



Queens CB2 District Dispatch: Summer 2026

Things to know, ways to be heard, and updates.



Queens CB2
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THINGS TO KNOW

Stay Safe During Wildfire Smoke

-  Listen to your body — if you are feeling the effects from poor air quality, such as watery eyes, scratchy throat or difficulty breathing, reduce physical activity or go indoors.
-  Keep windows closed when indoors.
-  If it is hot outside, find a cool indoor space. If you don't have AC, try to move to a public air-conditioned place like a library, or visit someone who has AC. If you must stay home without AC, do not close your windows when the temperature is hotter indoors than outside.
-  If you use AC, close the fresh air intake to avoid bringing smokey air indoors.
-  Use an air purifier if you have one and set it at the highest level.
-  High quality masks (N-95s or KN95s) can help but are not a substitute for staying indoors.
-  Monitor changing air quality conditions at www.airnow.gov



NYC Health wildfire smoke safety advisory.

Stay Safe in Wildfire Smoke

NYC is currently experiencing unhealthy air quality due to the smoke from wildfires in Canada. Please see guidance above for staying safe, and if you need to spend time outside, **find a local site** to pick up a free mask (in the CB2 district, that includes the **108th precinct** and **Queens Public Library** branches in Hunters Point, Sunnyside, and Woodside).





Rally in support of Haitian and Syrian immigrants at Queens Borough Hall, June 29, 2026. Photo credit: Ramy Mahmoud.

Temporary Protected Status Ruling

On June 25, 2026, the US Supreme Court ruled to terminate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian and Syrian immigrants. When termination takes effect, Haitian and Syrian TPS holders will lose work authorization and protection from deportation. If you or a neighbor has questions or needs support, contact the Mayor's Office of Immigration Affairs Immigration Legal Support Hotline at 1-800-354-0365.

MORE:
Resources for Haiti and Syria TPS Recipients, NYC Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs

Historic Rent Freeze

Also on June 25, the New York City Rent Guidelines Board passed a historic 0% rent adjustment (a total freeze) on rent-stabilized apartments. The freeze applies to both one-year and two-year lease renewals signed between October 1, 2026 and September 30, 2027. If you are unsure whether this applies to you, visit **New York State’s Division of Homes and Community Renewal online portal** to request your apartment’s rent history and/or stabilization status.

MORE:
Gothamist’s guide to NYC’s rent freeze
NYC Mayor’s Tenant Support Unit

BE HEARD

Queens Community Board 2 Annual District Needs Survey



Help shape the future of our district! Your input on local priorities guides how city resources are allocated to our community.

Queens CB2 District Needs Survey flyer and QR code.

Take the District Needs Survey

Each year, CB2 submits a Statement of Needs to the city as a formal part of the budget process. Whether you live, work, or own a business in Queens District 2, your response helps us identify the most pressing issues facing the community and guide how the city allocates resources. The deadline to respond is August 31.

TAKE THE SURVEY

Queens Community Board 2 Public Member Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a public member of one of Queens Community Board 2's committees!

The Queens CB2 By-Laws allow the Chairperson to appoint public members to a committee. Please refer to section VII of the By-Laws to review details on Public Members and the qualifications: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/queenscb2/about/by-laws.page>

This application is for you to communicate this interest and should be treated as a starting point to the process (i.e. make sure it's complete to your own liking but no need to provide more than a paragraph or two for any answer—we'll follow up; there are also no right or wrong answers—all applications will be considered holistically)

Queens CB2 public member application webpage.

Apply to be a Public Member

The public member program is designed to diversify and improve input to CB2’s committees and expand opportunities for engagement. Members of groups historically underrepresented on CB2 or in NYC Government, as well as subject matter experts, are encouraged to apply. The deadline for applications is August 15.

APPLY



The Sunnyside mural, 40th Street & 47th Avenue. Photo credit: CB2 member Eric Narburgh. He’s sure you can take better photos than this one.

Enter our district photo contest

The **CB2 website** needs a refresh! We are looking for images that highlight the vibrancy and diversity of our district. Up to three winners will have their photos featured on both the website and LinkNYC.

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS



Full CB2 Board meeting on June 4, 2026. YouTube recording screen capture.

Attend a meeting

CB2 is on recess during July and August. Join us for the next full board meeting on Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 pm.

UPCOMING BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CB2 IN THE COMMUNITY



OneLIC Oversight Task Force meeting on June 17, 2026, at CUNY Law. CB2 Chair Anatole Ashraf (right foreground) spoke in his role as chair of the Street Safety & Transportation Committee. Photo credit: Long Island City Partnership.

OneLIC Oversight Task Force

The OneLIC Oversight Task Force, a volunteer organization that includes several CB2 members, is tracking the City’s progress on its commitments in the OneLIC Neighborhood Plan. Visit the **Task Force website** to watch the first public meeting held on June 17 and monitor updates.



CB2 members Eric Narburgh and Amparo Abel-Bey carrying the banner during the SunnyPride march on June 12, 2026. Photo credit: Ramy Mahmoud.

CB2 at SunnyPride

CB2 joined more than 3,000 people to celebrate the LGBTQ+ communities of Western Queens during **Sunnyside Shines’** fifth annual **SunnyPride** rally and march on June 12.



CB2 member Michelle Hernandez speaking with neighbors during Woodside on the Move's open street on June 27, 2026.
Photo credit: CB2 member Roz Gianutsos.

CB2 at Woodside Open Streets

CB2 greeted community members at **Woodside on the Move**'s open streets in Woodside, held every weekend during the month of June.

ABOUT CB2

New York City is divided into 59 community districts, each with its own community board. Queens CB2 represents the western edge of the borough, reaching from the East River across Long Island City, Sunnyside, and Woodside, then south into Blissville and part of western Maspeth. The board has up to 50 members, all volunteers who live in, work in, or have other strong ties to the district. A small professional staff runs the district office, helping residents and working with city agencies.

What is a community board?

If you've ever shown up to a meeting about a rezoning, a new development, or a street redesign, you've probably seen a community board in action. But most residents don't know what the board can actually do, how its members got there, or why its voting matters.



CB2 member Amparo Abel-Bey and Vice-Chair Roz Gianutsos (center left) and Treasurer Michael Zoorob (center right) alongside other new and reappointed community board members during the Queens Community Board induction ceremony at Queens Borough Hall in spring 2025. Photo credit: Queens Borough Hall.

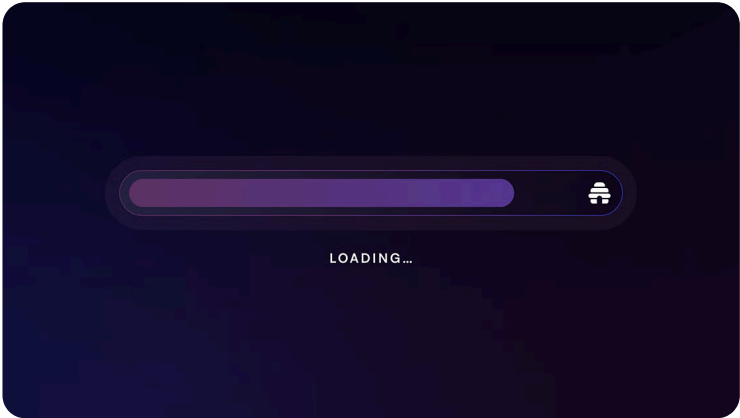
To learn more about how community boards work, what they do, and what you can do to participate, see this explanation by CB2 member Randy Plemel: **“What is a community board?” Hunters Point Ledger.**

Contact the District Office

The District Office is where to turn when a city service breaks down. For an unfilled pothole, an unsafe building, a missed pickup, a dangerous crossing, or a persistent noise disturbance, the staff can point you to the right agency and file or track a request. For many problems the first step is to call 311; when a report stalls, the Office can press the agency and help move it along.

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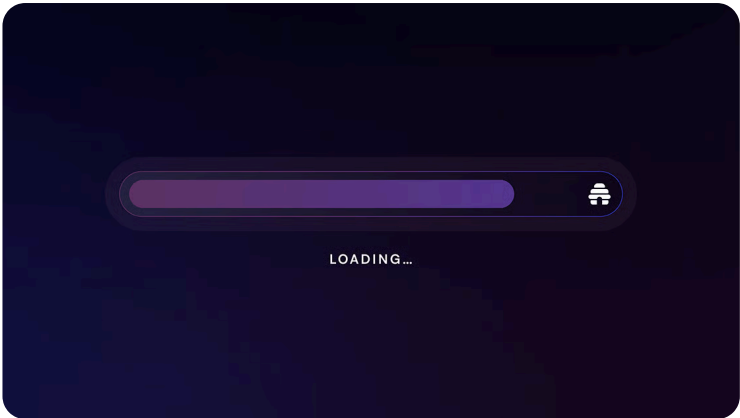
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