
- **Noise and nuisance** (4 responses): Noise cameras on Greenpoint Ave (47th–48th St) and noise/speed cameras in Court Square, plus better noise-measurement equipment for enforcement agencies, and specific complaints about a loud bar on Center Blvd and a towing company on 35th St in Blissville.
- **Houses of worship** (1 response): Safety measures around synagogues and Jewish schools.

Specific Budget Requests

Below is a list of specific budget requests that were mentioned in responses to this question.

1. Repair and reopen the **Murray Playground dog run** (Court Square) and address the playground's trash and rat problems. (6 responses)
2. Build a **public pool in the Hunter's Point/Court Square area**. (5 responses)
3. Fund ongoing maintenance and capital repairs at **Dutch Kills Green**. (1 response)
4. Acquire **24-03 Skillman Ave (Block 100, Lot 1)** as a public park with access to the **Montauk Cutoff**. (1 response)
5. Acquire a **parcel in Blissville for a new park** (Walk to a Park). (1 response)
6. Replace the **undersized sewer lines beneath Greenpoint Ave and 37th St in Blissville** and add catch basins where LIC streets pool after storms. (2 responses)
7. Add **school seats in LIC/Hunter's Point** and zone the buildings around Queensboro Plaza station into the Court Square schools. (5 responses)
8. Expand **free afterschool programming at PS 361 and PS 343Q**. (3 responses)
9. Install **bollards at the Hunters Point South Greenway entrances** (2nd St, 57th Ave, Center Blvd). (1 response)

10. Install a **traffic signal at Skillman Ave & 52nd St** and a **stop sign, speed bump, and crosswalks at 56th Ave & 2nd St**. (2 responses)
11. Fund the **Queens Plaza pedestrian crossing improvements** and install the **approved pedestrian lighting in LIC**. (1 response)
12. Repair the **Pulaski Bridge underpass at 50th Ave**. (1 response)
13. Complete the **protected bike lanes and accessible subway station projects in Sunnyside**. (1 response)
14. Add **litter baskets** (11th St, Bradley Ave & 35th St, Hunter's Point, LIC, and additional Sunnyside/Woodside corners) and **dog-waste bag dispensers**. (8 responses)
15. Install **tree guards throughout the Sunnyside Shines BID** and replace fallen street trees at **47th Rd and the 11th St median**. (2 responses)
16. Install **noise cameras on Greenpoint Ave between 47th and 48th St**. (1 response)
17. Fund **new book acquisitions at the Woodside Library**. (1 response)
18. Add **bathrooms at Sabba Triangle**, a **shade structure at General Hart Playground**, and an **updated dog park at Lou Lodati Park**. (3 responses)
19. Provide **\$4.5M for the peer support specialist initiative** through the Council's discretionary budget. (1 response)