

Citywide Statement of Needs For City Facilities Fiscal Years 2021-2022

Borough President and Community Board Comments



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INTRODUCTION

This document contains comments received by the Department of City Planning (DCP) on the FY 2021/2022 *Citywide Statement of Needs* (SON). Submissions included statements from the Brooklyn and Queens Borough Presidents, Community Board 6 in Manhattan, Community Board 10 in Queens, and Community Board 1 in Staten Island.

The SON is an annual report pursuant to Section 204 of the City Charter intended to facilitate, in conjunction with the *Criteria for the Location of City Facilities* (the *Fair Share Criteria*), a dialogue on siting decisions for City facilities, aimed at balancing community needs, cost effective service delivery and the social and economic impacts of these facilities on surrounding areas.

The *Citywide Statement of Needs* identifies by agency and program all new facilities the City plans to site and all existing facilities the City plans to close or to expand or reduce significantly in size during the next two fiscal years. As part of the SON process, Borough Presidents and Community Boards may submit written comments to DCP. During the comment period, Borough Presidents may propose alternative locations for any new City facilities to be located in their borough if the locations are consistent with the *Criteria for the Location of City Facilities* and with the specific siting criteria listed in the *Statement of Needs*.

Together with information required by the *Fair Share Criteria*, the comments on the SON are considered as part of the City's land use review process for siting City facilities.

Additional information

- For more information about the Citywide Statement of Needs visit:
<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/about/publications/citywide-statement-of-needs.page>
- To view the most recent Citywide Statement of Needs (published in January 2020) visit:
https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/about/publications/son_21_22.pdf
- To view the City's Fair Share Criteria visit:
http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/about/publications/criteria_lcf.pdf
- For questions related to this document or the City's Fair Share process, please contact the New York City Department of City Planning at SON_DL@planning.nyc.gov

BROOKLYN



April 17, 2020

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Re: Citywide Statement of Needs for City facilities for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 (FY21/FY22)

Dear Ms. Lago:

I am writing pursuant to Section 204 of the New York City Charter in response to the Citywide Statement of Needs for City facilities (SoN) for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 (FY21/FY22), which was submitted by Mayor Bill de Blasio in January 2020.

Additionally, as I stated last year, I would like to encourage an open discussion on several items that, although not mentioned in the SoN FY21/FY22, deserve attention. I encourage the administration to prioritize addressing the long overdue structural upgrades of facilities across all City agencies, as well as consolidating City-leased properties. I also encourage individual agencies to address the following needs:

- New York City Department of Education (DOE): The need to identify sites and push for development of child care centers in order to mitigate the loss of existing centers, in which landlords are not offering lease renewals. Many landlords are choosing not to renew leases despite the pressing need for qualifying lower income households to secure quality child care services; therefore, the City should seek to aggressively develop or purchase such spaces for non-profits to secure locations for future decades for our youth
- New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) and NYC Health + Hospitals Corporation (NYCH + H): The need for the creation of a specialized burn unit in Brooklyn
- New York City Department of Transportation (DOT): The need to replace and expand street bridges of South Third, South Fourth, and South Fifth streets, securing funding from Federal, State, and City government, in Brooklyn Community District 1 (CD 1)

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- New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC): The need to site ferry landings in southern and western Brooklyn, including Canarsie, Marine Park, Plumb Beach, and Sunset Park/39th Street

I look forward to working with the administration to support and implement the proposals outlined in this document.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric L. Adams".

Eric. Adams

Brooklyn Borough President

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Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development Vicki Been
Brooklyn Community Board Chairs
Brooklyn Community Board District Managers

**BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN
RESPONSE TO THE
CITYWIDE STATEMENT OF NEEDS FOR CITY FACILITIES
FISCAL YEARS 2021 AND 2022**

**PREPARED BY
BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT
ERIC ADAMS
APRIL 2020**

**BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN
RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT OF NEEDS
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-2022**

NEW YORK CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS (BOE)

Proposal in the Statement of Needs (SoN) Fiscal Years 2021-2022 (FY21/FY22)

PROPOSAL: Expansion of Voting Machine Facility

AREA SERVED: Regional – Brooklyn

PROPOSED LOCATION: Brooklyn Community District 7 (CD 7)

SITING CRITERIA: Transit access, truck access

COMMENTS: Borough President Adams is a supporter of the Early Voting initiative. This initiative has requirements to accommodate additional voting equipment and staffing needed to service designated early voting poll sites. Space has been identified in common ownership from where the New York City Board of Elections (BOE) already has its Voting Machine Facility. The requested 7,294 square feet (sq. ft.) would support effective mobilization of the equipment to the poll locations. While storage is not an ideal use within the Sunset Park Industrial Business Zone (IBZ), enabling voter participation is a worthy justification to promote storage at this location.

MANHATTAN

May 29, 2020

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RE: Citywide Statement of Needs Fiscal Year 2021

Dear Mr. Tuttle:

Thank you for the opportunity to supplement our community district's Statement of Needs.

We have discussed the matter and wanted to bring to your attention these three important issues that we believe merit additional DCP consideration:

First, our community has experienced frequent crimes committed by children residing at the Administration for Children's Services facility at 492 First Avenue.

In one recent incident, a highly publicized attack on a nurse working at Bellevue, the NYPD informs us the crime was allegedly committed by a fourteen-year-old child in the company of an adult aged nineteen.

Members of this community with extensive experience in youth activities and in educational settings appreciate the complexity and needs of the children at ACS and are sympathetic to their needs. They know the influence older teens can have on youngsters and adolescents. Older teens who might conspire to commit crimes also know that younger children tend to incur lesser consequences for violence than they would, and so encourage the younger children to violence.

Accordingly, we see an urgent need in the capital budget for ACS to separate minors aged under 16 from those 16 and older.

We also feel that older children with violent histories would be better served at venues with specific treatment programs for these behaviors, not in a venue that houses children who are not so inclined.

Second, we would like to disabuse the NYPD of the notion that Community District 6 is an appropriate location for its car tow pound, currently on the West Side at Pier 76.

As you know, CD 6 is home to two large police precincts, one of which also includes the executive commanders and administrative staff for all of Patrol Borough Manhattan South. Nearby that precinct is the former Police Academy, now used as the NYPD cadet intake center. Surrounding streets and avenues nearby both precincts are overwhelmed by official police vehicles as well as the personal vehicles of police officers, commanders, and administrative staff.

CD 6 also accommodates another NYPD parking facility under the FDR Drive at East 36th Street, as well as DSNY sanitation trucks since the closing of the West 30th Street garage, laid over commuter and airport express buses, an extraordinary number of US Postal Service trucks, and most of the Con Edison repair truck rolling stock for Manhattan.

This situation is exacerbated by well-documented and chronic placard parking abuse by city agency employees; heavy traffic from two crossings into Manhattan, the Queens/Midtown Tunnel and the Ed Koch (59th Street) Bridge; daily FDR traffic; and, of course, the massive traffic and parking disturbance caused each year by the UN General Assembly meeting.

For all of these reasons, and because we value access to our East River waterfront, we urge the DCP and the NYPD to abandon any further consideration of any location within CD 6 as a suitable venue for the tow pound.

Finally, we believe the dire fiscal situation that will result in the aftermath of COVID-19 will cause the city to reevaluate capital spending so as to delay, revise, or eliminate major capital projects spending, including the planned DSNY garage at the former Brookdale Campus of Hunter College.

As you know, this board and the neighboring community have long opposed the DSNY and EDC plans for the sanitation garage at this venue for a number of reasons too long to list here, but including that the garage goes against our [197-a plan](#) that was submitted to City Planning in December 2005.

And, in light of the fiscal uncertainty that is before us, and with respect to the existing Brookdale site, we strongly urge DCP to consider repurposing it as a community facility, at least until it becomes certain that the city will have the fiscal wherewithal to start, and complete, the new DSNY garage within a reasonable window after the building currently on the site is demolished..

Brookdale, built originally as a dormitory with classrooms, has some excellent community facilities, including a swimming pool, a large auditorium, a cafeteria, and other amenities. We believe it should be repurposed to support community groups, after school programs, temporary housing for veterans and families of veterans receiving treatment at the VA Hospital on East 23rd Street, and for assisted living for older adults

and adults in recovery. Letting it stand idle as the city weighs its fiscal options would otherwise be a terrible waste of this valuable community resource.

I am happy to discuss all these matters with you or answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Molly Hollister', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Molly Hollister
Chair, Manhattan Community Board Six

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Re: Citywide Statement of Needs, Fiscal Years 2021-2022

Dear Ms. Lago:

The following were identified in the FY2021 and FY22 Citywide Statement of Needs as proposed or potential city facilities that may be sited in the Borough of Queens:

Agency	Facility Type/Size	CD/Proposed Location	Page
DFTA	Relocation of Theodora Jackson Neighborhood Senior Center 22,500 sf, 22 staff 120/clients per day	CD 12 148-10 Archer Ave, Queens	56
DOHMH	New Office Space for Bureaus 40,000 sf, 244 staff	CD 2 30-30 47th Ave, Queens	57
HRA	Relocation to Borough Courts 3,325 sf, 19 staff 1,000 clients/month	CD 12 151-20 Jamaica Ave, Queens	58
NYPD	Relocation of Criminal Enterprise Investigations Section (CEIS) 5,622 sf, 21 staff	TBD (Queens)	60
NYPD	Relocation of Internal Affairs Bureau Groups 10,055 sf, 45 staff	TBD (Queens)	61
NYPD	Relocation of LIC Medical District 17, 28, 19 & 20 7,678 sf, 12 staff	CDs 1, 2 or 3	62

DEP	Relocation of a Laboratory 100,000 sf, 111 staff	TBD (Citywide)	187
DOHMH	Relocation of Vector and Pest Control Services 36,077 sf, 34 staff	TBD (Citywide)	188
DHS	New Transitional Shelter Facilities for Homeless Individuals and Families Size and Staff TBD	TBD (Citywide)	190
DHS	Relocation of Distribution and Fleet Services 40,000 sf, 80 staff	TBD (Citywide)	191
DOT	Relocation of Sidewalk Inspection Management - Concrete Crushing 150,000 sf, 11 staff	TBD (Citywide)	195
NYPD	Relocation of K9 Unit 75,000, 15 staff	TBD (Citywide)	197

Based on a review of the document and consultation with the Queens Community Boards, the following are comments by agency and facility.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Facility Type/Size</u>	<u>CD/Proposed Location</u>
DFTA	Relocation of Theodora Jackson Neighborhood Senior Center 22,500 sf, 22 staff 120/clients per day	CD 12 148-10 Archer Ave, Queens
Community Board 12 (CB 12) has not raised any concerns about the proposed siting of this senior center at this location. The level of service for this facility should be maintained or enhanced. CB 12 should be given advance notice of the actual opening of this senior center.		
DOHMH	New Office Space for Bureaus 40,000 sf, 244 staff	CD 2 30-30 47th Ave, Queens
Community Board 2 (CB 2) has not raised any concerns about the proposed siting of this office at this location. CB 2 should be given advance notice of the actual opening of this office.		
HRA	Relocation to Borough Courts 3,325 sf, 19 staff 1,000 clients/month	CD 12 151-20 Jamaica Ave, Queens
Community Board 12 (CB 12) has not raised any concerns about the proposed siting of these offices at this location. CB 12 should be given advance notice of the actual opening of these		

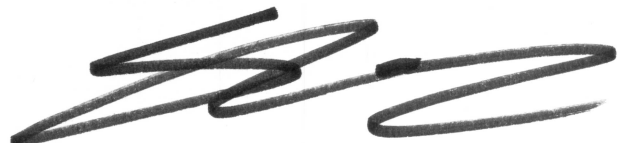
offices.		
NYPD	Relocation of Criminal Enterprise Investigations Section (CEIS) 5,622 sf, 21 staff	TBD (Queens)
To date, there has not been any notification to the Office of the Borough President or Community Boards that a site in the district has been identified for this CEIS. If a specific site has been identified or under consideration the Office of the Queens Borough President and the Community Boards should be notified immediately.		
NYPD	Relocation of Internal Affairs Bureau Groups 10,055 sf, 45 staff	TBD (Queens)
To date, there has not been any notification to the Office of the Borough President or Community Boards that a site in the district has been identified for the relocation of the Internal Affairs Bureau offices. If a specific site has been identified or under consideration the Office of the Queens Borough President and the Community Boards should be notified immediately.		
NYPD	Relocation of LIC Medical District 17, 28, 19 & 20 7,678 sf, 12 staff	CDs 1, 2 or 3
Community Boards 1, 2 & 3 (CBs 1, 2 & 3) have not raised any concerns about the proposed siting of the LIC Medical District office. If a specific site has been identified or under consideration the Office of the Queens Borough President and CBs 1, 2 & 3 should be given advance notice of the proposed siting of this facility.		
DEP	Relocation of a Laboratory 100,000 sf, 111 staff	TBD (Citywide)
To date, there has not been any notification to the Office of the Borough President or Community Boards that a site in the district has been identified for this Laboratory. If a specific site has been identified or under consideration the Office of the Queens Borough President and the Community Boards should be notified immediately.		
DOHMH	Relocation of Vector and Pest Control Services 36,077 sf, 34 staff	TBD (Citywide)
To date, there has not been any notification to the Office of the Borough President or Community Boards that a site in the district has been identified for the Vector and Pest Control Services facility. If a specific site has been identified or under consideration the Office of the Queens Borough President and the Community Boards should be notified immediately.		
DHS	New Transitional Shelter Facilities for Homeless Individuals and Families Size and Staff TBD	TBD (Citywide)
To date, there has not been any notification to the Office of the Borough President or Community Boards that a site in the district has been identified for new Transitional Shelter		

Facilities for Homeless Individuals and Families. If a specific site has been identified or under consideration the Office of the Queens Borough President and the Community Boards should be notified immediately.

DHS	Relocation of Distribution and Fleet Services 40,000 sf, 80 staff	TBD (Citywide)
To date, there has not been any notification to the Office of the Borough President or Community Boards that a site in the district has been identified for the Distribution and Fleet Services facility. If a specific site has been identified or under consideration the Office of the Queens Borough President and the Community Boards should be notified immediately.		
DOT	Relocation of Sidewalk Inspection Management - Concrete Crushing 150,000 sf, 11 staff	TBD (Citywide)
To date, there has not been any notification to the Office of the Borough President or Community Boards that a site in the district has been identified for the Sidewalk Inspection Management – Concrete Crushing office. If a specific site has been identified or under consideration the Office of the Queens Borough President and the Community Boards should be notified immediately.		
NYPD	Relocation of K9 Unit 75,000, 15 staff	TBD (Citywide)
To date, there has not been any notification to the Office of the Borough President or Community Boards that a site in the district has been identified for the K-9 Unit. If a specific site has been identified or under consideration the Office of the Queens Borough President and the Community Boards should be notified immediately.		

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the FY2021 and FY22 Citywide Statement of Needs.

Sincerely,



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Re: Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022

Dear Ms. Lago:

Community Board 10 held its public hearing in regard to the FY2021-22 Citywide Statement of Needs at its February 2020 meeting. Please be advised that the following is the position of Community Board 10, with regard to the Citywide Statement of Needs for FY2021-2022.

Information in the Citywide Statement of Needs for FY2021-FY2022 is less vague and unclear than in prior years, however it still provides too little information regarding needs for which specific sites are not identified. Therefore, Community Board 10 does not approve the Statement of Needs as presented.

Very truly yours,

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EB:mm

cc: Hon. Sharon Lee
Queens Acting Borough President

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May 19, 2020

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Dear Ms. Lago:

Community Board #1 Staten Island is grateful for the siting of the K-6 school on Targee Street, the several small school sitings the DOS District 1 relocation and the America Works, We Care, Safe Horizon and SIRTOA sitings.

GOVERNMENT

Community Board #1 recommends siting OATH and the DOF to 120 Stuyvesant Place.

The Board recommends siting The Parks Administrative Office at Fresh Kills Park, and the Park Opportunity Program at Snug Harbor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Locate the NYPD Special Victims Office at One Edgewater Plaza.

CB 1 recommends locating the NYPD Medical District office at One Edgewater Plaza.

The Board recommends siting the K-9 unit at Fresh Kills Park.

The Board recommends siting Probation's Raise the Age HQ to 60 Bay Street.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The Board recommends siting the DEP laboratory at Corporate Commons III.

Thank you for your consideration and concern for our community.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Siclari
Chairman

Vincent Accornero,
Land Use Chairman