



# Participatory Budgeting in the 31st Ward

# BALLOT

## VOTING EVENTS

**Monday, April 25 - Friday, April 29**  
31st Ward Service Office  
2521 N Pulaski

**Monday, April 25**  
2:00pm - 5:00pm Healy Metra Station,  
4042 W. Fullerton Ave.

**Saturday, April 23rd**  
9am- 5pm Kosciuszko Park  
2732 N Avers Ave

**Sunday, April 24th**  
1pm - 3pm Northwest Community Church  
5318 W Diversey  
4:30pm - 6:30pm Our Lady of Grace Church  
2466 N. Ridgeway

**Tuesday, April 26**  
11:30am-5:00pm Cragin Park  
2611 N. Lockwood

**Wednesday, April 27**  
4:00pm - 7:00pm Northwest Side Housing Center  
5233 W. Diversey

**Thursday, April 28**  
9:00am - 3:00pm Kelvyn Park  
4438 W. Wrightwood Ave.  
4:00pm - 7:00pm Ken Wel Park,  
2945 N. Kenosha Ave.

**Saturday, April 30th 11am- 5pm**  
Edwin G Foreman College and Career Academy, 3235  
N LeClaire Ave

## VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:

**Please note, you will be asked to vote on two separate ballot questions.**

First, you will be asked to cast one (1) vote on the percentage of the 2016 31st Ward aldermanic menu budget that you believe should be devoted exclusively to street resurfacing. The average of all the votes cast on this question will determine the percentage of the menu budget that will be allocated to street resurfacing.

Second, you will be asked to vote on how the remainder of the 2016 31st Ward menu money should be allocated. You may vote for up to four (4) projects. Only one vote may be cast for each project – no weighted voting. Ballots marked with more than 4 votes are invalid and will be voided. All 31st Ward residents, age 14 and over are eligible to vote.

## HOW TO CAST YOUR VOTES:

Mark boxes clearly with an “X” or check mark, or fully shade them in, with black or blue ink. No ballots marked in pencil will be accepted.

The projects that win the most votes, up to \$1 million, will be submitted to the City of Chicago and its sister agencies for implementation. See the back of the ballot for more details.

**Alderman Milly Santiago**

# More Information on Project Implementation & the 31st Ward Participatory Budgeting Process

Alderman Santiago will submit the projects that win the most votes, up to \$1 million, to the City of Chicago and its sister agencies for implementation. All the projects listed on the ballot are feasible to the best of our knowledge, yet most require final approval from the City of Chicago or its sister agencies. Thus, while Alderman Santiago pledges to request funding and advocate for the winning projects, she cannot guarantee that the government agencies will grant final approval to each and every project request.

Reasons that projects may not be approved include: interference with previously planned projects, legal restrictions, and policy decisions of the governmental entities. **If a winning project cannot be implemented for any reason, Alderman Santiago will use the allocated money to fund the next runner-up project that falls within the budget.**

Not all of the funded projects will be completed in the 2016 construction season. Required project approval procedures or construction work by utilities or other agencies may prevent some projects from being completed this year. Funds for projects not completed this year will be held in reserve and used to complete the projects in the following year(s). For up-to-date information on the status of the various projects, contact the 31st Ward Office at 773-278-0031 or email [ward31@cityofchicago.org](mailto:ward31@cityofchicago.org).

All projects on the ballot were suggested and vetted by 31st Ward residents. Initial suggestions for projects came out of brainstorming sessions at a series of neighborhood assemblies held

throughout the Ward in November 2015. The suggestions were then deliberated and researched by neighborhood residents who volunteered at the neighborhood assemblies to serve as “community representatives.”

From December 2015 through April 2016, the community representatives met regularly in committees to decide which project proposals to place on this year’s ballot. The proposals were submitted to 31st Ward staff for final input and review.

Participation in the 31st Ward participatory budgeting process as a community representative and/or as an attendee at a neighborhood assembly was entirely voluntary and open to all 31st Ward residents regardless of citizenship or voter registration status.

The PB Chicago City-Wide Steering Committee developed the rules and procedures for this process. For a list of all members of the committee, visit [www.pbchicago.com](http://www.pbchicago.com).

Many thanks to the community representatives and the 31st Ward PB leaders and volunteers for their dedication and service to this bold experiment in direct democracy. Also thanks to the many dedicated employees at the City of Chicago, the Chicago Park District, the Chicago Transit Authority, the Chicago Public Schools, and the Chicago Department of Transportation for their expertise; and to the PB Chicago City-Wide Steering Committee for their expertise and guidance of the process.

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PARTICIPATORY  
BUDGETING PROJECT

**What percentage of the total budget should go toward street and alley resurfacing?**

Resurfacing is necessary to address streets and alleys that have deteriorated, are safety hazards and are generally in poor condition. Residents, businesses and visitors to the 31st Ward will benefit from improved safety when traveling in the ward.

Menu money is the only available funding for residential street resurfacing in Chicago’s wards. Thanks to a federal subsidy, the cost for the first five blocks of resurfaced streets is \$42,000 per block and the first alley is \$31,500. The average costs for each additional street and alley resurfaced are \$70,500 and \$49,500 respectively.

	PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET THAT SHOULD BE SPENT ON STREETS AND ALLEYS	COST	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF BLOCKS TO BE REPLACED
<input type="checkbox"/>	100%	\$1,000,000	12 streets/6 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	90%	\$900,000	11 streets/5 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	80%	\$800,000	10 streets/4 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	70%	\$700,000	9 streets/4 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	60%	\$600,000	8 streets/3 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	50%	\$500,000	7 streets/3 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	40%	\$400,000	6 streets/2 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	30%	\$300,000	5 streets/2 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	20%	\$200,000	4 streets/1 alley
<input type="checkbox"/>	10%	\$100,000	2 streets/0 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	0%	\$0	0 streets/0 alleys

Note: Streets and alleys which will be repaired will be determined by the Alderman’s office with information submitted by residents at Idea Collection events, assessment by the Streets Committee, residents submitted info via 311 and expert information from the Department of Transportation.

**How should the remaining portion of the 31st Ward menu money be spent?**

You may vote for up to four (4) projects from the projects below.

**(Select no more than four.)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>1. Divvy Station at Healy Metra Stop</b> <span style="float: right;">\$25,000</span><br>Adding a Divvy Bike station to the Metra stop on Pulaski and Fullerton (Healy).  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>2. Exterior Park Improvements</b> <span style="float: right;">\$50,000</span><br>Various exterior improvements to different parks. Includes benches, picnic tables, fencing, and water features spread throughout Cragin, Kosciuszko, Ken Wel, and Kelvyn Parks.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>3. Street Light Replacements on Kostner</b> <span style="float: right;">\$312,000</span><br>Streetlight poles rusting through at bases and can collapse. Exposed wires pose a danger and rusted out panels have sharp edges that may cause cuts. Wires have been exposed for about thirty years.               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>4. Safer and Smarter Streets</b> <span style="float: right;">\$158,000</span><br>Replacing the old City of Chicago street lamps with the lower energy efficient/ safer LED street lamps.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>5. Supporting Our Neighborhood Schools</b> <span style="float: right;">\$50,000</span><br>Various repairs throughout Foreman High School, including painting halls/classrooms and repairs to cracks in the ceiling.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>6. 4400 and 4500 Altgeld Street Lighting Improvement</b> <span style="float: right;">\$150,000</span><br>Replacing the old severely damaged City of Chicago street lamp poles with new LED street lamps on both the north and south side of the street. The south side is dark with no lighting or poles.      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>7. Belmont Cragin Improvements</b> <span style="float: right;">\$322,000</span><br>Requesting to either add 2 LED lights to existing poles, or replace existing lighting with 2 LED lamps. on parts of Drummond, Long and Wrightwood. Also adding a traffic circle at Wrightwood/Long and Wrightwood/Lockwood. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>8. Hermosa Beautification Initiative</b> <span style="float: right;">\$25,000</span><br>Repairing/cleaning the viaduct and painting a mural on Wrightwood east of Kelvyn Park High School. Intended to improve visual appeal of neighborhood.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>9. Neighborhood Park Building Safety Improvements</b> <span style="float: right;">\$100,000</span><br>Improving doors and adding windows to Cragin Park Field House. Repairing rusted/broken doors at Kosciuszko Park's pool.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>10. Sidewalks on Kostner</b> <span style="float: right;">\$300,000</span><br>Sidewalks and curbs throughout the area are needed. Walk ways and curbs are breaking apart. Their repair will help prevent injuries due to tripping and provide safe sidewalks for residents.                                     |