

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

Fiscal Year
2024



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**Queens
Community District
5**

Letter from DCP Director Daniel Garodnick

To my fellow New Yorkers:

Every year, each of New York City's 59 community boards advocate for the needs of its residents and stakeholders by preparing a Statement of Community District (CD) Needs and Community Board Budget Requests. Through this process, community boards share the top issues impacting their neighborhoods and propose capital and expense requests to address those identified needs. I'd like to thank the volunteer members of our community boards and the District Managers who work so hard in leading this essential process and in preparing these reports.

The annual CD Needs process is the product of months of collaboration and public input and is a valuable tool for New Yorkers to participate in neighborhood planning. At the broadest levels, CD Needs offers a critical window into the challenges faced by New Yorkers, and how those challenges may differ across neighborhoods. At a granular level, it provides a forum through which community leaders specify those needs and make recommendations for spending -- which in turn are used by City agencies, elected officials, advocacy groups, and non-profit service providers, among others, to better understand and meet the individual needs of each community board.

Through this year's submissions, we heard the stories of our communities' biggest challenges, such as the human impacts of our housing crisis. In that vein, community boards again selected affordable housing as the most pressing issue citywide, followed by crime and public safety, and parks and open space. Through our online form, community boards generated more than 3,700 budget requests, and for each, one of 28 City agencies responded to indicate whether the request could be accommodated within the upcoming annual budget. This year, in line with our commitment to increasing transparency across the CD Needs process, we are publishing agency responses to these requests in the final section of these reports.

DCP deeply values our partnership with community boards. We remain committed to supporting them by increasing participation in, and improving the transparency of, the CD Needs process. We have received valuable feedback from our community board partners, and we are excited to work with them to continue improving our online submission form, to connect boards with agencies to advance budget request proposals, and to open the form earlier in the calendar year to allow more time for public input and preparation. We look forward to advancing this work with both community boards and City agencies to ensure this is a valuable and productive way to improve our City's neighborhoods and to respond to local community needs.

Sincerely,



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 the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from July to November, 2022.

Community boards may provide substantive supplemental information together with their Statements and Budget Requests. This supporting material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting them into a web browser, such as Chrome, Safari or Firefox.

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY24 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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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.

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

The following two pages contain data from the most recent 2020 Decennial Census, which includes basic demographic and housing characteristics for New York City, the borough, and this community district. The data also includes a view of change over time since 2010.

New York City

| | 2010 | | 2020 | | Change, 2010-2020 | | |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Percentage Point |
| AGE | | | | | | | |
| Total population | 8,175,133 | 100.00 | 8,804,190 | 100.00 | 629,057 | 7.7 | 0.0 |
| Total persons under 18 years | 1,768,111 | 21.6 | 1,740,142 | 19.8 | -27,969 | -1.6 | -1.8 |
| MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN | | | | | | | |
| Total population | 8,175,133 | 100.0 | 8,804,190 | 100.0 | 629,057 | 7.7 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic/Latino (of any race) | 2,336,076 | 28.6 | 2,490,350 | 28.3 | 154,274 | 6.6 | -0.3 |
| White non-Hispanic | 2,722,904 | 33.3 | 2,719,856 | 30.9 | -3,048 | -0.1 | -2.4 |
| Black non-Hispanic | 1,861,295 | 22.8 | 1,776,891 | 20.2 | -84,404 | -4.5 | -2.6 |
| Asian non-Hispanic | 1,028,119 | 12.6 | 1,373,502 | 15.6 | 345,383 | 33.6 | 3.0 |
| Some other race, non-Hispanic | 78,063 | 1.0 | 143,632 | 1.6 | 65,569 | 84.0 | 0.6 |
| Non-Hispanic of two or more races | 148,676 | 1.8 | 299,959 | 3.4 | 151,283 | 101.8 | 1.6 |
| HOUSING OCCUPANCY | | | | | | | |
| Total housing units | 3,371,062 | 100.0 | 3,618,635 | 100.0 | 247,573 | 7.3 | 0.0 |
| Occupied housing units | 3,109,784 | 92.2 | 3,370,448 | 93.1 | 260,664 | 8.4 | 0.9 |
| Vacant housing units | 261,278 | 7.8 | 248,187 | 6.9 | -13,091 | -5.0 | -0.9 |

Queens

| | 2010 | | 2020 | | Change, 2010-2020 | | |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Percentage Point |
| AGE | | | | | | | |
| Total population | 2,230,722 | 100.00 | 2,405,464 | 100.00 | 174,742 | 7.8 | 0.0 |
| Total persons under 18 years | 461,901 | 20.7 | 455,995 | 19 | -5,906 | -1.3 | -1.7 |
| MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN | | | | | | | |
| Total population | 2,230,722 | 100.0 | 2,405,464 | 100.0 | 174,742 | 7.8 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic/Latino (of any race) | 613,750 | 27.5 | 667,861 | 27.8 | 54,111 | 8.8 | 0.3 |
| White non-Hispanic | 616,727 | 27.6 | 549,358 | 22.8 | -67,369 | -10.9 | -4.8 |
| Black non-Hispanic | 395,881 | 17.7 | 381,375 | 15.9 | -14,506 | -3.7 | -1.8 |
| Asian non-Hispanic | 508,334 | 22.8 | 656,583 | 27.3 | 148,249 | 29.2 | 4.5 |
| Some other race, non-Hispanic | 39,923 | 1.8 | 66,175 | 2.8 | 26,252 | 65.8 | 1.0 |
| Non-Hispanic of two or more races | 56,107 | 2.5 | 84,112 | 3.5 | 28,005 | 49.9 | 1.0 |
| HOUSING OCCUPANCY | | | | | | | |
| Total housing units | 835,127 | 100.0 | 896,333 | 100.0 | 61,206 | 7.3 | 0.0 |
| Occupied housing units | 780,117 | 93.4 | 847,210 | 94.5 | 67,093 | 8.6 | 1.1 |
| Vacant housing units | 55,010 | 6.6 | 49,123 | 5.5 | -5,887 | -10.7 | -1.1 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

Queens Community District 5

| | 2010 | | 2020 | | Change, 2010-2020 | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Percentage Point |
| AGE | | | | | | | |
| Total population | 169,190 | 100.00 | 178,178 | 100.00 | 8,988 | 5.3 | 0.0 |
| Total persons under 18 years | 36,481 | 21.6 | 33,591 | 18.9 | -2,890 | -7.9 | -2.7 |
| MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN | | | | | | | |
| Total population | 169,190 | 100.0 | 178,178 | 100.0 | 8,988 | 5.3 | 0.0 |
| Hispanic/Latino (of any race) | 58,650 | 34.7 | 64,221 | 36.0 | 5,571 | 9.5 | 1.3 |
| White non-Hispanic | 92,814 | 54.9 | 85,642 | 48.1 | -7,172 | -7.7 | -6.8 |
| Black non-Hispanic | 2,335 | 1.4 | 3,884 | 2.2 | 1,549 | 66.3 | 0.8 |
| Asian non-Hispanic | 13,026 | 7.7 | 19,241 | 10.8 | 6,215 | 47.7 | 3.1 |
| Some other race, non-Hispanic | 737 | 0.4 | 1,658 | 0.9 | 921 | 125.0 | 0.5 |
| Non-Hispanic of two or more races | 1,628 | 1.0 | 3,532 | 2.0 | 1,904 | 117.0 | 1.0 |
| HOUSING OCCUPANCY | | | | | | | |
| Total housing units | 65,818 | 100.0 | 69,416 | 100.0 | 3,598 | 5.5 | 0.0 |
| Occupied housing units | 61,762 | 93.8 | 65,075 | 93.7 | 3,313 | 5.4 | -0.1 |
| Vacant housing units | 4,056 | 6.2 | 4,341 | 6.3 | 285 | 7.0 | 0.1 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

Statement on Data Accuracy

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau is legally bound to protect the privacy of individuals participating in the decennial census. To adhere to the law and to avoid the disclosure of information about individual respondents, the Census Bureau has historically applied a host of techniques, such as top- and bottom-coding, imputation, table- and cell-suppression, and data swapping. The Census Bureau is employing a new technique with the 2020 Census, referred to as the Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS), based on differential privacy. With this approach, the Census Bureau “infuses noise” systematically across census data and sets a quantified disclosure risk, referred to as the Privacy Loss Budget (PLB).

While the new DAS approach may diminish the risk of disclosure concerns, it comes at a cost to data accuracy. Consequently, 2020 Census data users should be aware that all sub-state counts, except for housing units (which are unaffected by the DAS), may be adjusted to protect the privacy of Census participants and may be subject to reduced accuracy. Because DAS noise infusion is randomized, it is impossible for data users to know the degree to which any individual statistic is altered. However, it is possible to say that in general the relative size of errors decreases as counts increase. Consequently, data users should have greater confidence in the accuracy of the data as counts get larger. Further, an evaluation of a Privacy-Protected Microdata File (PPMF), treated with a Disclosure Avoidance System like the one applied to 2020 redistricting data, showed that counts of 300 or more rarely have sizable errors (error beyond +/- 10% of the count). Therefore, while data users need to be cognizant of data accuracy limitations, they should have confidence in conclusions based on sizable counts, which are relatively unaffected by the Census Bureau’s latest disclosure avoidance method.

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

We are a community of people who have roots in many nations and places throughout the world. Regardless of where our forefathers and foremothers originally lived, the great majority came to our country for a better life. The overwhelming majority of New Yorkers and Americans have some simple requests: to live in peace, in a safe community, with good public resources and services. Families and individuals continue to risk their lives to make it to a place like America. Whether our ancestors immigrated to escape violence, hunger, economic instability or oppressive governments we should be honored to live in a country that continues to feed the dreams of immigrants everywhere. In Queens, there are known to be more than two and a half million residents with ancestry from well over 100 countries. This has and will increase demands on us nationally and in our communities. This, combined with the pressure on our environment, will demand that we work together cooperatively and intelligently. We have our faults as individuals and as a nation, but we have strived to be a nation of the people, by the people, for the people, united under the belief in the Dream of a better life for ourselves, our loved ones and for future generations. Since 2020, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has caused the deaths of more than 1,062,000 Americans, and more than 42,000 NYC residents. In the Spring of 2020, hospitals in Our City were overwhelmed with patients. Dedicated doctors, nurses and EMS workers risked their lives to care for very sick patients. There were many days when more than 700 New Yorkers died of this terrible virus. In addition to tragic deaths, the economy of the USA and in Our City was severely damaged, resulting in tens of millions seeking unemployment insurance benefits and thousands of businesses not being able to operate. Thanks to New Yorkers wearing masks, social distancing themselves, washing their hands regularly, and taking vaccines, the number of residents contracting this deadly disease has decreased dramatically. Drug companies thankfully have developed vaccines, which since Spring 2021 have become widely available. More than \$3 trillion in relief has been distributed by the Federal government, causing national debt to skyrocket.

Our Community Board 5 area is comprised primarily of the Ridgewood, Maspeth, Middle Village and Glendale communities. We are also responsible for a few blocks of Woodside, Rego Park and Elmhurst. Our geographic boundaries are Maurice Avenue into Calamus Avenue to the north; the Brooklyn border with Bushwick on the south (Cypress Avenue, Wyckoff Avenue and Irving Avenue); Woodhaven Boulevard and the CSX Freight Rail Line in the east and the Brooklyn County line with our Williamsburg and Bushwick neighbors in the west. Like many communities in Queens, development of homes and non-farm businesses began at the turn of the 20th century and continued quite industriously through the 1950's. By the time of America's first moon landing, our neighborhoods were overwhelmingly constructed.

The 2020 Census indicates that there are approximately 184,714 residents living within District 5, Queens, but, like many communities in our City, we know the number of people really living here is significantly greater, considering under-counting and far too many illegal apartments. Locally, our population on paper has risen from 150,000 residents in 1990. We have had some new housing constructed in the past two decades, essentially where one-family homes with large lots have been replaced by two-family homes or multiple dwellings. The housing stock in our communities is mainly comprised of attached homes, ranging from one to six-family residences. Our most pressing problems include: the tragic deaths of more than 42,000 New Yorkers and the devastating economic effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), significant increases in crime; illegal apartments, primarily in basements; too many drivers speeding, running traffic signals and stop signs; a significant reduction in the number of police officers assigned to the 104th Police Precinct since 1995; a growing number of sewer system breaks that cause dangerous roadway conditions; illegal dumping and abuse of city litter baskets; a shortage of Parks maintenance workers to keep playgrounds and ball fields in good repair; and too many youth not doing well in school. The need for many services historically provided by City agencies is growing for numerous reasons. It is due mainly to the age of specific communities' roadways, sewer lines, bridges and parks. These important assets must be well maintained or they will fall into serious disrepair, necessitating greater capital expenditures, sooner.

In an era when many City services had been cut back due to a declining tax base, volunteers have become the backbone of our community. Thank heavens for volunteers who serve diligently on Community Boards, not-for-profit organizations' boards of directors, civic organizations and block associations. Thanks to volunteers in the communities served by Community Board 5, Queens, children and teenagers are engaged in many sports and recreational activities, local parks are cleaner than they would be otherwise, and graffiti has been removed from many buildings. Many of the area needs that we have worked to accomplish for years seem much less consequential, after the September 11, 2001 disaster at the World Trade Center. Many families need psychological

and financial assistance. Our world, in a devastating half-hour, is forever changed. The Police Department, who have done so much to reduce crime, will now be working increasingly with the FBI to greatly reduce the possibility of future terrorist disasters. After the Trade Center disaster, our wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have caused additional heartache throughout the country. Considering the severe economic recession that hit our country in 2008, the devastating economic impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic, and threats of severe government budget cuts in too many important funding categories, every effort must be made to ensure that government expenditures are prudent, that waste is reduced and that Medicaid, Medicare and other fraud are eliminated.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Queens Community Board 5

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Emergency and disaster response

It is very difficult to state that there are 3 definite most important issues facing the communities that many of us have worked for decades to stabilize and improve. There is probably nothing more important to safeguard and improve than the air we share and the water we drink, since life is not possible without these essential resources. Sanitation services, removal and treatment of sewage, stormwater removal, health services and basic medicines are critical in preventing unhealthy conditions and disease. Police are essential, as are Firefighters and EMS workers, to safeguard the people and for response to emergencies. People need to earn a living in order to pay for housing, to buy food and pay for essential services provided by the municipal government. A quality business environment is important so that the people are gainfully employed and earning enough income to at least meet their essential needs. Since the great majority of us do not have the luxury of walking to our place of employment, reliable, safe public transportation and stable, smooth roads, bridges and tunnels are vital for us to get where we need to go. Children, teens, young adults and all of us need to be increasingly educated and skilled to propel a civilized society in an ever more competitive, more global environment. Few of us are willing to live in tents, therefore quality, affordable housing is essential. Since living in a city presents fairly crowded conditions, where the great majority of us don't have our own private outdoor space, safe public parks provide important "outdoor" recreational space and, like cultural spaces, a place for people of all ages to communicate, socialize and rejuvenate. All of the societal categories listed above are very important, so the questions are where is our city most in need at the current time, to our far from complete knowledge. Emergency response is almost always the most important issue facing our Community Board area. Having at least 170 Police Officers, plus supervisors, assigned to the 104th Police Precinct is our #1 expense budget priority. The number of Police Officers assigned to the 104th Police Precinct has declined by almost 30% in the past 25 years. This reduction forces officers and supervisors to hold more 911 calls, and too often has put our precinct in backlog and alert status, and forces police to too often take one 911 call after another. Since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020, crime has increased dramatically in our city and in the communities we have worked to stabilize and improve. The 104th Police Precinct now has fewer than 150 Police Officers working to safeguard residents, workers and visitors in the communities of Ridgewood, Maspeth, Middle Village and Glendale. We need at least 170 Police Officers, exclusive of supervisors, to better reduce crime, to enforce traffic safety laws and curtail speeding drivers, and to patrol the communities in District 5, Queens more effectively. Even considering City budget difficulties resulting from health and economic costs caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic, beginning in March 2020, every effort must be made to at least keep the number of brave Firefighters and Officers, EMS Crews and Hospital Staffing at pre-COVID levels. This tragic pandemic showed the need for these emergency response personnel in our large, ethnically diverse city.

Street flooding

Street flooding is an ongoing pressing issue in Community District 5, Queens. Solutions still need to be found to reduce flooding during heavy rains in the Glendale community. This includes the area of 77 Avenue and 78 Avenue, from 76 Street to 88 Street, and along Cooper Avenue from 74 Street to 78 Street. Sewer capital projects will need to be funded to solve these flooding problems. We are informed that Project No. SE877 has finally been established to provide larger sewers in the Glendale community, especially for 77 Avenue, between 76 Street and 88 Street, which is the low point where storm water cascades downhill from Myrtle Avenue during rainstorms. The heavy rains of September 1, 2021 caused many homes along 77 Avenue to be flooded by more than 2 feet of storm water in basements. Therefore, city sewer upgrades in this low lying area of Glendale are more necessary than ever, especially considering the likelihood that global warming conditions will produce more heavy rainstorms in the future. We have succeeded in obtaining funding from the N.Y. City Dept. of Environmental Protection budget for capital projects, to increase sewers capacity in the Penelope Avenue/74 Street area of Middle Village and in the Calamus Avenue/69 Street area on the Maspeth/Woodside border. It is imperative that the 77 Avenue Area of Glendale have sewers that can cope with heavy rains.

Traffic

Traffic and pedestrian safety have become much more of a concern in recent years. Too many drivers speed throughout our communities and our city, too many do not obey traffic signals and stop signs, and too many impatient, disrespectful drivers do not give pedestrians the right of way. We receive regular requests from community residents for traffic calming measures at corners and on residential blocks. We have consistently requested traffic signals and "all way stop" designations to improve pedestrian and driver safety. Since the great majority of intersections in our communities already have what the N.Y. City Department of Transportation considers to be adequate traffic controls, there are more and more residential requests for speed bumps or even traffic direction changes to deter drivers from speeding in communities. Traffic conditions are compounded in recent years with many more people travelling city streets on motorbikes, scooters and battery propelled bicycles. Too many people using these lighter transportation choices do not stop at traffic signals, or stop signs, putting others, especially pedestrians, and themselves, at risk of serious injury. Too many of these drivers of smaller vehicles even drive on city sidewalks putting pedestrians at even further risk. We need enforcement, and we also need drivers to be more educated, respectful to pedestrians and other drivers. Traffic conditions are even more stressed with tractor trailers, smaller trucks and delivery vehicles too often speeding and not obeying traffic laws throughout our city.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Queens Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services for domestic violence victims

The Coronavirus (COVID-19), which started ravaging NYC in early 2020, is the equivalent of a plague which has caused more than 42,000 deaths in Our City and more than 1,062,000 deaths in the USA. In Our City, incidents of this dastardly virus have been reduced dramatically. Fortunately vaccines became available beginning in early 2021. Unfortunately too many people in our Nation still refuse to get vaccinated. We have many freedoms, but when so many people live and work in close proximity to others refusing to be vaccinated, when the COVID vaccines have proven to be very safe is not responsible. Much of what needs to be done to stem this virus is for people to be vaccinated. This terrible, deadly virus would have caused many more deaths if responsible people didn't wear masks, social distance and cleanse their hands often. In the short term, this deadly virus may be the most important issue facing all of us worldwide. Yet, domestic violence problems and the need for better mental health treatment are critical issues that will need to be solved ongoing, whether there is a COVID-19 pandemic or some other major health crisis.. All of the above listed issues are important, but Domestic Violence is the issue that is likely the most pressing, as this problem results in many 911 responses by Police. Mental Health Issues and substance abuse are also very important to address, as these problems are the cause of much domestic violence and criminal activity. The USA has been too violent for far too long, especially when one considers that violent crime rates in the great majority of other "industrialized countries" are much lower. Too often violence , meanness and the degradation of women is almost glorified in music, movies, video games and other entertainment. There are too many negative vs. positive influences afflicting society. Respect for others ,especially men for women, is essential to reduce abuse & domestic violence. A significant concern is that, according to the last N.Y. City Community Health Survey in 2012, approximately 239,000 adults living in N.Y. City have problems with Serious Mental Illness, but only about 60% of these people in need have received mental health treatment in the past year. There seems to be a large gap between the number of people needing mental health treatment and the availability of this important treatment. There are reportedly also critical affordability issues for many people in need of mental health treatment, either because they are not adequately insured or because they haven't the necessary insurance or funds to pay for treatment that is often critically needed.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|----------|
| 7/25 | DFTA | Increase staffing for homebound adult programs | <i>PROVIDE NEEDED SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS Community District 5, Queens has a very large senior citizen population, many of whom are frail, without adequate care and living alone. The following are necessary programs to meet some of the needs of senior citizens: 1) Provide adequate funding for Meals-on-Wheels programs; 2) Provide adequate funding for congregate meals programs; 3) Provide funding for senior transportation programs; 4) Fund Health Care Programs for the Elderly and Senior Home Care; 5) Fund Emergency Food Programs for Seniors.</i> | |
| 15/25 | HRA | Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing | <i>PROVIDE FUNDING FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS Consistent, adequate funding is needed for programs such as the Living in Communities Rental Assistance Program (LINC), to prevent people from becoming homeless, and to move people from shelters to more permanent housing.</i> | |
| 18/25 | DOHMH | Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations | <i>HIRE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR PEST CONTROL TO REDUCE THE ENORMOUS RAT POPULATION IN OUR CITY The Borough of Queens has too few staff to adequately address the rodent infestation problem, which has increased with the growth of dump-out locations and vacant properties. A minimum of 4 additional inspectors and 4 additional staff to bait are needed for Queens.</i> | |

19/25

HHC

**Other health care
facilities requests**

CONTINUE FUNDING OF THE RIDGEWOOD MEDICAL CENTER, NOW RENAMED GOTHAM HEALTH/CUMBERLAND. The Ridgewood Medical Center (formerly known as the Maspeth Child Health Station and Ridgewood Communicare Health Center) provides important health services to many children, families and senior citizens. Ridgewood and neighboring communities have seen an increase in the number of people struggling economically. The need to expand services beyond the hours of Mon. to Fri., 8:30am to 4:30pm, should be seriously considered to serve workers and workers with children.

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YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Queens Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Educational attainment

Far too many children and teens are performing below grade level in too many schools. What kind of a future will they have if they are not reasonably well educated, and at least secure a high school diploma? Not everyone is academically inclined, and many are much more interested in learning a skill (i.e. Electrical, plumbing, carpentry, automotive repair and food services), but without at least a high school diploma obtaining any employment paying a living wage is very difficult. Young people need to prize learning more, but many of their influences are negative like music, movies, social media and television that promote entertainment and disrespect instead of learning. After school tutoring programs have been one of the best services that help children and teens to learn in a smaller setting & boost their confidence. The Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) caused schools throughout NYC, and much of the USA to close during March, 2020. Students had to learn remotely from home. This caused parents in many cases to substitute for teachers, and many children and teens did not have access to the internet or a computer at home and in homeless shelter residences. Our City had to quickly provide both ipad computers and/or internet access for several hundred thousand students. There is little doubt that the education of too many children and teenagers has been set back as a result of their not being able to attend school until September of 2020. There is concern, especially for Special Needs Students and students needing occupational and other therapies. Fortunately, thus far, as of late October 2022, there has been a relatively low rate of students or education staff contracting the virus. Our society will have much ground to make up to get millions of students performing well.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
|----------|--------|--|--|----------|
| 26/34 | SCA | Provide a new or expand an existing high school | <i>CONSTRUCT NEW HIGH SCHOOLS IN QUEENS, INCLUDING A NEW VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND PERFORM CAPITAL UPGRADES TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS This request includes Construction of New High Schools in Queens, including a new vocational high school, considering that many youth are very well suited to a career in electrical, plumbing and other trades and there is significant demand for skilled workers in many trades. For years there has been a shortage of high schools locally for Queens's teenagers. There is also an ongoing need to renovate existing school buildings.</i> | |

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| 5/25 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8) | <i>PROVIDE FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS After school, evening and weekend delinquency prevention programs should be maintained locally. This is especially critical at a time when far too many children and teenagers are unsupervised by parents or guardians after the school day ends and on weekends. These programs are very critical as they increase self-esteem levels of participants, thereby preventing substance abuse and delinquent behavior. While Beacon Programs are welcome, it is vital that funding for other quality "local" education and recreation programs be a priority. Thankfully, recent Mayors and City Council Members have increased youth program funding substantially.</i> | |

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**Other foster care
and child welfare
requests**

FUND A BUREAU OF CHILD WELFARE SATELLITE OFFICE IN QUEENS There is a need for a Bureau of Child Welfare satellite office, especially during the 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. hours, to operate weekdays and weekends. Many children in the CB#5 Queens area have sought sanctuary from abusive parents, relatives and other individuals. With B.C.W. staff hours limited, the abuse of children is too often unattended and the problem situation continues.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Queens Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

While crime had been reduced greatly in NYC during the past 2 decades, prior to 2020, crime has increased significantly in the past 3 years. Our dedicated 104th Police Precinct officers and supervisors are very busy answering 911 calls and 311 calls, especially on the 4pm-Midnights Tour and the Midnights to 8am Tour. A very serious concern is that there are currently fewer than 140 Police Officers, exclusive of Supervisors, working in the 104 Police Precinct. A critical concern is how often Police need to respond to situations related to the possibility of domestic violence. Other problems, which Police often can't give sufficient attention to, include too many drivers speeding and not giving pedestrians respect; illegal truck traffic, problem party venues and illegal parking. Officers and Supervisors in the 104th Police Precinct have been stressed even more, and resources have been drained, due to assaults and other problems related to the men's shelter on Cooper Avenue in Glendale. In 2020, crime escalated throughout the City of New York. Shootings and murders skyrocketed in many parts of Our City in 2020, which is the year of Bail Reform, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the tragic killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis by a Police Officer. There have been hundreds of protests, which in Our City have mostly been peaceful, but there have been instances of abuse of Police Officers and looting. Relationships between Police Departments and residents in many of our inner cities nationally needs to improve. And real discussion and Police efforts to diminish the relatively small number of Police Officers who are causing unnecessary deaths and abuse of residents needs to be accomplished. It is very important to remember that dedicated Police Officers and Supervisors have much stress in performing their jobs. They bravely protect lives and property throughout Our City and Nation, and should be respected.. In the 104th Police Precinct, which covers Ridgewood, Maspeth, Middle Village and Glendale in Queens, major index crime rose more than 30% during 2022. We need new Police Academy Classes to begin training, to replenish the NYC Police force who are retiring more than expected. NYPD efforts to recruit beginning in high school could help efforts to obtain good candidates. Well trained anti-crime police officers and supervisors are needed to catch criminals carrying weapons, especially guns. It is imperative that we not have a revolving door for criminals in the judicial system. Too many people with histories of committing crime have been released soon after they were arrested. Judges need to be able and willing to order violent criminals and recidivist perpetrators of crime to be kept in jail. We need a judicial system that is much more efficient, so that those awaiting trial do not spend far too many months in jail on Rikers Island, where they too often become more hardened criminals.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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| 29/34 | NYPD | Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses | <i>REHABILITATE THE 104TH POLICE PRECINCT INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR The 104th Police Precinct station house is an old building and ongoing improvements needed include: heating system upgrades, plumbing upgrades (including: waste lines, supervisor's bathroom on the 1st floor, 2nd floor male bathroom and prisoner bathroom),electrical upgrades, windows replacement, providing handicapped access, fixing basement leaks, central air conditioning, and refurbishing the main desk.</i> | 64-02 Catalpa Avenue |

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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| 1/25 | NYPD | Hire additional uniformed officers | <i>ASSIGN ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR THE 104TH POLICE PRECINCT PATROL FORCE Within the last 10 years, the patrol strength of the 104th Pct. has dropped under 130 officers. In 1995, there were approx. 200 officers, exclusive of sergeants & lieutenants for Ridgewood, Maspeth, Middle Village, and Glendale. At least 170 officers are needed for the 104th Pct., plus supervisors, to cope with robbery, burglary, felony assaults, some violent crime, domestic violence , scams, some inadequate response times, vehicular speeding, much illegal parking, auto theft and rowdy conditions often caused by substance abuse.</i> | |

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| 6/25 | FDNY | Provide more firefighters or EMS workers | <i>PROVIDE FUNDING FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES Funding is needed for the following essential Fire Department Services: maintain engine companies and ladder companies at current staffing levels; provide funding for the Department's Building Unit; ensure adequate staffing for excellent maintenance of FDNY apparatus and other vehicles; and provide sufficient funding for the Fire Safety Education Unit. Priority should also be given to hiring a sufficient number of EMS staff to cope with increased needs for the life-saving services that they provide in our city.</i> |
| 17/25 | NYPD | Other NYPD staff resources requests | <i>HIRE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS, CROSSING GUARDS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL AGENTS In consideration of dangerous traffic conditions, funding is needed to hire at least 5 additional school crossing guards for District 5, Queens schools. Most elementary schools have only 1 or 2 School Safety Officers; intermediate schools only have 3 officers, which in many schools is very insufficient. The city should earmark funding to hire additional traffic control agents (Traffic Enforcement Agents-Level 2) so that heavily travelled intersections can be staffed. This will diminish the need to assign Police Officers, who are paid more and need to be reducing crime.</i> |
| 22/25 | FDNY | Other expense budget request for FDNY | <i>PROVIDE FUNDS FOR TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AND FOR FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM SUPPLIES Hurst Tools, Rabbit Tools, defibrillators, power saws, first aid equipment, etc., are needed to ensure the safety of local residents. Funding for Fire Fighters' face pieces is also an important need. Funding is also requested to purchase 10,000 smoke detectors, at a total cost of approximately \$100,000, and 10,000 carbon monoxide detectors, at a cost of \$200,000 for distribution to the public throughout the year. Funding is requested to purchase 10,000 new CPR kits for public training and distribution.</i> |

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Queens Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency.

Sewer capacity

There has been extensive street and basements flooding in portions of District 5, Queens, during heavy rains. Considering ongoing environmental pressures globally and in the USA, where we have witnessed more violent weather in recent years, infrastructure upgrades are vital. On 8/8/2007, for instance, we had 4 plus inches of rain locally in 45 minutes. On 8/15/2012, we were flooded with 3 inches of storm water in just 30 minutes. On 8/7/2018, heavy rains caused extensive street and basement flooding in our communities. Most recently, on 9/1/2021, 6 inches of rain fell in portions of our City and in September, 2022 there was another heavy rainstorm in a short period of time. As a result, significant parts of Glendale, Maspeth, Middle Village & even Ridgewood were overwhelmed by flooding. With forecasts of continued global warming, we better be well prepared. Solutions to flooding problems during moderate to heavy rainstorms are especially needed in the Glendale community, along 77 Avenue and 78 Avenue from 76 Street to 88 Street (SE 877). We urge the NY City Departments of Environmental Protection and Design and Construction to prioritize design and construction of this and other new sewer projects in this area of Glendale, especially considering that, during the heavy rainstorm of 9/1/2021, many homeowners along 77 Avenue, in Glendale, were overwhelmed with more than 2 feet of storm water in their basements. During the past 4 years we have had 3 major sewers projects under construction in District 5, Queens, to eliminate or greatly reduce flooding conditions by providing greater sewers capacity. One of these sewers projects is in the Penelope Avenue/74 Street area of Middle Village, where, during heavy rains, many home basements had been flooded with more than a foot of storm water. This critical project was completed in 2020. Another significant sewers construction project is in the Calamus Avenue/69 Street area of Maspeth and Woodside, and this project was completed in 2019. Currently a micro-tunneling sewers project is progressing toward completion in the 70th Street/Grand Avenue, in Maspeth.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

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| 1/34 | DEP | Other capital budget request for DEP | <i>REDESIGN AND RECONSTRUCT THE SEWER SYSTEM IN PORTIONS OF THE CB5Q AREA HAVING THE WORST FLOODING CONDITIONS The main emphasis now needed is to achieve solutions to roadway and basement flooding during rainstorms for parts of the Glendale community, especially in the area of Cooper Avenue at 76 Street, and along 77 Avenue, from 76 Street to 88 Street (SE 877). Larger sewers are needed to prevent future household flooding from heavy rain storms. During the storm of 9/1/2021, homes along 77 Avenue were overwhelmed by more than 2 feet of water in basements.</i> | 77 Avenue 76 Street 88 Street |
| 2/34 | DEP | Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds | <i>PROVIDE STORMWATER RUNOFF MITIGATION This request is for installation of green infrastructure, to reduce the amount of storm water runoff that has caused home and street flooding conditions, and to prevent storm water from overwhelming the city sewer system.. Examples include rain gardens, also known as bioswales, and permeable pavement installations.</i> | |
| 5/34 | DEP | Other capital budget request for DEP | <i>RECONSTRUCT DETERIORATED CATCH BASINS IN THE CB5Q AREA AND PROVIDE NEW CATCH BASINS The replacement of deteriorated brick catch basins, with precast concrete basins, is critically needed. In addition, we consistently receive new basin requests to reduce street flooding. This need will continue. CATCH BASINS ARE ALSO NEEDED AT NEW LOCATIONS WHERE THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT PONDING CONDITIONS</i> | |

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| 9/34 | DEP | Other capital budget request for DEP | <i>CONTINUE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE SEWER SYSTEM IN THE COMMUNITY BOARD 5, QUEENS AREA AND THROUGHOUT QUEENS COUNTY, CONSIDERING FLOODING PROBLEMS AND ANTICIPATED FUTURE GROWTH A thorough sewer system study, including mapping and an analysis of flow patterns has begun, but needs to be completed in the very near future, so that street flooding and basement sewer backup problems can be reduced. The sewer system links our communities and those of other community board areas.</i> |
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Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

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| 2/25 | DEP | Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed | <i>PROVIDE FIELD WORKERS FOR THE BUREAU OF WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS Field workers in sufficient numbers are needed to ensure that City water remains excellent; that catch basins are cleaned and repaired and sewer lines are flushed in a reasonable amount of time; that sewer backups and leaks are corrected expeditiously and that sewer repairs and fire hydrant repairs are performed in a timely manner. Cave-in conditions in the road and adjacent to catch basins too often have gone unrepaired for months, presenting dangerous conditions.</i> | |
| 4/25 | DSNY | Provide more frequent litter basket collection | <i>PROVIDE MORE SANITATION DEPARTMENT CLEANING PERSONNEL, TO CLEAN ILLEGAL DUMPING AND FOR LITTER BASKET COLLECTIONS Illegal dumping and garbage drop-off locations are a consistent problem in District 5, Queens. In order to alleviate these very problematic conditions, which are potential health hazards and hamper business investment: 1. Restore Clean Team personnel to clean dump-out and drop-off locations on a regular basis, 2. Provide adequate personnel to empty litter baskets 7 days a week.</i> | |

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| 8/25 | DSNY | Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions | <i>CONTINUE 5 TIMES PER WEEK GARBAGE COLLECTION AND BEGIN 5 DAY A WEEK RECYCLING COLLECTION AT SCHOOLS The reduction to 2 days per week garbage collection caused unsanitary conditions around many local schools. School collection, 5 days per week, is critical during the school year and during the Summer. It is also important that recycling collection at schools be increased. Five times a week recycling collection is needed for many public schools, as the current conditions result in recyclables crowding school sidewalks.</i> |
| 13/25 | DSNY | Other enforcement requests | <i>INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SANITATION POLICE AND ENFORCEMENT AGENTS, ESPECIALLY IN PLAIN CLOTHES, TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE EXCESSIVE ABUSE OF LITTER BASKETS AND ILLEGAL DUMPING Because of previous lay-offs, there are now fewer Sanitation Police citywide for illegal dumping. Sanitation Police positions should be greatly increased for illegal dumping, especially since they are revenue producing, and dumping is severely hurting communities. One SEA agent is needed daily in Q5. Severe fines, vehicle impoundments and more publicity, such as frequent press releases to TV and radio stations and major newspapers, are needed to make an example of dumpers and curtail illegal dumping. The abuse of litter baskets on commercial strips has become deplorable, and needs to be better addressed.</i> |
| 20/25 | DEP | Investigate odor complaints about a wastewater facility and address/repair or make equipment improvements as needed | <i>HIRE OPERATIONS STAFF FOR THE BUREAU OF WASTEWATER POLLUTION CONTROL Sufficient Staffing is needed to perform odor and water pollution control monitoring at wastewater treatment facilities in New York City. Odors from wastewater treatment facilities pose health hazards, will likely cause residents to move and could severely hamper business investment. Locally, we are most concerned about the Newtown Creek Water Pollution Control Plant.</i> |

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Queens Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Building code and/or zoning enforcement

Building code enforcement continues to be one of our most important Expense Budget Priorities, since there are far too many residents living in illegal apartments and ongoing issues regarding construction without proper permits. In the past 5 years, the Ridgewood community has seen buildings purchased by speculators who have pushed tenants out or bought them out, so that they can obtain much higher rents. Affordable housing, especially for those renting, is a growing problem, most recently in Ridgewood where "runners" have reportedly gotten landlords to sell primarily 6 family houses, so that renovations can be made and rents can too often be doubled unfairly. Tenants, who have lived in these multiple dwellings for years, often decades, are being pushed out of their apartments. It is probably no small coincidence that there are approximately 250 people in the NYC homeless Shelter system, who give their last address as somewhere in the Community Board 5, Queens area. The scenario seems to be that people get pushed out of their apartments, which were in today's times affordable, by speculators under questionable corporate disguises, and city taxpayers have to pay exorbitant costs to shelter more and more families and individuals.. There is much that is terribly wrong, and possibly very corrupt with this story. This is all compounded by the fact that the Dept. of City Planning has achieved a M1 Hotels and Motels Zoning Text Amendment, which contains a provision for the use of properties zoned for manufacturing, for the so called public good. Community Board 5, Queens has submitted a Proposed Rezoning of Ridgewood, Queens to the N.Y. City Dept. of City Planning, in an effort to better safeguard this pressured community from overdevelopment and development that is out- of- character with the surrounding community. Many of us thought that we had protected the community when Ridgewood was approved for contextual zoning changes back in 2000. But, with the housing market as hot as it is, some recent property owners are getting permits to add height to buildings in portions of Ridgewood that are part of the Ridgewood State and Federal Historic District, but have still not received protective N.Y. City Landmarks Status. Much more of Ridgewood should receive N.Y. City Landmarks Designation. Employment is essential, if adults are to be capable of paying for food, housing, clothing, utilities and other essentials, and, of course, the development of quality businesses is vital so that those who are not the entrepreneurs have a place to earn a living. Efforts to give teens and young adults learning and skill opportunities, so that they can be gainfully employed, is critical. A good college education is important for most in our increasingly complex, competitive world, but college is not the best choice for everyone. Much more emphasis needs to be placed on giving teenagers and young adults an opportunity to learn valuable trades in high schools.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

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| 3/25 | DOB | Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs) | <i>HIRE INSPECTORS AND PLAN EXAMINERS, IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS, TO COPE WITH ILLEGAL USES OF PROPERTY AND QUESTIONABLE CONSTRUCTION A separate afternoon/evening and weekend inspection team of 10 inspectors for Queens is critical because inspectors very often can't gain access in the daytime during the work-week. Communities throughout Queens have been plagued with illegal apartments posing dangerous conditions, school overcrowding and more pressure on limited City services. Construction inspectors and plan examiners in adequate numbers are needed to curtail contractors building homes larger than the zoning permits. Currently to our knowledge, Queens has 34 plan examiners and only 15 construction inspectors usually working in the borough.</i> | |
| 16/25 | HPD | Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations | <i>ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR DEPT. OF HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS Adequate funding must be appropriated to cope with illegal residential property uses ,deteriorating housing stock, and harassment of tenants by greedy landlords. The needs include HPD Code Enforcement Inspectors; funding for housing rehabilitation loan programs; substantial funding for tenant legal services, and for demolition and seal up operations in Queens. Currently, to our knowledge, only 21 Inspectors are assigned to Queens of 336 Inspectors working in N.Y. City.</i> | |

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Other housing oversight and emergency programs

INCREASE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTANT CONTRACTS In Q5, there are many multiple dwellings owned by landlords who need technical assistance related to leases, paperwork and tenant matters. Tenants are often in need of advice and assistance related to lease matters and landlords who do not upkeep property. In Q5, the Greater Ridgewood Restoration Corp. has a history of helping landlords and tenants . This organization has also prevented hundreds of properties from being taken from owners in lien sales, through excellent outreach to owners.

Queens Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility.

Traffic safety and enforcement (cars, scooters, ebikes, etc.)

In a society where moving large numbers of people is so vital, public transportation, roads, bridges and traffic safety must be priorities. Traffic safety applies to each of these priorities in a broad sense, and, specifically related to the motor vehicle, our Community Board must consistently request traffic and pedestrian safety studies to safeguard pedestrians and attempt to calm motor vehicle and truck operators. Our community board has successfully led the effort to reconstruct or substantially renovate the train stations in the area we cover, and we have pushed for roadway resurfacing and reconstruction, including along Grand Avenue and Myrtle Avenue overnight; and we were very successful in the acquisition of new natural gas buses locally, but our most pressing matters are requests for traffic and pedestrian safety improvements. Traffic congestion seems to be growing by the month. We are seeing the backups more than ever. The most difficult and dangerous intersections in District 5, Queens include Woodhaven Boulevard at Union Turnpike, Metropolitan Avenue at Fresh Pond Road, Myrtle Avenue at Wyckoff Avenue, Grand Avenue at 69 Street and both 69 Street and Grand Avenue at the Long Island Expressway Eastbound and Westbound Service Roads. The Eastbound Long Island Expressway is backed up until past 7pm many evenings. As a result of too many drivers selfishly speeding and not giving pedestrians their right-of-way, our Community Board submits dozens of requests each year, asking the NYC Dept. of Transportation to study streets to improve traffic and pedestrian safety. Traffic is named first, primarily due to the growing number of large and smaller motor vehicles traveling far exceeding the number of walkers during most of each hectic day. Having pushed for traffic signals and "All Way Stops" to better safeguard pedestrians and drivers, and succeeded in working with NYCDOT to see needs met, we have almost exhausted locations for these control devices. So, in more recent months, we are evaluating many more requests and study results for "Speed Bumps". Not many years ago, speed bumps were almost only installed in NY City on school blocks. Too many residents are fearful of more vehicles speeding along their residential blocks. Children playing in the street is an unfortunate distant memory.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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| 3/34 | DOT | Rehabilitate bridges | <i>CORRECT COOPER AVENUE UNDERPASS FLOODING, RECONSTRUCT THE LIRR AND 71st AVENUE BRIDGE ABUTMENTS ABOVE THE COOPER AVENUE UNDERPASS AND PAINT THE LIRR BRIDGE The Cooper Ave Underpass is located on Cooper Ave at approximately 76 St. Reconstruction of the Cooper Avenue Underpass Retaining Walls has been completed (RWQ005), at a cost of more than \$6 million. Unfortunately, this retaining wall project did not solve the problem of this low part of Cooper Avenue flooding during rainstorms, did not include reconstruction of the bridge abutments, or painting the LIRR bridge. There is a city vehicular bridge and an LIRR Montauk Line Bridge above Cooper Avenue, in the area of 76 Street, in Glendale. The LIRR bridge is a rusted eyesore and needs to be repainted.</i> | Cooper Avenue at 76 Street |
| 4/34 | DOT | Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming | <i>MAKE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICLE SAFETY ON GRAND AVENUE AT 69 STREET, AT THE GRAND AVENUE/LIE EASTBOUND SERVICE ROAD, AND AT THE 69 STREET/LIE SERVICE ROAD INTERSECTIONS IN MASPETH Studies have been conducted but physical improvements have still not been performed to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety at several Maspeth intersections. The most dangerous of these are: Grand Avenue at 69th Street, Grand Avenue at the LIE Eastbound Service Road and 69th Street at the LIE Service Roads.</i> | Grand Ave 69th Street LIE Service Roads |
| 6/34 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>RECONSTRUCT PALMETTO STREET FROM SAINT NICHOLAS AVENUE TO SENECA AVENUE, AND FROM ONDERDONK AVENUE TO FOREST AVENUE IN RIDGEWOOD Palmetto Street serves as an important local artery, especially for numerous bus lines that take passengers to and from the Myrtle and Wyckoff Avenues Transit Hub. Engineered resurfacing at a minimum is needed along Palmetto Street, from St. Nicholas Avenue to Seneca Avenue, as the roadway is in disrepair. Street conditions are complicated by the fact that the pillars supporting the elevated "M" Train are located in the bed of the roadway.</i> | Palmetto Street Saint Nicholas Avenue Forest Avenue |

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| 7/34 | DOT | Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps | <i>RECONSTRUCT SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND PEDESTRIAN RAMPS ALONG MYRTLE AVENUE, FROM FRESH POND ROAD TO WYCKOFF AVENUE, IN RIDGEWOOD Sidewalks, with brick pavers, along Myrtle Avenue in Ridgewood have deteriorated causing tripping hazards. One of the main problems has been tree roots lifting the bricks and the sidewalk flags. The last major improvement was in 1984/1985. This section of Myrtle Avenue receives extensive pedestrian traffic with people from Ridgewood and nearby communities shopping on Myrtle Avenue. Funding is needed to physically improve safety conditions along this section of Myrtle Avenue. There may also be a need to replace the main city sewer and water main in this section of Myrtle Avenue.</i> | Myrtle Avenue Fresh Pond Road Wyckoff Avenue |
| 8/34 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>RECONSTRUCT WYCKOFF AVENUE, FROM FLUSHING AVENUE TO COOPER AVENUE IN RIDGEWOOD (Queens and Brooklyn) - HWK 876. Wyckoff Avenue, on the Brooklyn-Queens border, is an important neighborhood artery with significant commercial development. This request is for reconstruction of the deteriorated roadway and sidewalks, installation of new sewer lines and water mains from Flushing Avenue to Cooper Avenue in Ridgewood. We look forward to this vital project beginning in 2025. Part of Wyckoff Avenue is in the CB5Q area, and much of it is in Brooklyn Community District 4.</i> | Wyckoff Avenue Flushing Avenue Cooper Avenue |
| 10/34 | DOT | Rehabilitate bridges | <i>REPLACE THE EXISTING BRIDGE ON GRAND AVENUE OVER NEWTOWN IN MASPETH Due to the deteriorated conditions of this 2-lane bridge, which only worsened in the aftermath of Super Storm Sandy in 2012, and the increased vehicular traffic over this important bridge, replacement of the existing bridge over Newtown Creek in the Maspeth Industrial Area is needed. The Grand Street Bridge is too narrow to accommodate trucks and buses in opposite directions. Truckers and bus drivers have to wait for traffic to pass in the opposite direction, posing dangerous conditions and traffic delays. This vital bridge is deteriorating to the point where it is closed for repairs consistently. We look forward to this important bridge replacement beginning by 2026.</i> | Grand Street 47 Street 47 Street |

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| 14/34 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>RECONSTRUCT SOUTH MIDDLE VILLAGE STREETS (HWQ 708) This long awaited project had been scheduled for FY 2013, but has been pushed back, but we must continue to advocate for the project to be moved up. As a short term measure, 73rd Place was resurfaced from Metropolitan Ave to 70 Ave., as were several other area roadways. This areawide project will include replacement of water mains, sewer lines, sidewalks, curbs, street lighting and roadway reconstruction of all streets bordered by Metropolitan Ave to the north, the LIRR and Cooper Ave. No. Service Rd to the South, 80 Street to the east and 73 Place to the west, not including Metropolitan Ave & 80 Street.</i> | |
| 19/34 | NYCTA | Other transit infrastructure requests | <i>REPLACE OR REPOWER POLLUTING STAGE ZERO FREIGHT ENGINES . The use of freight rail locally has increased significantly in recent years, but the communities of Glendale, Middle Village, Ridgewood and Maspeth have suffered as a result. This request is for the replacement or repowering of old locomotives leased by N.Y. and Atlantic Railway from MTA/LIRR, with Tier 4 Switch Duty Cycle Locomotives. These old locomotives pollute our communities. 2 of the 11 old freight locomotives have been replaced thanks to State Funding obtained by Assembly Member Hevesi and other local State elected officials. One old locomotive was replaced thanks to a Federal EPA match. State funding has been allocated for more than 5 additional new freight locomotives, but MTA/LIRR have still not put out a bid.</i> | |
| 21/34 | DOT | Other transportation infrastructure requests | <i>IMPROVE THE MYRTLE AVENUE COMMERCIAL STRIP, FROM FRESH POND ROAD TO 82 ST. IN GLENDALE Improvements needed include: replacement of damaged curbs and sidewalks, including traffic facilitation and pedestrian safety upgrades.</i> | Myrtle Avenue Fresh Pond Road 82 Street |

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| 22/34 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>EXTEND STREET/ROADWAY WIDENING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF METROPOLITAN AVENUE, FROM WOODHAVEN BOULEVARD TO AUBREY AVENUE IN GLENDALE Some roadway widening was done, just west of Woodhaven Boulevard, when Home Depot opened on the east side of the Boulevard, but more needs to be done to reduce the traffic back-ups, especially considering the commercial development at nearby Atlas Terminals. The need is even greater now that several large chain stores have opened and are prospering on Metropolitan Avenue, east of Woodhaven Blvd and the Metropolitan High School has been in session for 11 years.</i> | Metropolitan Avenue Woodhaven Boulevard Aubrey Avenue |
| 23/34 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>RECONSTRUCT FRESH POND ROAD FROM MYRTLE AVENUE TO ELIOT AVENUE, AND PROVIDE TRAFFIC FACILITATION IMPROVEMENTS Fresh Pond Road is a major north/south artery in the CB5Q area. This request includes planning/implementation of better traffic facilitation, by cutting into curb areas (where possible) to enable trucks and buses to get to the curb. For the short term, we succeeded in convincing NYC DOT Queens Street Maintenance supervisors to resurface Fresh Pond Road 3 years ago.</i> | Fresh Pond Road Myrtle Avenue Eliot Avenue |
| 25/34 | NYCTA | Other transit infrastructure requests | <i>Reconstruct the DeKalb Avenue, Halsey Street and Jefferson Street Train Stations (BMT- L Line). Only the Halsey Street Train Station is in Queens, but many of our Ridgewood residents either use these stations, or would use them, if they were not so deteriorated and if they were more inviting. There is increased development along the Brooklyn/Queens border, and we need to ensure that these train stations are modernized and rehabilitated. We are informed that, in 2012, the Halsey St. station had the largest percentage growth in passengers of any "L" train stations.</i> | |

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| 27/34 | DOT | Rehabilitate bridges | <i>RECONSTRUCT AND WIDEN THE EAST SIDE OF 80TH STREET, ON THE 80TH STREET BRIDGE, OVER THE LIRR, IN GLENDALE AND REVIEW THE STRUCTURAL STABILITY OF THE BRIDGE Pedestrians have to walk a narrow sidewalk to get to and from the Atlas Park Shopping Center. The roadway over the 80th Street Bridge in Glendale should be wide enough to allow sidewalk expansion, and reduce dangerous conditions for pedestrians.</i> | 80 street Cooper Avenue 78 Avenue |
| 30/34 | DOT | Other transportation infrastructure requests | <i>PROVIDE HISTORIC LIGHTING AND RESTORE DETERIORATED CURBING ALONG FRED HALLER'S UNION TURNPIKE MALL (Myrtle Avenue to Woodhaven Boulevard). Union Turnpike is a wide residential roadway, and is one of the gateways into CB5Q. Improvements needed include new curbing, tree root pruning, and new decorative historic LED lighting. This project has been partially funded, and new pavement has been installed along the center median.</i> | Union Turnpike Woodhaven Boulevard Myrtle Avenue |
| 31/34 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>RECONSTRUCT 75th STREET FROM ELIOT AVENUE TO JUNIPER BOULEVARD NORTH, IN MIDDLE VILLAGE Although the bureau of Highways crews have resurfaced 75th Street in the past 10 years, it is quite evident that this street needs reconstruction. Due to extensive roadway and street settlement, resurfacing is but a short-term solution. The portion of the roadway adjacent to the Learning Tree Day Care Center is higher then the sidewalk, causing unhealthy water accumulation.</i> | 75th Street Eliot Avenue Juniper Blvd. North |

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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| 10/25 | DOT | Other traffic improvement requests | <p><i>PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY INSPECTIONS, SIGN INSTALLATIONS, PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND SIGN MANUFACTURING</i> Because of increasingly dangerous local traffic conditions, there has been a need during the past 10 years for more traffic safety studies, traffic signals, All Way Stop installations, Speed Bump installations, One Way Conversions, and No Parking designations to daylight intersections. Additional traffic device maintenance crews are needed for signage installation, pavement markings and sign manufacturing. Vehicles in good repair, including utility trucks, are needed to support current and projected staffing levels.</p> |
| 11/25 | DOT | Other traffic improvement requests | <p><i>FUND ADDITIONAL STREET MAINTENANCE FOR QUEENS ROADWAYS AND CURBS</i> In order to have roadways along commercial strips and in residential communities repaired before dangerous conditions arise, the following requests need to be funded: provide one crew for cave-in repair; 2 crews for pothole repairs; 1 crew for concrete repair; 2 crews for curb replacement; and 1 crew for miscellaneous maintenance (ponding conditions, etc.) daily for Queens. Lawsuits against the City might be greatly reduced if repairs could be done more promptly.</p> |
| 24/25 | DOT | Other traffic improvement requests | <p><i>IMPROVE ARTERIAL HIGHWAYS CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE</i> The conditions of arterial highways and their cleanliness should be a priority for the City and State of New York. Maintenance workers citywide are needed to repair and resurface roadbeds, repair and replace dividers, clean litter & debris, attend to growth, and eliminate graffiti in a timely manner.</p> |

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Queens Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Quality of parks and park facilities

In an increasingly crowded city, where the great majority of those less affluent or economically struggling do not have access to much outdoor space, it is very important to have public parks that are in good physical condition, that are well maintained, inviting and that are respected by users. In the Community Board 5, Queens area, the Queens portion of Highland Park and Juniper Valley Park are our largest parks. The Ridgewood Reservoir, which is actually located in Glendale, is a beautiful natural oasis within Highland Park. The reservoir, which is no longer operating to provide drinking water, is more than 50 acres in size, and the closest space to a nature preserve that we have had anytime recently. Brooklyn Community Board 5, where approximately 20% of the Ridgewood Reservoir is located, have been very supportive of this beautiful site becoming the equivalent of a nature preserve.

Community Board 5, Queens has been avidly advocating for the Ridgewood Reservoir to receive Wetlands Status, which was accomplished in 2019. Juniper Valley Park, located in Middle Village, is more than 50 acres in size. This beautiful park contains 7 baseball fields (some of which are also used for softball play), 2 playgrounds, a large soccer field/football field surrounded by a running track, a roller hockey rink, bocce courts, basketball courts, a very active handball courts area, an asphalt softball field and beautiful green space. Juniper Park is utilized by youth and residents of Middle Village and numerous other communities. Francis J. Principe Park (formerly Maurice Park), Reiff Park and Frontera Park are the city parks primarily serving Maspeth residents. Ridgewood Parks include a portion of Mafera Park, Grover Cleveland Park, Rosemary's Playground, Benninger Park and Starr Playground. Glendale Parks include a portion of Mafera Park, Evergreen Park, Vito Maranzano's Glendale Playground, Dry Harbor Playground and Pinnocchio Playground. In addition to Juniper Valley Park, the Middle Village Community also contains Middle Village Playground. We are very supportive of important capital projects for parks, and realize that parks safety and good parks maintenance are critically important for promoting healthy recreational activity, relaxation and community civility. Maintenance requires adequate personnel, and equipment that is in excellent condition. The following are important needs related to parks maintenance in Community District 5, Queens: - Having substantially more than 10 maintenance staff, including supervisors for all of the parks in Q5. - A new Crew Cab is needed (double cabin pick-up truck), with plow attachment and motorized lift gate - A new Packer (Garbage Truck) is needed, as Q5 is a large district and the existing packer is too often in for repairs and is shared with Q6 Parks.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
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| 11/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>RECONSTRUCT MAFERA PARK Mafera Park is located on 65 Place at 68 Avenue. This vital park is on the Ridgewood/Glendale border and has the only major soft surface sports area for these communities. Much of this park is in need of reconstruction, including the turf sports field, the children's playground, and the asphalt softball field, much of which hasn't been reconstructed since 1995.</i> | |
| 12/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>REHABILITATE THE RIDGEWOOD RESERVOIR - PHASE 2 AND THE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, INCLUDING PORTIONS OF HIGHLAND PARK This request is for the rehabilitation of the old pump house, or construction of a new building at the Ridgewood Reservoir site, to serve as an Environmental Center, with bathrooms. This reservoir is the closest place to a nature preserve anywhere near the Board 5 Queens area. Invasive Plant Species need to be removed. We are also requesting that funding be allocated to reconstruct ball fields in Highland Park, as Board 5 Queens has opposed development of reservoir basins for ball fields or other active recreational uses. The Phase 1 Project, to install new lighting, fencing and pathways around the Reservoir has been completed.</i> | |
| 13/34 | DPR | Other street trees and forestry services requests | <i>PROVIDE NEW STREET TREE PLANTINGS AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR STUMP REMOVALS, PLANTING OF REPLACEMENT TREES, AND STREET TREE REMOVALS The tornado that devastated portions of the CB5Q area on 9/16/2010 resulted in the loss of several hundred trees completely, and has necessitated removal of dead trees, along with street tree stumps. Funding is needed to replace uprooted trees, for the removal and replacement of dead trees, for the removal of street tree stumps and for emergency pruning of dangerous street tree conditions. Hurricane Irene uprooted numerous additional trees. CB5Q has, for decades, pushed for new street tree plantings, with much success. Street trees reduce air pollution and beautify city streets. Asthma and other respiratory problems are a great concern.</i> | |

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| 15/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>RECONSTRUCT BENNINGER PLAYGROUND Benninger Playground, located on Madison Street, just west of Fresh Pond Road, is used extensively. The playground is in need of Reconstruction, including the Children's Playground and Basketball and Handball Court Areas. Fortunately, we are informed that Council Member Holden has allocated capital projects funding for this important reconstruction project and design has begun.</i> | Madison Street, West of Fresh Pond Road |
| 16/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>RECONSTRUCT DRY HARBOR PLAYGROUND - PHASE 2, TO ALSO INCLUDE NEARBY TUNNEL AND PATHWAYS INTO FOREST PARK . This City park is located on Myrtle Ave at 80 St, and is the only park for eastern Glendale. This Phase 2 request is for the rehabilitation of the asphalt softball field, and the park house/ bathrooms rehabilitation; and improved fencing around the children's playground. The reconstruction of the children's playground is completed. Funding is also needed to rehabilitate the tunnel and bicycle path under the Jackie Robinson Pkwy, and the connecting bicycle/golf cart pathway to its easterly connecting point of Forest Park Dr. Drainage, signage and lighting improvements are important along these pathways.</i> | Myrtle Avenue at 80 Street |
| 17/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>RECONSTRUCT THE SOFTBALL FIELD AND BASKETBALL COURTS AT ROSEMARY'S PLAYGROUND, IN RIDGEWOOD The asphalt softball field in Rosemary's Playground, located on Fairview Avenue between Woodbine Street and Madison Street, has not been resurfaced in many years. Funding is requested to reconstruct the asphalt softball field area, considering the possibility of safe, synthetic surface installation to accommodate several sports, and to at least resurface the basketball courts area. The children's play area was somewhat deteriorated, and was reconstructed in 2020. This important park property is across the street from IS 93, and often has extensive use.</i> | |
| 18/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>RECONSTRUCT THE LOWER BALLFIELDS IN JUNIPER VALLEY PARK (Fields 1-4) These soft surface baseball fields are deteriorated and need reconstruction, with consideration that these fields have also been used for youth soccer in recent years.</i> | |

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| 20/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>RECONSTRUCT EVERGREEN PARK PLAYGROUND IN GLENDALE - PHASE 2 This park is located on St. Felix Ave., between 60th Pl and 60th St, in Glendale, and is adjacent to PS 68. Thanks to funding allocated by Council Member Holden and Speaker Johnson, an innovative capital project will include basketball courts, a skate park area, volleyball courts, a walking track, and plantings. We look forward to the start of construction.</i> | Saint Felix Avenue |
| 24/34 | DPR | Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park | <i>PROVIDE SAFE PUBLIC ACCESS TO NEWTOWN CREEK AND CONSTRUCT AN ATHLETIC FIELD AT THE NYC DEP NEWTOWN CREEK AERATION FACILITY PROPERTY The NYC DEP has had an aeration facility built at 58-26 47 Street, in Maspeth, Queens, to improve Newtown Creek water quality. Local soccer advocates request that the land owned by N.Y. City, adjacent to the planned aeration facility, be developed as an athletic field because there is a shortage of sites where soccer can be safely played.</i> | 58-26 47 Street |
| 28/34 | DPR | Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park | <i>INSTALL MINI COMFORT STATIONS AT STARR PLAYGROUND, BENNINGER PLAYGROUND AND UNCLE VITO MARANZANO'S GLENDALE PLAYGROUND Starr Playground is located on Onderdonk Avenue at Starr Street; Benninger Park is located on Madison Street, just west of Fresh Pond Road; Uncle Vito Maranzano's Glendale Playground is located on Central Ave at 70th Street. This request is for the installation of mini comfort stations at each of these Parks Department properties. Those using these often bustling playgrounds have nowhere to go to use a toilet facility when they use these parks. Too often people relieve themselves in corner areas of these smaller parks or adjacent to trees, posing very unhealthy conditions. Toilet facilities are needed ,but the cost of these facilities in a park is astronomical.</i> | |
| 32/34 | DPR | Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park | <i>ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY/RECREATION CENTER AT A SITE IN MASPETH The communities comprising District 5, Queens do not have a large indoor public space, other than schools, for recreation and community activities. This request is to build a new facility in Maspeth, preferably on a vacant parcel of land.</i> | |

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| 33/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Provide Funding for the Establishment of a Dog Run in District 5, Queens. Residents have advocated for the establishment of a more permanent dog run in Juniper Valley Park in Middle Village. Recent cost estimates are projected to be somewhere in the range of \$750,000. It is questionable whether there is sufficient open space to accommodate a dog run inside Juniper Valley Park since there are so many competing uses there including seven (7) ball fields, a running track, two (2) children's playgrounds, a football/soccer field, bocce, tennis and basketball courts, and a roller hockey rink, in addition to landscaped areas. The CB5Q Parks Committee has looked at possibilities for a dog run in this park and at other locations.</i> |
| 34/34 | DPR | Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park | <i>PROVIDE A TOILET FACILITY IN THE AREA OF JUNIPER VALLEY PARK BORDERED BY 80TH STREET, DRY HARBOR ROAD, JUNIPER BOULEVARD SOUTH AND JUNIPER BOULEVARD NORTH This request would primarily benefit older people, who have difficulty walking quickly to the comfort station further west in this large park, when they need to use a restroom.</i> |

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
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| 9/25 | DPR | Forestry services, including street tree maintenance | <i>ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR THE OPERATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY IN QUEENS There are extensive needs for pruning of trees on city streets and in city parks, which are too numerous for the Division of Forestry to keep up with. There are currently thousands of street tree stumps that need to be removed in Queens. The following budget allocations are needed to address these conditions, and the need to remove dead trees and limbs on an emergency basis: \$4.5 Million for county-wide pruning contract; \$3.5 Million for removal of tree stumps in Queens; \$2 million for removal of dead trees and limbs. Trees are aging, and risks of falling limbs and dead trees pose dangerous conditions.</i> | |

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| 12/25 | QL | Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (QL) | <i>PROVIDE SIX-DAY-A-WEEK SERVICE AT LOCAL LIBRARIES Increased educational demands on students, the fact that many families cannot afford the internet or up-to-date computers and increasing immigrant populations necessitate that the great majority of local/branch libraries be open 6-days a week. Having Libraries open on Saturdays is especially important to many residents!</i> |
| 14/25 | DPR | Provide better park maintenance | <i>ASSIGN MORE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF PARKS IN DISTRICT 5, QUEENS More park workers are needed to meet work requirements for the cleaning and maintenance of the 229.7 acres of parks in CD5Q. Currently, there are only 10 Parks Dept. maintenance staff, including supervisors, assigned for this massive parkland. Skilled maintenance workers (there are only 2 for all of Queens Districts 5, 9, 10 & Forest Park) should be funded year-round. Reseeding, aerating and fertilizing ball fields and grassy areas need to be priorities so that large capital expenditures are not wasted. Funding is also needed to hire more seasonal workers. Long standing vehicle needs include a new Crew Cab and a new Packer.</i> |
| 21/25 | DPR | Forestry services, including street tree maintenance | <i>HIRE FORESTRY PERSONNEL . With previous cuts, the Forestry Division had been decimated. At one point, there were only 4 climbers and pruners to care for more than 327,000 street trees in Queens. Queens needs at least 55 climbers and pruners to remove and prune trees posing dangerous conditions.</i> |

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

Other Expense Requests

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

| Priority | Agency | Request | Explanation | Location |
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| 1/34 | DEP | Other capital budget request for DEP | <p><i>REDESIGN AND RECONSTRUCT THE SEWER SYSTEM IN PORTIONS OF THE CB5Q AREA HAVING THE WORST FLOODING CONDITIONS</i></p> <p><i>The main emphasis now needed is to achieve solutions to roadway and basement flooding during rainstorms for parts of the Glendale community, especially in the area of Cooper Avenue at 76 Street, and along 77 Avenue, from 76 Street to 88 Street (SE 877). Larger sewers are needed to prevent future household flooding from heavy rain storms. During the storm of 9/1/2021, homes along 77 Avenue were overwhelmed by more than 2 feet of water in basements.</i></p> | 77 Avenue 76 Street 88 Street |
| 2/34 | DEP | Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds | <p><i>PROVIDE STORMWATER RUNOFF MITIGATION</i></p> <p><i>This request is for installation of green infrastructure, to reduce the amount of storm water runoff that has caused home and street flooding conditions, and to prevent storm water from overwhelming the city sewer system..</i></p> <p><i>Examples include rain gardens, also known as bioswales, and permeable pavement installations.</i></p> | |
| 3/34 | DOT | Rehabilitate bridges | <p><i>CORRECT COOPER AVENUE UNDERPASS FLOODING, RECONSTRUCT THE LIRR AND 71st AVENUE BRIDGE ABUTMENTS ABOVE THE COOPER AVENUE UNDERPASS AND PAINT THE LIRR BRIDGE</i></p> <p><i>The Cooper Ave Underpass is located on Cooper Ave at approximately 76 St. Reconstruction of the Cooper Avenue Underpass Retaining Walls has been completed (RWQ005), at a cost of more than \$6 million. Unfortunately, this retaining wall project did not solve the problem of this low part of Cooper Avenue flooding during rainstorms, did not include reconstruction of the bridge abutments, or painting the LIRR bridge. There is a city vehicular bridge and an LIRR Montauk Line Bridge above Cooper Avenue, in the area of 76 Street, in Glendale. The LIRR bridge is a rusted eyesore and needs to be repainted.</i></p> | Cooper Avenue at 76 Street |

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| 4/34 | DOT | Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming | <i>MAKE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICLE SAFETY ON GRAND AVENUE AT 69 STREET, AT THE GRAND AVENUE/LIE EASTBOUND SERVICE ROAD, AND AT THE 69 STREET/LIE SERVICE ROAD INTERSECTIONS IN MASPETH Studies have been conducted but physical improvements have still not been performed to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety at several Maspeth intersections. The most dangerous of these are: Grand Avenue at 69th Street, Grand Avenue at the LIE Eastbound Service Road and 69th Street at the LIE Service Roads.</i> | Grand Ave 69th Street LIE Service Roads |
| 5/34 | DEP | Other capital budget request for DEP | <i>RECONSTRUCT DETERIORATED CATCH BASINS IN THE CB5Q AREA AND PROVIDE NEW CATCH BASINS The replacement of deteriorated brick catch basins, with precast concrete basins, is critically needed. In addition, we consistently receive new basin requests to reduce street flooding. This need will continue. CATCH BASINS ARE ALSO NEEDED AT NEW LOCATIONS WHERE THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT PONDING CONDITIONS</i> | |
| 6/34 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>RECONSTRUCT PALMETTO STREET FROM SAINT NICHOLAS AVENUE TO SENECA AVENUE, AND FROM ONDERDONK AVENUE TO FOREST AVENUE IN RIDGEWOOD Palmetto Street serves as an important local artery, especially for numerous bus lines that take passengers to and from the Myrtle and Wyckoff Avenues Transit Hub. Engineered resurfacing at a minimum is needed along Palmetto Street, from St. Nicholas Avenue to Seneca Avenue, as the roadway is in disrepair. Street conditions are complicated by the fact that the pillars supporting the elevated "M" Train are located in the bed of the roadway.</i> | Palmetto Street Saint Nicholas Avenue Forest Avenue |

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| 7/34 | DOT | Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps | <p><i>RECONSTRUCT SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND PEDESTRIAN RAMPS ALONG MYRTLE AVENUE, FROM FRESH POND ROAD TO WYCKOFF AVENUE, IN RIDGEWOOD Sidewalks, with brick pavers, along Myrtle Avenue in Ridgewood have deteriorated causing tripping hazards. One of the main problems has been tree roots lifting the bricks and the sidewalk flags. The last major improvement was in 1984/1985. This section of Myrtle Avenue receives extensive pedestrian traffic with people from Ridgewood and nearby communities shopping on Myrtle Avenue. Funding is needed to physically improve safety conditions along this section of Myrtle Avenue. There may also be a need to replace the main city sewer and water main in this section of Myrtle Avenue.</i></p> | <p>Myrtle Avenue Fresh Pond Road Wyckoff Avenue</p> |
| 8/34 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <p><i>RECONSTRUCT WYCKOFF AVENUE, FROM FLUSHING AVENUE TO COOPER AVENUE IN RIDGEWOOD (Queens and Brooklyn) - HWK 876. Wyckoff Avenue, on the Brooklyn-Queens border, is an important neighborhood artery with significant commercial development. This request is for reconstruction of the deteriorated roadway and sidewalks, installation of new sewer lines and water mains from Flushing Avenue to Cooper Avenue in Ridgewood. We look forward to this vital project beginning in 2025. Part of Wyckoff Avenue is in the CB5Q area, and much of it is in Brooklyn Community District 4.</i></p> | <p>Wyckoff Avenue Flushing Avenue Cooper Avenue</p> |
| 9/34 | DEP | Other capital budget request for DEP | <p><i>CONTINUE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE SEWER SYSTEM IN THE COMMUNITY BOARD 5, QUEENS AREA AND THROUGHOUT QUEENS COUNTY, CONSIDERING FLOODING PROBLEMS AND ANTICIPATED FUTURE GROWTH A thorough sewer system study, including mapping and an analysis of flow patterns has begun, but needs to be completed in the very near future, so that street flooding and basement sewer backup problems can be reduced. The sewer system links our communities and those of other community board areas.</i></p> | |

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| 10/34 | DOT | Rehabilitate bridges | <i>REPLACE THE EXISTING BRIDGE ON GRAND AVENUE OVER NEWTOWN IN MASPETH Due to the deteriorated conditions of this 2-lane bridge, which only worsened in the aftermath of Super Storm Sandy in 2012, and the increased vehicular traffic over this important bridge, replacement of the existing bridge over Newtown Creek in the Maspeth Industrial Area is needed. The Grand Street Bridge is too narrow to accommodate trucks and buses in opposite directions. Truckers and bus drivers have to wait for traffic to pass in the opposite direction, posing dangerous conditions and traffic delays. This vital bridge is deteriorating to the point where it is closed for repairs consistently. We look forward to this important bridge replacement beginning by 2026.</i> | Grand Street 47 Street 47 Street |
| 11/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>RECONSTRUCT MAFERA PARK Mafera Park is located on 65 Place at 68 Avenue. This vital park is on the Ridgewood/Glendale border and has the only major soft surface sports area for these communities. Much of this park is in need of reconstruction, including the turf sports field, the children's playground, and the asphalt softball field, much of which hasn't been reconstructed since 1995.</i> | |
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| 13/34 | DPR | Other street trees and forestry services requests | <p><i>PROVIDE NEW STREET TREE PLANTINGS AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR STUMP REMOVALS, PLANTING OF REPLACEMENT TREES, AND STREET TREE REMOVALS</i> The tornado that devastated portions of the CB5Q area on 9/16/2010 resulted in the loss of several hundred trees completely, and has necessitated removal of dead trees, along with street tree stumps. Funding is needed to replace uprooted trees, for the removal and replacement of dead trees, for the removal of street tree stumps and for emergency pruning of dangerous street tree conditions. Hurricane Irene uprooted numerous additional trees. CB5Q has, for decades, pushed for new street tree plantings, with much success. Street trees reduce air pollution and beautify city streets. Asthma and other respiratory problems are a great concern.</p> | |
| 14/34 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <p><i>RECONSTRUCT SOUTH MIDDLE VILLAGE STREETS (HWQ 708)</i> This long awaited project had been scheduled for FY 2013, but has been pushed back, but we must continue to advocate for the project to be moved up. As a short term measure, 73rd Place was resurfaced from Metropolitan Ave to 70 Ave., as were several other area roadways. This areawide project will include replacement of water mains, sewer lines, sidewalks, curbs, street lighting and roadway reconstruction of all streets bordered by Metropolitan Ave to the north, the LIRR and Cooper Ave. No. Service Rd to the South, 80 Street to the east and 73 Place to the west, not including Metropolitan Ave & 80 Street.</p> | |
| 15/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <p><i>RECONSTRUCT BENNINGER PLAYGROUND</i> Benninger Playground, located on Madison Street, just west of Fresh Pond Road, is used extensively. The playground is in need of Reconstruction, including the Children's Playground and Basketball and Handball Court Areas. Fortunately, we are informed that Council Member Holden has allocated capital projects funding for this important reconstruction project and design has begun.</p> | <p>Madison Street, West of Fresh Pond Road</p> |

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| 16/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>RECONSTRUCT DRY HARBOR PLAYGROUND - PHASE 2, TO ALSO INCLUDE NEARBY TUNNEL AND PATHWAYS INTO FOREST PARK . This City park is located on Myrtle Ave at 80 St, and is the only park for eastern Glendale. This Phase 2 request is for the rehabilitation of the asphalt softball field, and the park house/ bathrooms rehabilitation; and improved fencing around the children's playground. The reconstruction of the children's playground is completed. Funding is also needed to rehabilitate the tunnel and bicycle path under the Jackie Robinson Pkwy, and the connecting bicycle/golf cart pathway to its easterly connecting point of Forest Park Dr. Drainage, signage and lighting improvements are important along these pathways.</i> | Myrtle Avenue at 80 Street |
| 17/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>RECONSTRUCT THE SOFTBALL FIELD AND BASKETBALL COURTS AT ROSEMARY'S PLAYGROUND, IN RIDGEWOOD The asphalt softball field in Rosemary's Playground, located on Fairview Avenue between Woodbine Street and Madison Street, has not been resurfaced in many years. Funding is requested to reconstruct the asphalt softball field area, considering the possibility of safe, synthetic surface installation to accommodate several sports, and to at least resurface the basketball courts area. The children's play area was somewhat deteriorated, and was reconstructed in 2020.This important park property is across the street from IS 93, and often has extensive use.</i> | |
| 18/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>RECONSTRUCT THE LOWER BALLFIELDS IN JUNIPER VALLEY PARK (Fields 1-4) These soft surface baseball fields are deteriorated and need reconstruction, with consideration that these fields have also been used for youth soccer in recent years.</i> | |

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| 19/34 | NYCTA | Other transit infrastructure requests | <i>REPLACE OR REPOWER POLLUTING STAGE ZERO FREIGHT ENGINES . The use of freight rail locally has increased significantly in recent years, but the communities of Glendale, Middle Village, Ridgewood and Maspeth have suffered as a result. This request is for the replacement or repowering of old locomotives leased by N.Y. and Atlantic Railway from MTA/LIRR, with Tier 4 Switch Duty Cycle Locomotives. These old locomotives pollute our communities. 2 of the 11 old freight locomotives have been replaced thanks to State Funding obtained by Assembly Member Hevesi and other local State elected officials. One old locomotive was replaced thanks to a Federal EPA match. State funding has been allocated for more than 5 additional new freight locomotives, but MTA/LIRR have still not put out a bid.</i> | |
| 20/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>RECONSTRUCT EVERGREEN PARK PLAYGROUND IN GLENDALE - PHASE 2 This park is located on St. Felix Ave., between 60th Pl and 60th St, in Glendale, and is adjacent to PS 68. Thanks to funding allocated by Council Member Holden and Speaker Johnson, an innovative capital project will include basketball courts, a skate park area, volleyball courts, a walking track, and plantings. We look forward to the start of construction.</i> | Saint Felix Avenue |
| 21/34 | DOT | Other transportation infrastructure requests | <i>IMPROVE THE MYRTLE AVENUE COMMERCIAL STRIP, FROM FRESH POND ROAD TO 82 ST. IN GLENDALE Improvements needed include: replacement of damaged curbs and sidewalks, including traffic facilitation and pedestrian safety upgrades.</i> | Myrtle Avenue Fresh Pond Road 82 Street |
| 22/34 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>EXTEND STREET/ROADWAY WIDENING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF METROPOLITAN AVENUE, FROM WOODHAVEN BOULEVARD TO AUBREY AVENUE IN GLENDALE Some roadway widening was done, just west of Woodhaven Boulevard, when Home Depot opened on the east side of the Boulevard, but more needs to be done to reduce the traffic back-ups, especially considering the commercial development at nearby Atlas Terminals. The need is even greater now that several large chain stores have opened and are prospering on Metropolitan Avenue, east of Woodhaven Blvd and the Metropolitan High School has been in session for 11 years.</i> | Metropolitan Avenue Woodhaven Boulevard Aubrey Avenue |

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| 23/34 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <p><i>RECONSTRUCT FRESH POND ROAD FROM MYRTLE AVENUE TO ELIOT AVENUE, AND PROVIDE TRAFFIC FACILITATION IMPROVEMENTS Fresh Pond Road is a major north/south artery in the CB5Q area. This request includes planning/implementation of better traffic facilitation, by cutting into curb areas (where possible) to enable trucks and buses to get to the curb. For the short term, we succeeded in convincing NYC DOT Queens Street Maintenance supervisors to resurface Fresh Pond Road 3 years ago.</i></p> | Fresh Pond Road Myrtle Avenue Eliot Avenue |
| 24/34 | DPR | Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park | <p><i>PROVIDE SAFE PUBLIC ACCESS TO NEWTOWN CREEK AND CONSTRUCT AN ATHLETIC FIELD AT THE NYC DEP NEWTOWN CREEK AERATION FACILITY PROPERTY The NYC DEP has had an aeration facility built at 58-26 47 Street, in Maspeth, Queens, to improve Newtown Creek water quality. Local soccer advocates request that the land owned by N.Y. City, adjacent to the planned aeration facility, be developed as an athletic field because there is a shortage of sites where soccer can be safely played.</i></p> | 58-26 47 Street |
| 25/34 | NYCTA | Other transit infrastructure requests | <p><i>Reconstruct the DeKalb Avenue, Halsey Street and Jefferson Street Train Stations (BMT- L Line). Only the Halsey Street Train Station is in Queens, but many of our Ridgewood residents either use these stations, or would use them, if they were not so deteriorated and if they were more inviting. There is increased development along the Brooklyn/Queens border, and we need to ensure that these train stations are modernized and rehabilitated. We are informed that, in 2012, the Halsey St. station had the largest percentage growth in passengers of any "L" train stations.</i></p> | |

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| 26/34 | SCA | Provide a new or expand an existing high school | <p><i>CONSTRUCT NEW HIGH SCHOOLS IN QUEENS, INCLUDING A NEW VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND PERFORM CAPITAL UPGRADES TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS This request includes Construction of New High Schools in Queens, including a new vocational high school, considering that many youth are very well suited to a career in electrical, plumbing and other trades and there is significant demand for skilled workers in many trades. For years there has been a shortage of high schools locally for Queens's teenagers. There is also an ongoing need to renovate existing school buildings.</i></p> | |
| 27/34 | DOT | Rehabilitate bridges | <p><i>RECONSTRUCT AND WIDEN THE EAST SIDE OF 80TH STREET, ON THE 80TH STREET BRIDGE, OVER THE LIRR, IN GLENDALE AND REVIEW THE STRUCTURAL STABILITY OF THE BRIDGE Pedestrians have to walk a narrow sidewalk to get to and from the Atlas Park Shopping Center. The roadway over the 80th Street Bridge in Glendale should be wide enough to allow sidewalk expansion, and reduce dangerous conditions for pedestrians.</i></p> | 80 street Cooper Avenue 78 Avenue |
| 28/34 | DPR | Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park | <p><i>INSTALL MINI COMFORT STATIONS AT STARR PLAYGROUND, BENNINGER PLAYGROUND AND UNCLE VITO MARANZANO'S GLENDALE PLAYGROUND Starr Playground is located on Onderdonk Avenue at Starr Street; Benninger Park is located on Madison Street, just west of Fresh Pond Road; Uncle Vito Maranzano's Glendale Playground is located on Central Ave at 70th Street. This request is for the installation of mini comfort stations at each of these Parks Department properties. Those using these often bustling playgrounds have nowhere to go to use a toilet facility when they use these parks. Too often people relieve themselves in corner areas of these smaller parks or adjacent to trees, posing very unhealthy conditions. Toilet facilities are needed ,but the cost of these facilities in a park is astronomical.</i></p> | |

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| 29/34 | NYPD | Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses | <i>REHABILITATE THE 104TH POLICE PRECINCT INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR The 104th Police Precinct station house is an old building and ongoing improvements needed include: heating system upgrades, plumbing upgrades (including: waste lines, supervisor's bathroom on the 1st floor, 2nd floor male bathroom and prisoner bathroom),electrical upgrades, windows replacement, providing handicapped access, fixing basement leaks, central air conditioning, and refurbishing the main desk.</i> | 64-02 Catalpa Avenue |
| 30/34 | DOT | Other transportation infrastructure requests | <i>PROVIDE HISTORIC LIGHTING AND RESTORE DETERIORATED CURBING ALONG FRED HALLER'S UNION TURNPIKE MALL (Myrtle Avenue to Woodhaven Boulevard). Union Turnpike is a wide residential roadway, and is one of the gateways into CB5Q. Improvements needed include new curbing, tree root pruning, and new decorative historic LED lighting. This project has been partially funded, and new pavement has been installed along the center median.</i> | Union Turnpike Woodhaven Boulevard Myrtle Avenue |
| 31/34 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <i>RECONSTRUCT 75th STREET FROM ELIOT AVENUE TO JUNIPER BOULEVARD NORTH, IN MIDDLE VILLAGE Although the bureau of Highways crews have resurfaced 75th Street in the past 10 years, it is quite evident that this street needs reconstruction. Due to extensive roadway and street settlement, resurfacing is but a short-term solution. The portion of the roadway adjacent to the Learning Tree Day Care Center is higher than the sidewalk, causing unhealthy water accumulation.</i> | 75th Street Eliot Avenue Juniper Blvd. North |
| 32/34 | DPR | Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park | <i>ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY/RECREATION CENTER AT A SITE IN MASPETH The communities comprising District 5, Queens do not have a large indoor public space, other than schools, for recreation and community activities. This request is to build a new facility in Maspeth, preferably on a vacant parcel of land.</i> | |

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| 33/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <i>Provide Funding for the Establishment of a Dog Run in District 5, Queens. Residents have advocated for the establishment of a more permanent dog run in Juniper Valley Park in Middle Village. Recent cost estimates are projected to be somewhere in the range of \$750,000. It is questionable whether there is sufficient open space to accommodate a dog run inside Juniper Valley Park since there are so many competing uses there including seven (7) ball fields, a running track, two (2) children's playgrounds, a football/soccer field, bocce, tennis and basketball courts, and a roller hockey rink, in addition to landscaped areas. The CB5Q Parks Committee has looked at possibilities for a dog run in this park and at other locations.</i> |
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| 34/34 | DPR | Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park | <i>PROVIDE A TOILET FACILITY IN THE AREA OF JUNIPER VALLEY PARK BORDERED BY 80TH STREET, DRY HARBOR ROAD, JUNIPER BOULEVARD SOUTH AND JUNIPER BOULEVARD NORTH This request would primarily benefit older people, who have difficulty walking quickly to the comfort station further west in this large park, when they need to use a restroom.</i> |
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Expense Budget Requests

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| 1/25 | NYPD | Hire additional uniformed officers | <i>ASSIGN ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR THE 104TH POLICE PRECINCT PATROL FORCE Within the last 10 years, the patrol strength of the 104th Pct. has dropped under 130 officers. In 1995, there were approx. 200 officers, exclusive of sergeants & lieutenants for Ridgewood, Maspeth, Middle Village, and Glendale. At least 170 officers are needed for the 104th Pct., plus supervisors, to cope with robbery, burglary, felony assaults, some violent crime, domestic violence , scams, some inadequate response times, vehicular speeding, much illegal parking, auto theft and rowdy conditions often caused by substance abuse.</i> | |
| 2/25 | DEP | Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed | <i>PROVIDE FIELD WORKERS FOR THE BUREAU OF WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS Field workers in sufficient numbers are needed to ensure that City water remains excellent; that catch basins are cleaned and repaired and sewer lines are flushed in a reasonable amount of time; that sewer backups and leaks are corrected expeditiously and that sewer repairs and fire hydrant repairs are performed in a timely manner. Cave-in conditions in the road and adjacent to catch basins too often have gone unrepaired for months, presenting dangerous conditions.</i> | |
| 3/25 | DOB | Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs) | <i>HIRE INSPECTORS AND PLAN EXAMINERS, IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS, TO COPE WITH ILLEGAL USES OF PROPERTY AND QUESTIONABLE CONSTRUCTION A separate afternoon/evening and weekend inspection team of 10 inspectors for Queens is critical because inspectors very often can't gain access in the daytime during the work-week. Communities throughout Queens have been plagued with illegal apartments posing dangerous conditions, school overcrowding and more pressure on limited City services. Construction inspectors and plan examiners in adequate numbers are needed to curtail contractors building homes larger than the zoning permits. Currently to our knowledge, Queens has 34 plan examiners and only 15 construction inspectors usually working in the borough.</i> | |

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| 4/25 | DSNY | Provide more frequent litter basket collection | <i>PROVIDE MORE SANITATION DEPARTMENT CLEANING PERSONNEL, TO CLEAN ILLEGAL DUMPING AND FOR LITTER BASKET COLLECTIONS Illegal dumping and garbage drop-off locations are a consistent problem in District 5, Queens. In order to alleviate these very problematic conditions, which are potential health hazards and hamper business investment: 1. Restore Clean Team personnel to clean dump-out and drop-off locations on a regular basis, 2. Provide adequate personnel to empty litter baskets 7 days a week.</i> |
| 5/25 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8) | <i>PROVIDE FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS After school, evening and weekend delinquency prevention programs should be maintained locally. This is especially critical at a time when far too many children and teenagers are unsupervised by parents or guardians after the school day ends and on weekends. These programs are very critical as they increase self-esteem levels of participants, thereby preventing substance abuse and delinquent behavior. While Beacon Programs are welcome, it is vital that funding for other quality "local" education and recreation programs be a priority. Thankfully, recent Mayors and City Council Members have increased youth program funding substantially.</i> |
| 6/25 | FDNY | Provide more firefighters or EMS workers | <i>PROVIDE FUNDING FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES Funding is needed for the following essential Fire Department Services: maintain engine companies and ladder companies at current staffing levels; provide funding for the Department's Building Unit; ensure adequate staffing for excellent maintenance of FDNY apparatus and other vehicles; and provide sufficient funding for the Fire Safety Education Unit. Priority should also be given to hiring a sufficient number of EMS staff to cope with increased needs for the life-saving services that they provide in our city.</i> |

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| 7/25 | DFTA | Increase staffing for homebound adult programs | <i>PROVIDE NEEDED SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS Community District 5, Queens has a very large senior citizen population, many of whom are frail, without adequate care and living alone. The following are necessary programs to meet some of the needs of senior citizens: 1) Provide adequate funding for Meals-on-Wheels programs; 2) Provide adequate funding for congregate meals programs; 3) Provide funding for senior transportation programs; 4) Fund Health Care Programs for the Elderly and Senior Home Care; 5) Fund Emergency Food Programs for Seniors.</i> |
| 8/25 | DSNY | Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions | <i>CONTINUE 5 TIMES PER WEEK GARBAGE COLLECTION AND BEGIN 5 DAY A WEEK RECYCLING COLLECTION AT SCHOOLS The reduction to 2 days per week garbage collection caused unsanitary conditions around many local schools. School collection, 5 days per week, is critical during the school year and during the Summer. It is also important that recycling collection at schools be increased. Five times a week recycling collection is needed for many public schools, as the current conditions result in recyclables crowding school sidewalks.</i> |
| 9/25 | DPR | Forestry services, including street tree maintenance | <i>ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR THE OPERATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY IN QUEENS There are extensive needs for pruning of trees on city streets and in city parks, which are too numerous for the Division of Forestry to keep up with. There are currently thousands of street tree stumps that need to be removed in Queens. The following budget allocations are needed to address these conditions, and the need to remove dead trees and limbs on an emergency basis: \$4.5 Million for county-wide pruning contract; \$3.5 Million for removal of tree stumps in Queens; \$2 million for removal of dead trees and limbs. Trees are aging, and risks of falling limbs and dead trees pose dangerous conditions.</i> |

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| 10/25 | DOT | Other traffic improvement requests | <i>PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY INSPECTIONS, SIGN INSTALLATIONS, PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND SIGN MANUFACTURING Because of increasingly dangerous local traffic conditions, there has been a need during the past 10 years for more traffic safety studies, traffic signals, All Way Stop installations, Speed Bump installations, One Way Conversions, and No Parking designations to daylight intersections. Additional traffic device maintenance crews are needed for signage installation, pavement markings and sign manufacturing. Vehicles in good repair, including utility trucks, are needed to support current and projected staffing levels.</i> |
| 11/25 | DOT | Other traffic improvement requests | <i>FUND ADDITIONAL STREET MAINTENANCE FOR QUEENS ROADWAYS AND CURBS In order to have roadways along commercial strips and in residential communities repaired before dangerous conditions arise, the following requests need to be funded: provide one crew for cave-in repair; 2 crews for pothole repairs; 1 crew for concrete repair; 2 crews for curb replacement; and 1 crew for miscellaneous maintenance (ponding conditions, etc.) daily for Queens. Lawsuits against the City might be greatly reduced if repairs could be done more promptly.</i> |
| 12/25 | QL | Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (QL) | <i>PROVIDE SIX-DAY-A-WEEK SERVICE AT LOCAL LIBRARIES Increased educational demands on students, the fact that many families cannot afford the internet or up-to-date computers and increasing immigrant populations necessitate that the great majority of local/branch libraries be open 6-days a week. Having Libraries open on Saturdays is especially important to many residents!</i> |

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| 13/25 | DSNY | Other enforcement requests | <p><i>INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SANITATION POLICE AND ENFORCEMENT AGENTS, ESPECIALLY IN PLAIN CLOTHES, TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE EXCESSIVE ABUSE OF LITTER BASKETS AND ILLEGAL DUMPING</i> Because of previous lay-offs, there are now fewer Sanitation Police citywide for illegal dumping. Sanitation Police positions should be greatly increased for illegal dumping, especially since they are revenue producing, and dumping is severely hurting communities. One SEA agent is needed daily in Q5. Severe fines, vehicle impoundments and more publicity, such as frequent press releases to TV and radio stations and major newspapers, are needed to make an example of dumpers and curtail illegal dumping. The abuse of litter baskets on commercial strips has become deplorable, and needs to be better addressed.</p> |
| 14/25 | DPR | Provide better park maintenance | <p><i>ASSIGN MORE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF PARKS IN DISTRICT 5, QUEENS</i> More park workers are needed to meet work requirements for the cleaning and maintenance of the 229.7 acres of parks in CD5Q. Currently, there are only 10 Parks Dept. maintenance staff, including supervisors, assigned for this massive parkland. Skilled maintenance workers (there are only 2 for all of Queens Districts 5, 9, 10 & Forest Park) should be funded year-round. Reseeding, aerating and fertilizing ball fields and grassy areas need to be priorities so that large capital expenditures are not wasted. Funding is also needed to hire more seasonal workers. Long standing vehicle needs include a new Crew Cab and a new Packer.</p> |
| 15/25 | HRA | Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing | <p><i>PROVIDE FUNDING FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS</i> Consistent, adequate funding is needed for programs such as the Living in Communities Rental Assistance Program (LINC), to prevent people from becoming homeless, and to move people from shelters to more permanent housing.</p> |

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| 16/25 | HPD | Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations | <i>ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR DEPT. OF HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS Adequate funding must be appropriated to cope with illegal residential property uses ,deteriorating housing stock, and harassment of tenants by greedy landlords. The needs include HPD Code Enforcement Inspectors; funding for housing rehabilitation loan programs; substantial funding for tenant legal services, and for demolition and seal up operations in Queens. Currently, to our knowledge, only 21 Inspectors are assigned to Queens of 336 Inspectors working in N.Y. City.</i> |
| 17/25 | NYPD | Other NYPD staff resources requests | <i>HIRE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS, CROSSING GUARDS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL AGENTS In consideration of dangerous traffic conditions, funding is needed to hire at least 5 additional school crossing guards for District 5, Queens schools. Most elementary schools have only 1 or 2 School Safety Officers; intermediate schools only have 3 officers, which in many schools is very insufficient. The city should earmark funding to hire additional traffic control agents (Traffic Enforcement Agents-Level 2) so that heavily travelled intersections can be staffed. This will diminish the need to assign Police Officers, who are paid more and need to be reducing crime.</i> |
| 18/25 | DOHMH | Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations | <i>HIRE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR PEST CONTROL TO REDUCE THE ENORMOUS RAT POPULATION IN OUR CITY The Borough of Queens has too few staff to adequately address the rodent infestation problem, which has increased with the growth of dump-out locations and vacant properties. A minimum of 4 additional inspectors and 4 additional staff to bait are needed for Queens.</i> |

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| 19/25 | HHC | Other health care facilities requests | <i>CONTINUE FUNDING OF THE RIDGEWOOD MEDICAL CENTER, NOW RENAMED GOTHAM HEALTH/CUMBERLAND. The Ridgewood Medical Center (formerly known as the Maspeth Child Health Station and Ridgewood Communicare Health Center) provides important health services to many children, families and senior citizens. Ridgewood and neighboring communities have seen an increase in the number of people struggling economically. The need to expand services beyond the hours of Mon. to Fri., 8:30am to 4:30pm, should be seriously considered to serve workers and workers with children.</i> | 769 Onderdonk Avenue |
| 20/25 | DEP | Investigate odor complaints about a wastewater facility and address/repair or make equipment improvements as needed | <i>HIRE OPERATIONS STAFF FOR THE BUREAU OF WASTEWATER POLLUTION CONTROL Sufficient Staffing is needed to perform odor and water pollution control monitoring at wastewater treatment facilities in New York City. Odors from wastewater treatment facilities pose health hazards, will likely cause residents to move and could severely hamper business investment. Locally, we are most concerned about the Newtown Creek Water Pollution Control Plant.</i> | |
| 21/25 | DPR | Forestry services, including street tree maintenance | <i>HIRE FORESTRY PERSONNEL . With previous cuts, the Forestry Division had been decimated. At one point, there were only 4 climbers and pruners to care for more than 327,000 street trees in Queens. Queens needs at least 55 climbers and pruners to remove and prune trees posing dangerous conditions.</i> | |
| 22/25 | FDNY | Other expense budget request for FDNY | <i>PROVIDE FUNDS FOR TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AND FOR FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM SUPPLIES Hurst Tools, Rabbit Tools, defibrillators, power saws, first aid equipment, etc., are needed to ensure the safety of local residents. Funding for Fire Fighters' face pieces is also an important need. Funding is also requested to purchase 10,000 smoke detectors, at a total cost of approximately \$100,000, and 10,000 carbon monoxide detectors, at a cost of \$200,000 for distribution to the public throughout the year. Funding is requested to purchase 10,000 new CPR kits for public training and distribution.</i> | |

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| 23/25 | ACS | Other foster care and child welfare requests | <i>FUND A BUREAU OF CHILD WELFARE SATELLITE OFFICE IN QUEENS There is a need for a Bureau of Child Welfare satellite office, especially during the 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. hours, to operate weekdays and weekends. Many children in the CB#5 Queens area have sought sanctuary from abusive parents, relatives and other individuals. With B.C.W. staff hours limited, the abuse of children is too often unattended and the problem situation continues.</i> |
| 24/25 | DOT | Other traffic improvement requests | <i>IMPROVE ARTERIAL HIGHWAYS CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE The conditions of arterial highways and their cleanliness should be a priority for the City and State of New York. Maintenance workers citywide are needed to repair and resurface roadbeds, repair and replace dividers, clean litter & debris, attend to growth, and eliminate graffiti in a timely manner.</i> |
| 25/25 | HPD | Other housing oversight and emergency programs | <i>INCREASE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTANT CONTRACTS In Q5, there are many multiple dwellings owned by landlords who need technical assistance related to leases, paperwork and tenant matters. Tenants are often in need of advice and assistance related to lease matters and landlords who do not upkeep property. In Q5, the Greater Ridgewood Restoration Corp. has a history of helping landlords and tenants . This organization has also prevented hundreds of properties from being taken from owners in lien sales, through excellent outreach to owners.</i> |

8. COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS *WITH AGENCY RESPONSES*

Capital Requests

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| 01/34 | DEP | Other capital budget request for DEP | <i>REDESIGN AND RECONSTRUCT THE SEWER SYSTEM IN PORTIONS OF THE CB5Q AREA HAVING THE WORST FLOODING CONDITIONS</i> | This project is included in the ten-year plan. |
| | | | <i>The main emphasis now needed is to achieve solutions to roadway and basement flooding during rainstorms for parts of the Glendale community, especially in the area of Cooper Avenue at 76 Street, and along 77 Avenue, from 76 Street to 88 Street (SE 877). Larger sewers are needed to prevent future household flooding from heavy rain storms. During the storm of 9/1/2021, homes along 77 Avenue were overwhelmed by more than 2 feet of water in basements.</i> | |
| 02/34 | DEP | Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds | <i>PROVIDE STORMWATER RUNOFF MITIGATION</i> <i>This request is for installation of green infrastructure, to reduce the amount of storm water runoff that has caused home and street flooding conditions, and to prevent storm water from overwhelming the city sewer system.. Examples include rain gardens, also known as bioswales, and permeable pavement installations.</i> | Further study by the agency of this request is needed. |
| 03/34 | DOT | Rehabilitate bridges | <i>CORRECT COOPER AVENUE UNDERPASS FLOODING, RECONSTRUCT THE LIRR AND 71st AVENUE BRIDGE ABUTMENTS ABOVE THE COOPER AVENUE UNDERPASS AND PAINT THE LIRR BRIDGE</i> | More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency. |
| | | | <i>The Cooper Ave Underpass is located on Cooper Ave at approximately 76 St. Reconstruction of the Cooper Avenue Underpass Retaining Walls has been completed (RWQ005), at a cost of more than \$6 million. Unfortunately, this retaining wall project did not solve the problem of this low part of Cooper Avenue flooding during rainstorms, did not include reconstruction of the bridge abutments, or painting the LIRR bridge. There is a city vehicular bridge and an LIRR Montauk Line Bridge above Cooper Avenue, in the area of 76 Street, in Glendale. The LIRR bridge is a rusted eyesore and needs to be repainted.</i> | |

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| 04/34 | DOT | Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming | <p><i>MAKE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICLE SAFETY ON GRAND AVENUE AT 69 STREET, AT THE GRAND AVENUE/LIE EASTBOUND SERVICE ROAD, AND AT THE 69 STREET/LIE SERVICE ROAD INTERSECTIONS IN MASPETH</i></p> <p><i>Studies have been conducted but physical improvements have still not been performed to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety at several Maspeth intersections. The most dangerous of these are: Grand Avenue at 69th Street, Grand Avenue at the LIE Eastbound Service Road and 69th Street at the LIE Service Roads.</i></p> | Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request. |
| 05/34 | DEP | Other capital budget request for DEP | <p><i>RECONSTRUCT DETERIORATED CATCH BASINS IN THE CB5Q AREA AND PROVIDE NEW CATCH BASINS</i></p> <p><i>The replacement of deteriorated brick catch basins, with precast concrete basins, is critically needed. In addition, we consistently receive new basin requests to reduce street flooding. This need will continue. CATCH BASINS ARE ALSO NEEDED AT NEW LOCATIONS WHERE THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT PONDING CONDITIONS</i></p> | More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency. |
| 06/34 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <p><i>RECONSTRUCT PALMETTO STREET FROM SAINT NICHOLAS AVENUE TO SENECA AVENUE, AND FROM ONDERDONK AVENUE TO FOREST AVENUE IN RIDGEWOOD</i></p> <p><i>Palmetto Street serves as an important local artery, especially for numerous bus lines that take passengers to and from the Myrtle and Wyckoff Avenues Transit Hub. Engineered resurfacing at a minimum is needed along Palmetto Street, from St. Nicholas Avenue to Seneca Avenue, as the roadway is in disrepair. Street conditions are complicated by the fact that the pillars supporting the elevated "M" Train are located in the bed of the roadway.</i></p> | Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request. |
| 07/34 | DOT | Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps | <p><i>RECONSTRUCT SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND PEDESTRIAN RAMPS ALONG MYRTLE AVENUE, FROM FRESH POND ROAD TO WYCKOFF AVENUE, IN RIDGEWOOD</i></p> <p><i>Sidewalks, with brick pavers, along Myrtle Avenue in Ridgewood have deteriorated causing tripping hazards. One of the main problems has been tree roots lifting the bricks and the sidewalk flags. The last major improvement was in 1984/1985. This section of Myrtle Avenue receives extensive pedestrian traffic with people from Ridgewood and nearby communities shopping on Myrtle Avenue. Funding is needed to physically improve safety conditions along this section of Myrtle Avenue.</i></p> <p><i>There may also be a need to replace the main city sewer and water main in this section of Myrtle Avenue.</i></p> | The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources. |

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| 08/34 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <p><i>RECONSTRUCT WYCKOFF AVENUE, FROM FLUSHING AVENUE TO COOPER AVENUE IN RIDGEWOOD (Queens and Brooklyn) - HWK 876.</i></p> <p><i>Wyckoff Avenue, on the Brooklyn-Queens border, is an important neighborhood artery with significant commercial development. This request is for reconstruction of the deteriorated roadway and sidewalks, installation of new sewer lines and water mains from Flushing Avenue to Cooper Avenue in Ridgewood. We look forward to this vital project beginning in 2025. Part of Wyckoff Avenue is in the CB5Q area, and much of it is in Brooklyn Community District 4.</i></p> | This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the final design contract has been let. |
| 09/34 | DEP | Other capital budget request for DEP | <p><i>CONTINUE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE SEWER SYSTEM IN THE COMMUNITY BOARD 5, QUEENS AREA AND THROUGHOUT QUEENS COUNTY, CONSIDERING FLOODING PROBLEMS AND ANTICIPATED FUTURE GROWTH</i></p> <p><i>A thorough sewer system study, including mapping and an analysis of flow patterns has begun, but needs to be completed in the very near future, so that street flooding and basement sewer backup problems can be reduced. The sewer system links our communities and those of other community board areas.</i></p> | Further study by the agency of this request is needed. |
| 10/34 | DOT | Rehabilitate bridges | <p><i>REPLACE THE EXISTING BRIDGE ON GRAND AVENUE OVER NEWTOWN IN MASPETH</i></p> <p><i>Due to the deteriorated conditions of this 2-lane bridge, which only worsened in the aftermath of Super Storm Sandy in 2012, and the increased vehicular traffic over this important bridge, replacement of the existing bridge over Newtown Creek in the Maspeth Industrial Area is needed. The Grand Street Bridge is too narrow to accommodate trucks and buses in opposite directions. Truckers and bus drivers have to wait for traffic to pass in the opposite direction, posing dangerous conditions and traffic delays. This vital bridge is deteriorating to the point where it is closed for repairs consistently.</i></p> <p><i>We look forward to this important bridge replacement beginning by 2026.</i></p> | The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources. |
| 11/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <p><i>RECONSTRUCT MAFERA PARK</i></p> <p><i>Mafera Park is located on 65 Place at 68 Avenue. This vital park is on the Ridgewood/Glendale border and has the only major soft surface sports area for these communities. Much of this park is in need of reconstruction, including the turf sports field, the children's playground, and the asphalt softball field, much of which hasn't been reconstructed since 1995.</i></p> | This request includes more than one project. Funding for part is already in place and/or work is underway or completed for certain portions. Contact the Department of Parks and Recreation for specifics. |

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| 12/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <p><i>REHABILITATE THE RIDGEWOOD RESERVOIR - PHASE 2 AND THE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, INCLUDING PORTIONS OF HIGHLAND PARK</i></p> <p><i>This request is for the rehabilitation of the old pump house, or construction of a new building at the Ridgewood Reservoir site, to serve as an Environmental Center, with bathrooms. This reservoir is the closest place to a nature preserve anywhere near the Board 5 Queens area. Invasive Plant Species need to be removed. We are also requesting that funding be allocated to reconstruct ball fields in Highland Park, as Board 5 Queens has opposed development of reservoir basins for ball fields or other active recreational uses. The Phase 1 Project, to install new lighting, fencing and pathways around the Reservoir has been completed.</i></p> | Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members. |
| 13/34 | DPR | Other street trees and forestry services requests | <p><i>PROVIDE NEW STREET TREE PLANTINGS AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR STUMP REMOVALS, PLANTING OF REPLACEMENT TREES, AND STREET TREE REMOVALS</i></p> <p><i>The tornado that devastated portions of the CB5Q area on 9/16/2010 resulted in the loss of several hundred trees completely, and has necessitated removal of dead trees, along with street tree stumps. Funding is needed to replace uprooted trees, for the removal and replacement of dead trees, for the removal of street tree stumps and for emergency pruning of dangerous street tree conditions. Hurricane Irene uprooted numerous additional trees. CB5Q has, for decades, pushed for new street tree plantings, with much success. Street trees reduce air pollution and beautify city streets. Asthma and other respiratory problems are a great concern.</i></p> | Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members. |
| 14/34 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <p><i>RECONSTRUCT SOUTH MIDDLE VILLAGE STREETS (HWQ 708)</i></p> <p><i>This long awaited project had been scheduled for FY 2013, but has been pushed back, but we must continue to advocate for the project to be moved up. As a short term measure, 73rd Place was resurfaced from Metropolitan Ave to 70 Ave., as were several other area roadways. This areawide project will include replacement of water mains, sewer lines, sidewalks, curbs, street lighting and roadway reconstruction of all streets bordered by Metropolitan Ave to the north, the LIRR and Cooper Ave. No. Service Rd to the South, 80 Street to the east and 73 Place to the west, not including Metropolitan Ave & 80 Street.</i></p> | This location needs to be investigated by both DOT and DEP. Results may merit the initiation of a Capital project. We will advise upon completion of investigation. |

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| 15/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <p>RECONSTRUCT BENNINGER PLAYGROUND</p> <p><i>Benninger Playground, located on Madison Street, just west of Fresh Pond Road, is used extensively. The playground is in need of Reconstruction, including the Children's Playground and Basketball and Handball Court Areas. Fortunately, we are informed that Council Member Holden has allocated capital projects funding for this important reconstruction project and design has begun.</i></p> | This Parks project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway. |
| 16/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <p>RECONSTRUCT DRY HARBOR PLAYGROUND - PHASE 2, TO ALSO INCLUDE NEARBY TUNNEL AND PATHWAYS INTO FOREST PARK</p> <p><i>This City park is located on Myrtle Ave at 80 St, and is the only park for eastern Glendale. This Phase 2 request is for the rehabilitation of the asphalt softball field, and the park house/ bathrooms rehabilitation; and improved fencing around the children's playground. The reconstruction of the children's playground is completed. Funding is also needed to rehabilitate the tunnel and bicycle path under the Jackie Robinson Pkwy, and the connecting bicycle/golf cart pathway to its easterly connecting point of Forest Park Dr.</i></p> <p><i>Drainage, signage and lighting improvements are important along these pathways.</i></p> | Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members. |
| 17/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <p>RECONSTRUCT THE SOFTBALL FIELD AND BASKETBALL COURTS AT ROSEMARY'S PLAYGROUND, IN RIDGEWOOD</p> <p><i>The asphalt softball field in Rosemary's Playground, located on Fairview Avenue between Woodbine Street and Madison Street, has not been resurfaced in many years. Funding is requested to reconstruct the asphalt softball field area, considering the possibility of safe, synthetic surface installation to accommodate several sports, and to at least resurface the basketball courts area. The children's play area was somewhat deteriorated, and was reconstructed in 2020. This important park property is across the street from IS 93, and often has extensive use.</i></p> | This request includes more than one project. Funding for part is already in place and/or work is underway or completed for certain portions. Contact the Department of Parks and Recreation for specifics. |
| 18/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <p>RECONSTRUCT THE LOWER BALLFIELDS IN JUNIPER VALLEY PARK (Fields 1-4)</p> <p><i>These soft surface baseball fields are deteriorated and need reconstruction, with consideration that these fields have also been used for youth soccer in recent years.</i></p> | Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members. |

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| 19/34 | NYCTA | Other transit infrastructure requests | <p><i>REPLACE OR REPOWER POLLUTING STAGE ZERO FREIGHT ENGINES .</i></p> <p><i>The use of freight rail locally has increased significantly in recent years, but the communities of Glendale, Middle Village, Ridgewood and Maspeth have suffered as a result. This request is for the replacement or repowering of old locomotives leased by N.Y. and Atlantic Railway from MTA/LIRR, with Tier 4 Switch Duty Cycle Locomotives. These old locomotives pollute our communities. 2 of the 11 old freight locomotives have been replaced thanks to State Funding obtained by Assembly Member Hevesi and other local State elected officials. One old locomotive was replaced thanks to a Federal EPA match.</i></p> <p><i>State funding has been allocated for more than 5 additional new freight locomotives, but MTA/LIRR have still not put out a bid.</i></p> | More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency. |
| 20/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <p><i>RECONSTRUCT EVERGREEN PARK PLAYGROUND IN GLENDALE - PHASE 2</i></p> <p><i>This park is located on St. Felix Ave., between 60th Pl and 60th St, in Glendale, and is adjacent to PS 68. Thanks to funding allocated by Council Member Holden and Speaker Johnson, an innovative capital project will include basketball courts, a skate park area, volleyball courts, a walking track, and plantings. We look forward to the start of construction.</i></p> | This Parks project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway. |
| 21/34 | DOT | Other transportation infrastructure requests | <p><i>IMPROVE THE MYRTLE AVENUE COMMERCIAL STRIP, FROM FRESH POND ROAD TO 82 ST. IN GLENDALE</i></p> <p><i>Improvements needed include: replacement of damaged curbs and sidewalks, including traffic facilitation and pedestrian safety upgrades.</i></p> | Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request. |
| 22/34 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <p><i>EXTEND STREET/ROADWAY WIDENING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF METROPOLITAN AVENUE, FROM WOODHAVEN BOULEVARD TO AUBREY AVENUE IN GLENDALE</i></p> <p><i>Some roadway widening was done, just west of Woodhaven Boulevard, when Home Depot opened on the east side of the Boulevard, but more needs to be done to reduce the traffic back-ups, especially considering the commercial development at nearby Atlas Terminals. The need is even greater now that several large chain stores have opened and are prospering on Metropolitan Avenue, east of Woodhaven Blvd and the Metropolitan High School has been in session for 11 years.</i></p> | Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request. |

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| 23/34 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <p><i>RECONSTRUCT FRESH POND ROAD FROM MYRTLE AVENUE TO ELIOT AVENUE, AND PROVIDE TRAFFIC FACILITATION IMPROVEMENTS</i></p> <p><i>Fresh Pond Road is a major north/south artery in the CB5Q area. This request includes planning/implementation of better traffic facilitation, by cutting into curb areas (where possible) to enable trucks and buses to get to the curb. For the short term, we succeeded in convincing NYC DOT Queens Street Maintenance supervisors to resurface Fresh Pond Road 3 years ago.</i></p> | Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request. |
| 24/34 | DPR | Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park | <p><i>PROVIDE SAFE PUBLIC ACCESS TO NEWTOWN CREEK AND CONSTRUCT AN ATHLETIC FIELD AT THE NYC DEP NEWTOWN CREEK AERATION FACILITY PROPERTY</i></p> <p><i>The NYC DEP has had an aeration facility built at 58-26 47 Street, in Maspeth, Queens, to improve Newtown Creek water quality. Local soccer advocates request that the land owned by N.Y. City, adjacent to the planned aeration facility, be developed as an athletic field because there is a shortage of sites where soccer can be safely played.</i></p> | The Department of Parks and Recreation does not maintain this facility. |
| 25/34 | NYCTA | Other transit infrastructure requests | <p><i>Reconstruct the DeKalb Avenue, Halsey Street and Jefferson Street Train Stations (BMT- L Line).</i></p> <p><i>Only the Halsey Street Train Station is in Queens, but many of our Ridgewood residents either use these stations, or would use them, if they were not so deteriorated and if they were more inviting. There is increased development along the Brooklyn/Queens border, and we need to ensure that these train stations are modernized and rehabilitated. We are informed that, in 2012, the Halsey St. station had the largest percentage growth in passengers of any "L" train stations.</i></p> | More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency. |
| 26/34 | DOE | Provide a new or expand an existing high school | <p><i>CONSTRUCT NEW HIGH SCHOOLS IN QUEENS, INCLUDING A NEW VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND PERFORM CAPITAL UPGRADES TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS</i></p> <p><i>This request includes Construction of New High Schools in Queens, including a new vocational high school, considering that many youth are very well suited to a career in electrical, plumbing and other trades and there is significant demand for skilled workers in many trades. For years there has been a shortage of high schools locally for Queens's teenagers. There is also an ongoing need to renovate existing school buildings.</i></p> | Community District is located in borough with identified HS seat need. Location for school will be based on site and funding availability. |

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| 27/34 | DOT | Rehabilitate bridges | <p><i>RECONSTRUCT AND WIDEN THE EAST SIDE OF 80TH STREET, ON THE 80TH STREET BRIDGE, OVER THE LIRR, IN GLENDALE AND REVIEW THE STRUCTURAL STABILITY OF THE BRIDGE</i></p> <p><i>Pedestrians have to walk a narrow sidewalk to get to and from the Atlas Park Shopping Center. The roadway over the 80th Street Bridge in Glendale should be wide enough to allow sidewalk expansion, and reduce dangerous conditions for pedestrians.</i></p> | Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request. |
| 28/34 | DPR | Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park | <p><i>INSTALL MINI COMFORT STATIONS AT STARR PLAYGROUND, BENNINGER PLAYGROUND AND UNCLE VITO MARAZZANO'S GLENDALE PLAYGROUND</i></p> <p><i>Starr Playground is located on Onderdonk Avenue at Starr Street; Benninger Park is located on Madison Street, just west of Fresh Pond Road; Uncle Vito Maranzano's Glendale Playground is located on Central Ave at 70th Street. This request is for the installation of mini comfort stations at each of these Parks Department properties. Those using these often bustling playgrounds have nowhere to go to use a toilet facility when they use these parks. Too often people relieve themselves in corner areas of these smaller parks or adjacent to trees, posing very unhealthy conditions. Toilet facilities are needed, but the cost of these facilities in a park is astronomical.</i></p> | Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members. |
| 29/34 | NYPD | Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses | <p><i>REHABILITATE THE 104TH POLICE PRECINCT INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR</i></p> <p><i>The 104th Police Precinct station house is an old building and ongoing improvements needed include: heating system upgrades, plumbing upgrades (including: waste lines, supervisor's bathroom on the 1st floor, 2nd floor male bathroom and prisoner bathroom), electrical upgrades, windows replacement, providing handicapped access, fixing basement leaks, central air conditioning, and refurbishing the main desk.</i></p> | Over the course of several years, the NYPD has made several large-scale improvements to the command, making it a viable facility for the foreseeable future. Funding constraints preclude the advancement of the project at this time. |
| 30/34 | DOT | Other transportation infrastructure requests | <p><i>PROVIDE HISTORIC LIGHTING AND RESTORE DETERIORATED CURBING ALONG FRED HALLER'S UNION TURNPIKE MALL (Myrtle Avenue to Woodhaven Boulevard).</i></p> <p><i>Union Turnpike is a wide residential roadway, and is one of the gateways into CB5Q. Improvements needed include new curbing, tree root pruning, and new decorative historic LED lighting. This project has been partially funded, and new pavement has been installed along the center median.</i></p> | Standard street lights can only be replaced if the request is accompanied by funding to cover all equipment, construction, and additional electrical costs and a Maintenance Agreement is signed with a City Chartered organization willing and able to pay for the associated maintenance cost-i.e. Business Improvement District. |

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| 31/34 | DOT | Reconstruct streets | <p><i>RECONSTRUCT 75th STREET FROM ELIOT AVENUE TO JUNIPER BOULEVARD NORTH, IN MIDDLE VILLAGE</i></p> <p><i>Although the bureau of Highways crews have resurfaced 75th Street in the past 10 years, it is quite evident that this street needs reconstruction. Due to extensive roadway and street settlement, resurfacing is but a short-term solution. The portion of the roadway adjacent to the Learning Tree Day Care Center is higher than the sidewalk, causing unhealthy water accumulation.</i></p> | Based on our on-site inspection of the roadway condition, this location does not warrant reconstruction. Please withdraw this request from budget submissions. |
| 32/34 | DPR | Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park | <p><i>ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY/RECREATION CENTER AT A SITE IN MASPETH</i></p> <p><i>The communities comprising District 5, Queens do not have a large indoor public space, other than schools, for recreation and community activities. This request is to build a new facility in Maspeth, preferably on a vacant parcel of land.</i></p> | Further study by the agency of this request is needed. |
| 33/34 | DPR | Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) | <p><i>Provide Funding for the Establishment of a Dog Run in District 5, Queens.</i></p> <p><i>Residents have advocated for the establishment of a more permanent dog run in Juniper Valley Park in Middle Village. Recent cost estimates are projected to be somewhere in the range of \$750,000. It is questionable whether there is sufficient open space to accommodate a dog run inside Juniper Valley Park since there are so many competing uses there including seven (7) ball fields, a running track, two (2) children's playgrounds, a football/soccer field, bocce, tennis and basketball courts, and a roller hockey rink, in addition to landscaped areas. The CB5Q Parks Committee has looked at possibilities for a dog run in this park and at other locations.</i></p> | Further study by the agency of this request is needed. |
| 34/34 | DPR | Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park | <p><i>PROVIDE A TOILET FACILITY IN THE AREA OF JUNIPER VALLEY PARK BORDERED BY 80TH STREET, DRY HARBOR ROAD, JUNIPER BOULEVARD SOUTH AND JUNIPER BOULEVARD NORTH</i></p> <p><i>This request would primarily benefit older people, who have difficulty walking quickly to the comfort station further west in this large park, when they need to use a restroom.</i></p> | Further study by the agency of this request is needed. |

Expense Requests

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| 01/25 | NYPD | Hire additional uniformed officers | <p><i>ASSIGN ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR THE 104TH POLICE PRECINCT PATROL FORCE</i></p> <p><i>Within the last 10 years, the patrol strength of the 104th Pct. has dropped under 130 officers. In 1995, there were approx. 200 officers, exclusive of sergeants & lieutenants for Ridgewood, Maspeth, Middle Village, and Glendale.</i></p> <p><i>At least 170 officers are needed for the 104th Pct., plus supervisors, to cope with robbery, burglary, felony assaults, some violent crime, domestic violence, scams, some inadequate response times, vehicular speeding, much illegal parking, auto theft and rowdy conditions often caused by substance abuse.</i></p> | NYPD's total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the agency only after graduation of police classes from the Academy. |
| 02/25 | DEP | Inspect sanitary sewer on specific street segment and repair or replace as needed | <p><i>PROVIDE FIELD WORKERS FOR THE BUREAU OF WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS</i></p> <p><i>Field workers in sufficient numbers are needed to ensure that City water remains excellent; that catch basins are cleaned and repaired and sewer lines are flushed in a reasonable amount of time; that sewer backups and leaks are corrected expeditiously and that sewer repairs and fire hydrant repairs are performed in a timely manner. Cave-in conditions in the road and adjacent to catch basins too often have gone unrepaired for months, presenting dangerous conditions.</i></p> | The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources. |
| 03/25 | DOB | Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs) | <p><i>HIRE INSPECTORS AND PLAN EXAMINERS, IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS, TO COPE WITH ILLEGAL USES OF PROPERTY AND QUESTIONABLE CONSTRUCTION</i></p> <p><i>A separate afternoon/evening and weekend inspection team of 10 inspectors for Queens is critical because inspectors very often can't gain access in the daytime during the work-week. Communities throughout Queens have been plagued with illegal apartments posing dangerous conditions, school overcrowding and more pressure on limited City services. Construction inspectors and plan examiners in adequate numbers are needed to curtail contractors building homes larger than the zoning permits. Currently to our knowledge, Queens has 34 plan examiners and only 15 construction inspectors usually working in the borough.</i></p> | More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency. |

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| 04/25 | DSNY | Provide more frequent litter basket collection | <p><i>PROVIDE MORE SANITATION DEPARTMENT CLEANING PERSONNEL, TO CLEAN ILLEGAL DUMPING AND FOR LITTER BASKET COLLECTIONS</i></p> <p><i>Illegal dumping and garbage drop-off locations are a consistent problem in District 5, Queens. In order to alleviate these very problematic conditions, which are potential health hazards and hamper business investment: 1. Restore Clean Team personnel to clean dump-out and drop-off locations on a regular basis, 2. Provide adequate personnel to empty litter baskets 7 days a week.</i></p> | Submission contains multiple requests which agency cannot appropriately address with a single response code. |
| 05/25 | DYCD | Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8) | <p><i>PROVIDE FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS</i></p> <p><i>After school, evening and weekend delinquency prevention programs should be maintained locally. This is especially critical at a time when far too many children and teenagers are unsupervised by parents or guardians after the school day ends and on weekends. These programs are very critical as they increase self-esteem levels of participants, thereby preventing substance abuse and delinquent behavior. While Beacon Programs are welcome, it is vital that funding for other quality "local" education and recreation programs be a priority. Thankfully, recent Mayors and City Council Members have increased youth program funding substantially.</i></p> | Presently, there are a variety of agency-funded programs in the district for this target population. Additional programs are contingent upon available funding and will be distributed through an RFP process. Organizations are encouraged to apply. |
| 06/25 | FDNY | Provide more firefighters or EMS workers | <p><i>PROVIDE FUNDING FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES</i></p> <p><i>Funding is needed for the following essential Fire Department Services: maintain engine companies and ladder companies at current staffing levels; provide funding for the Department's Building Unit; ensure adequate staffing for excellent maintenance of FDNY apparatus and other vehicles; and provide sufficient funding for the Fire Safety Education Unit.</i></p> <p><i>Priority should also be given to hiring a sufficient number of EMS staff to cope with increased needs for the life-saving services that they provide in our city.</i></p> | Further study by the agency of this request is needed. |

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| 07/25 | DFTA | Increase staffing for homebound adult programs | <p><i>PROVIDE NEEDED SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS</i></p> <p><i>Community District 5, Queens has a very large senior citizen population, many of whom are frail, without adequate care and living alone. The following are necessary programs to meet some of the needs of senior citizens: 1) Provide adequate funding for Meals-on-Wheels programs; 2) Provide adequate funding for congregate meals programs; 3) Provide funding for senior transportation programs; 4) Fund Health Care Programs for the Elderly and Senior Home Care; 5) Fund Emergency Food Programs for Seniors.</i></p> | Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds. |
| 08/25 | DSNY | Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions | <p><i>CONTINUE 5 TIMES PER WEEK GARBAGE COLLECTION AND BEGIN 5 DAY A WEEK RECYCLING COLLECTION AT SCHOOLS</i></p> <p><i>The reduction to 2 days per week garbage collection caused unsanitary conditions around many local schools. School collection, 5 days per week, is critical during the school year and during the Summer. It is also important that recycling collection at schools be increased. Five times a week recycling collection is needed for many public schools, as the current conditions result in recyclables crowding school sidewalks.</i></p> | NYC public schools receive a high-level of additional DSNY service. It is the school's responsibility to properly store and manage their waste between the frequent collection service. |
| 09/25 | DPR | Forestry services, including street tree maintenance | <p><i>ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR THE OPERATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY IN QUEENS</i></p> <p><i>There are extensive needs for pruning of trees on city streets and in city parks, which are too numerous for the Division of Forestry to keep up with. There are currently thousands of street tree stumps that need to be removed in Queens. The following budget allocations are needed to address these conditions, and the need to remove dead trees and limbs on an emergency basis: \$4.5 Million for county-wide pruning contract; \$3.5 Million for removal of tree stumps in Queens; \$2 million for removal of dead trees and limbs. Trees are aging, and risks of falling limbs and dead trees pose dangerous conditions.</i></p> | The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain. |

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| 10/25 | DOT | Other traffic improvement requests | <p><i>PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY INSPECTIONS, SIGN INSTALLATIONS, PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND SIGN MANUFACTURING</i></p> <p><i>Because of increasingly dangerous local traffic conditions, there has been a need during the past 10 years for more traffic safety studies, traffic signals, All Way Stop installations, Speed Bump installations, One Way Conversions, and No Parking designations to daylight intersections. Additional traffic device maintenance crews are needed for signage installation, pavement markings and sign manufacturing. Vehicles in good repair, including utility trucks, are needed to support current and projected staffing levels.</i></p> | The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources. |
| 11/25 | DOT | Other traffic improvement requests | <p><i>FUND ADDITIONAL STREET MAINTENANCE FOR QUEENS ROADWAYS AND CURBS</i></p> <p><i>In order to have roadways along commercial strips and in residential communities repaired before dangerous conditions arise, the following requests need to be funded: provide one crew for cave-in repair; 2 crews for pothole repairs; 1 crew for concrete repair; 2 crews for curb replacement; and 1 crew for miscellaneous maintenance (ponding conditions, etc.) daily for Queens. Lawsuits against the City might be greatly reduced if repairs could be done more promptly.</i></p> | The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources. |
| 12/25 | QPL | Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (QL) | <p><i>PROVIDE SIX-DAY-A-WEEK SERVICE AT LOCAL LIBRARIES</i></p> <p><i>Increased educational demands on students, the fact that many families cannot afford the internet or up-to-date computers and increasing immigrant populations necessitate that the great majority of local/branch libraries be open 6-days a week. Having Libraries open on Saturdays is especially important to many residents!</i></p> | The Queens Public Library received funding to provide six-day service and will continue to request additional funding to open all libraries seven days per week. |
| 13/25 | DSNY | Other enforcement requests | <p><i>INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SANITATION POLICE AND ENFORCEMENT AGENTS, ESPECIALLY IN PLAIN CLOTHES, TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE EXCESSIVE ABUSE OF LITTER BASKETS AND ILLEGAL DUMPING</i></p> <p><i>Because of previous lay-offs, there are now fewer Sanitation Police citywide for illegal dumping. Sanitation Police positions should be greatly increased for illegal dumping, especially since they are revenue producing, and dumping is severely hurting communities. One SEA agent is needed daily in Q5. Severe fines, vehicle impoundments and more publicity, such as frequent press releases to TV and radio stations and major newspapers, are needed to make an example of dumpers and curtail illegal dumping. The abuse of litter baskets on commercial strips has become deplorable, and needs to be better addressed.</i></p> | Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain. |

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| 14/25 | DPR | Provide better park maintenance | <p><i>ASSIGN MORE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF PARKS IN DISTRICT 5, QUEENS</i></p> <p><i>More park workers are needed to meet work requirements for the cleaning and maintenance of the 229.7 acres of parks in CD5Q. Currently, there are only 10 Parks Dept. maintenance staff, including supervisors, assigned for this massive parkland. Skilled maintenance workers (there are only 2 for all of Queens Districts 5, 9, 10 & Forest Park) should be funded year-round. Reseeding, aerating and fertilizing ball fields and grassy areas need to be priorities so that large capital expenditures are not wasted. Funding is also needed to hire more seasonal workers. Long standing vehicle needs include a new Crew Cab and a new Packer.</i></p> | The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain. |
| 15/25 | HRA | Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing | <p><i>PROVIDE FUNDING FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS</i></p> <p><i>Consistent, adequate funding is needed for programs such as the Living in Communities Rental Assistance Program (LINC), to prevent people from becoming homeless, and to move people from shelters to more permanent housing.</i></p> | Homelessness prevention is one of the Agency's priorities. Funds have been allocated in the budget for these services. |
| 16/25 | HPD | Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations | <p><i>ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR DEPT. OF HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS</i></p> <p><i>Adequate funding must be appropriated to cope with illegal residential property uses ,deteriorating housing stock, and harassment of tenants by greedy landlords. The needs include HPD Code Enforcement Inspectors; funding for housing rehabilitation loan programs; substantial funding for tenant legal services, and for demolition and seal up operations in Queens. Currently, to our knowledge, only 21 Inspectors are assigned to Queens of 336 Inspectors working in N.Y. City.</i></p> | The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources. |
| 17/25 | NYPD | Other NYPD staff resources requests | <p><i>HIRE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS, CROSSING GUARDS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL AGENTS</i></p> <p><i>In consideration of dangerous traffic conditions, funding is needed to hire at least 5 additional school crossing guards for District 5, Queens schools. Most elementary schools have only 1 or 2 School Safety Officers; intermediate schools only have 3 officers, which in many schools is very insufficient. The city should earmark funding to hire additional traffic control agents (Traffic Enforcement Agents-Level 2) so that heavily travelled intersections can be staffed. This will diminish the need to assign Police Officers, who are paid more and need to be reducing crime.</i></p> | Based on the latest budget, the NYPD has a specific budgeted headcount. The agency is working on filling vacancies in order to get to that headcount. |

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| 18/25 | DOHMH | Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations | <p><i>HIRE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR PEST CONTROL TO REDUCE THE ENORMOUS RAT POPULATION IN OUR CITY</i></p> <p><i>The Borough of Queens has too few staff to adequately address the rodent infestation problem, which has increased with the growth of dump-out locations and vacant properties. A minimum of 4 additional inspectors and 4 additional staff to bait are needed for Queens.</i></p> | The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources. |
| 19/25 | HHC | Other health care facilities requests | <p><i>CONTINUE FUNDING OF THE RIDGEWOOD MEDICAL CENTER, NOW RENAMED GOTHAM HEALTH/CUMBERLAND.</i></p> <p><i>The Ridgewood Medical Center (formerly known as the Maspeth Child Health Station and Ridgewood Communicare Health Center) provides important health services to many children, families and senior citizens. Ridgewood and neighboring communities have seen an increase in the number of people struggling economically. The need to expand services beyond the hours of Mon. to Fri., 8:30am to 4:30pm, should be seriously considered to serve workers and workers with children.</i></p> | The agency has reviewed the request and determined that current staffing levels are adequate. |
| 20/25 | DEP | Investigate odor complaints about a wastewater facility and address/repair or make equipment improvements as needed | <p><i>HIRE OPERATIONS STAFF FOR THE BUREAU OF WASTEWATER POLLUTION CONTROL</i></p> <p><i>Sufficient Staffing is needed to perform odor and water pollution control monitoring at wastewater treatment facilities in New York City. Odors from wastewater treatment facilities pose health hazards, will likely cause residents to move and could severely hamper business investment. Locally, we are most concerned about the Newtown Creek Water Pollution Control Plant.</i></p> | The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources. |
| 21/25 | DPR | Forestry services, including street tree maintenance | <p><i>HIRE FORESTRY PERSONNEL</i></p> <p><i>. With previous cuts, the Forestry Division had been decimated. At one point, there were only 4 climbers and pruners to care for more than 327,000 street trees in Queens. Queens needs at least 55 climbers and pruners to remove and prune trees posing dangerous conditions.</i></p> | The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain. |

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| 22/25 | FDNY | Other expense budget request for FDNY | <p><i>PROVIDE FUNDS FOR TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AND FOR FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM SUPPLIES</i></p> <p><i>Hurst Tools, Rabbit Tools, defibrillators, power saws, first aid equipment, etc., are needed to ensure the safety of local residents. Funding for Fire Fighters' face pieces is also an important need. Funding is also requested to purchase 10,000 smoke detectors, at a total cost of approximately \$100,000, and 10,000 carbon monoxide detectors, at a cost of \$200,000 for distribution to the public throughout the year. Funding is requested to purchase 10,000 new CPR kits for public training and distribution.</i></p> | Further study by the agency of this request is needed. |
| 23/25 | ACS | Other foster care and child welfare requests | <p><i>FUND A BUREAU OF CHILD WELFARE SATELLITE OFFICE IN QUEENS</i></p> <p><i>There is a need for a Bureau of Child Welfare satellite office, especially during the 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. hours, to operate weekdays and weekends. Many children in the CB#5 Queens area have sought sanctuary from abusive parents, relatives and other individuals. With B.C.W. staff hours limited, the abuse of children is too often unattended and the problem situation continues.</i></p> | ACS currently offers services for youth and families. Please contact the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs for additional information at 212-341-0999, or check our website at www.nyc.gov/acs . |
| 24/25 | DOT | Other traffic improvement requests | <p><i>IMPROVE ARTERIAL HIGHWAYS CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE</i></p> <p><i>The conditions of arterial highways and their cleanliness should be a priority for the City and State of New York. Maintenance workers citywide are needed to repair and resurface roadbeds, repair and replace dividers, clean litter & debris, attend to growth, and eliminate graffiti in a timely manner.</i></p> | The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources. |
| 25/25 | HPD | Other housing oversight and emergency programs | <p><i>INCREASE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTANT CONTRACTS</i></p> <p><i>In Q5, there are many multiple dwellings owned by landlords who need technical assistance related to leases, paperwork and tenant matters. Tenants are often in need of advice and assistance related to lease matters and landlords who do not upkeep property. In Q5, the Greater Ridgewood Restoration Corp. has a history of helping landlords and tenants. This organization has also prevented hundreds of properties from being taken from owners in lien sales, through excellent outreach to owners.</i></p> | HPD has no funding in this program. The City Council only funds this program. HPD's role is limited solely to administering the contract, and therefore has no control over fund restoration. |